

2025



## ANNUAL REPORT

*Building stronger families, empowering communities, and creating generational change.*





*Restoring hope and dignity and creating lasting change—one life at a time!*

# OUR VISION

For 123 years, Dumas Wesley Community Center's model has been grounded in accountability, equity, and sustainability. The Center takes a uniquely holistic and relationship-centered approach to addressing poverty, homelessness, and inequity. While many organizations offer temporary fixes, our approach is built on the belief that true change happens when you address the whole person and the entire family unit over an extended period of time.

The Dumas Wesley Community Center is guided by our mission to educate, empower, and enrich vulnerable individuals and families through interconnected programs that address immediate needs while fostering self-sufficiency and generational stability. We walk alongside those too often overlooked—low-income youth, underserved seniors, and homeless women and children.



# MISSION-DRIVEN

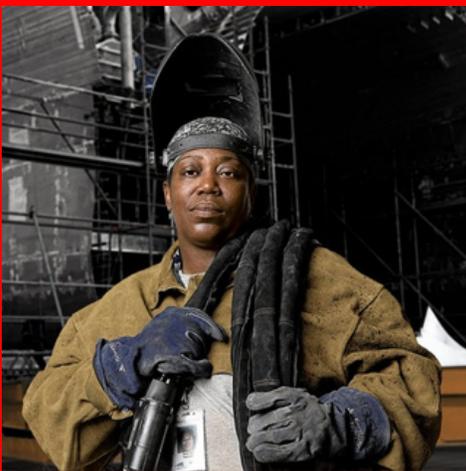
Dumas Wesley delivers a comprehensive system of care in Mobile and Baldwin Counties—through transitional housing, youth enrichment, senior wellness, emergency services, job readiness programs, food, clothing, and transportation. Our programs don't operate in silos; they are intentionally integrated to support the whole person and foster long-term stability.

In 2025, Dumas Wesley deployed over 77,129 direct services, connecting underserved and under-resourced individuals with community-driven solutions.

***We walk alongside each individual, honoring their potential and investing in their journey.*** 



Our graduates—including software engineers, Secret Service agents, county commissioners, maritime welders, and even NFL players—give back to Dumas Wesley by mentoring, offering career opportunities, and sharing their expertise. This ongoing engagement fosters a cycle of empowerment, where those who have benefited from our programs help others achieve lasting success.



**Betty Fain**

Transitional Housing  
Program Graduate,  
Dumas Wesley Board Member



**Joann Jones**

Senior Activities for  
Independent Living (SAIL)  
Program Participant,  
SAIL Volunteer



**Samantha Burroughs**

Youth Program Graduate,  
Dumas Wesley Program  
Assistant, Youth and Senior  
Services



# TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Our Sybil Smith Family Village and Baldwin Family Village provide wraparound services like mental health counseling, job readiness, parenting classes, and financial literacy. Our programs are tailored to individual needs—because equity is not giving everyone the same thing, but ensuring everyone has what they need to thrive. From transitional housing to workforce readiness, we level the playing field for those starting behind. With less than a 2% return to homelessness in 26 years, our model works—and its impact lasts.

***Our work isn't a temporary fix—it's a generational solution—one that rebuilds lives, restores hope, and reclaims dignity!***



## In Memoriam: Ann Smith Bedsole (1930-2025)



The Sybil Smith Family Village stands as a living testament to the vision and heart of its founder, Ann Bedsole. Created as a sanctuary of stability, dignity, and hope for women and children experiencing homelessness, the Village reflects Ann's lifelong commitment to public service and her unwavering belief in the potential of every person. A trailblazing leader and compassionate advocate, Ann dedicated her life to strengthening communities across Alabama—through education, conservation, the arts, and housing for those most in need. Though her passing leaves an immeasurable loss, the Sybil Smith Family Village continues Ann's vision by providing stable housing and supportive services for women and children experiencing homelessness. May we honor

Ann's legacy by carrying forward the work she so deeply believed in, with the same humility, heart, and dedication that defined her remarkable life.



Sybil Smith Family Village  
18 standard apartments  
(Mobile County)



Residents must be: homeless, 24 years of age or older, able to work or enroll in school, willing to live in a drug- and alcohol-free environment, and participate in a case management plan.

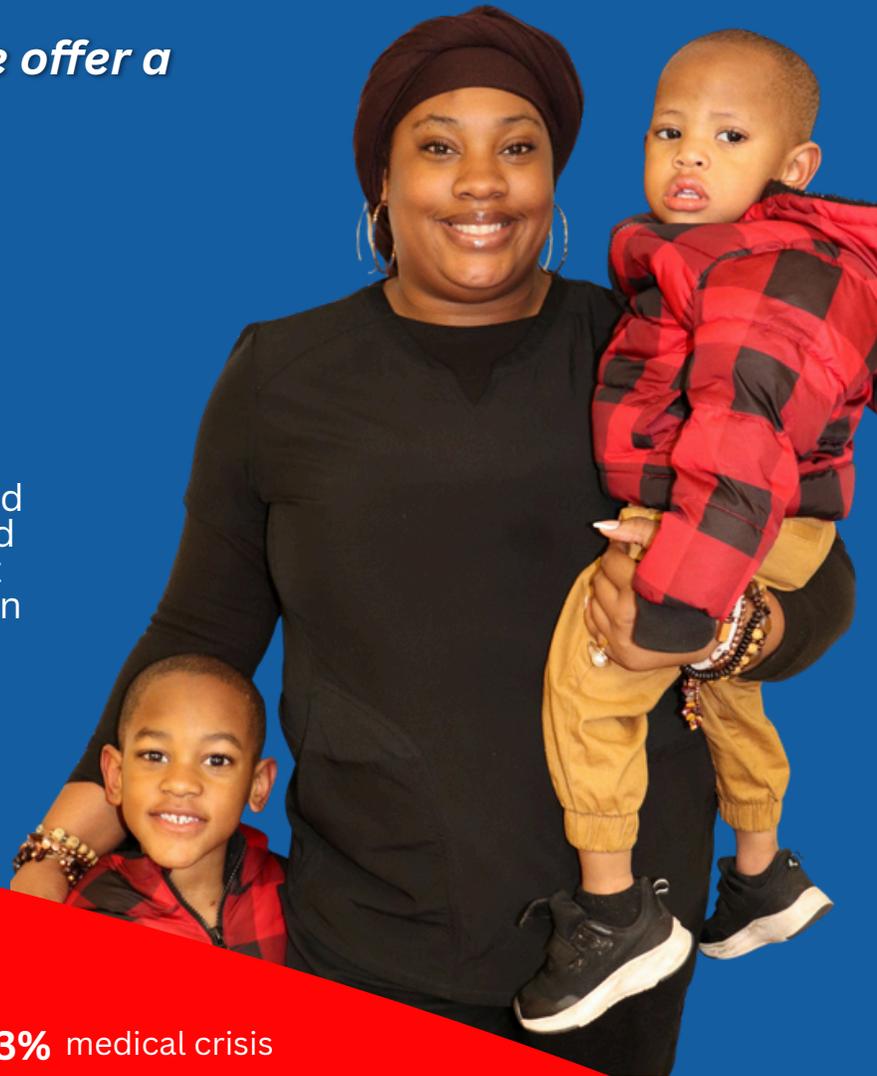


Baldwin Family Village  
13 suites - communal living  
(Baldwin County)



To date, the programs have served **3,071** individuals from Southwest and Central Alabama, coastal Mississippi, and North Florida.

Offering more than a roof—we offer a foundation!



**94%**  
 success rate among residents who completed the program in 2025 and moved into permanent housing (34% higher than the national average, according to HUD).

### Causes of Homelessness in 2025

-  **49%** fleeing domestic violence
-  **38%** eviction due to job loss or financial insecurity
-  **8%** substance abuse disorder
-  **3%** medical crisis
-  **2%** living in a place not fit for human habitation

**31,864**

direct services provided for **254** homeless women and children in 2025

**28,008**  
bednights

**19**  
residents obtained reliable transportation

**3,488**  
individualized case management sessions

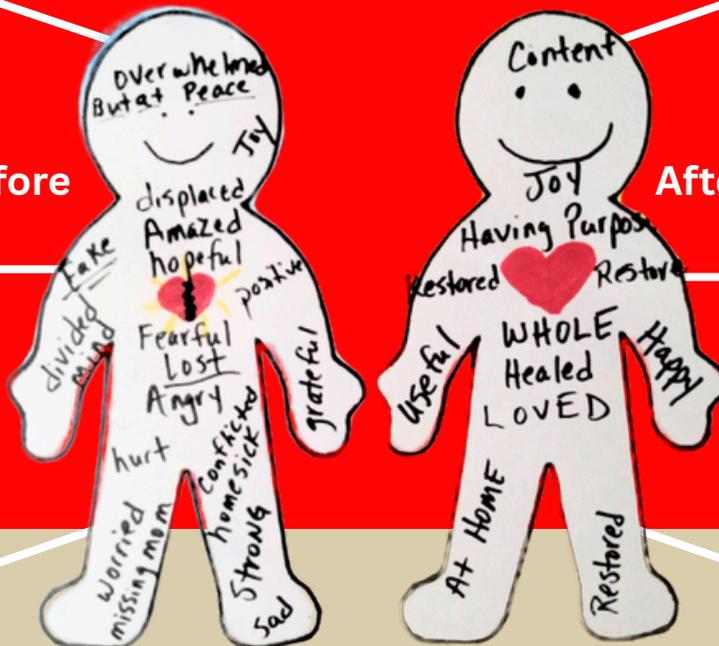
**Before**

**After**

**70%**  
of residents obtained better employment

**168**  
life skills classes

**2%**  
of graduates returned to homelessness, compared to the national recidivism rate of 19%



# YOUTH PROGRAMS

We believe that empowered youth become empowered adults. Through our after-school programs, summer enrichment camps, mentoring, and life skills training, we equip underserved youth with the tools necessary to break cycles of poverty, stay in school, and pursue higher education and employment.

*Our youth are not just participants—they're future leaders, and we treat them as such!*

"I absolutely believe that the activities offered in the After School Achievement Program have contributed to my daughter Skye's recent achievement in reading. The homework assistance has given her the extra support she needs to reinforce what she's learning in school, helping her build confidence and improve her skills. I truly appreciate the impact this program has on her growth and development."

Kalsey West, After School Achievement Program parent (Skye pictured above)

6,655

direct services benefiting 88 school-age children in 2025

100%

of registered households have an annual income below the poverty level

5,231

meals served to school-age children

748

hours of enriching activities

49% of after-school participants increased math averages and 41% increased reading literacy averages



# SAIL PROGRAM

The Senior Activities for Independent Living (SAIL) Program meets the immediate physical, social, and intellectual needs of at-risk seniors. Whether it's delivering food and care to isolated seniors or providing daily enrichment, we want our elders to feel seen, connected, and cared for.



*We're a first responder for our most vulnerable populations!*



“I live with my daughter, and I’m alone when she is at work. I got tired of watching television and having no one to talk to during the day. We both agreed that I needed to get out of the house more and find something enjoyable to occupy my time. I am a new participant in the program, and so far, it’s been fantastic! I find myself laughing all-day long. One day, we had students volunteering from a local school, and we played volleyball. It was so entertaining. The students said that it was a form of exercise—who knew? I have really enjoyed this program, from the food to the activities and people!”

Rosetta Coleman, Senior Activities for Independent Living Program participant (pictured above)

- 76%** of seniors have an annual income of less than \$15,060
- 61%** of participants live alone
- 66%** of seniors are food insecure



**16,625**  
meals served to congregate and homebound seniors



**3,450**  
wellness checks and **705** hours of enriching activities



**3,890**  
unique transportation services for enrolled seniors

“I am 77 years old, and although I’ve had to overcome a lot of personal challenges, all I’ve ever wanted to be was an independent, happy person. That’s what I love about the senior program at Dumas Wesley. The program gives me the confidence to know that I can do anything! I enjoy having a place to go to every day where I am able to participate in activities like arts and crafts, exercising, and going on field trips. I’ve had the time of my life at Dumas Wesley!”

Trudy, Senior Activities for Independent Living Program participant



***Because every life changed at Dumas Wesley is a ripple effect of hope: kids see their moms rebuild, seniors find connection in their golden years, and young people learn that the cycle of poverty is not their destiny.***



“My favorite activity in the After School Achievement Program is physics with Martin. Did you know that I consider myself a master of science? I get so excited when I know Mr. Martin is coming to Dumas Wesley. I may be only seven, but I already know what I want to be when I grow up. I am going to be a Marine Biologist. I want to study and research everything in the sea. I love learning about science in the after-school program.”

Daniel, After School Achievement Program participant



“As I reflect on my two years living at the Sybil Smith Family Village, I am filled with gratitude for this life-changing opportunity for both me and my son. I have regained my self-confidence, learned how to be independent, and become a better mother. I feel empowered! I am excited to share the next chapter of my personal journey: I’ve been selected as a recipient of a Habitat for Humanity home! I am so proud of myself. After years of experiencing instability and homelessness, I still can’t believe I am going to be a homeowner! I thank God every day for giving me the courage to start my life over and for the Sybil Smith Family Village for helping me make my dream come true.”

Crystal, Sybil Smith Family Village graduate



# UNITED TOGETHER

At the Dumas Wesley Community Center, we understand that no single organization can address the complex challenges facing our communities alone. By collaborating with other non-profits, local businesses, government agencies, schools, civic organizations, and community leaders, we amplify our collective impact and create solutions that are stronger, more coordinated, and transformative.



*Deep-rooted and community-driven!*

Community-driven collaborations with Mobile Fire-Rescue, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and WKRG helped Dumas Wesley raise more than \$90,000 for its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Boot Drive and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Telethon.

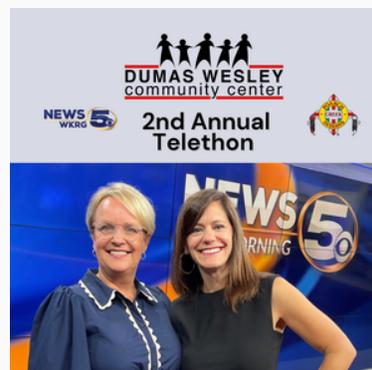
It takes a village, and ours is incredible. Over 1,038 volunteers from college students, high school students, churches, businesses, and community leaders poured their time into our mission, creating an impact valued at more than \$95,000\*.

\*According to the Independent Sector

Dumas Wesley's Annual Toy Store helped make holiday wishes come true for **137** underserved children.

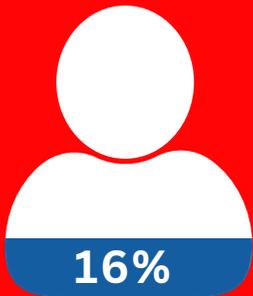
Community partner, The Joseph Project food pantry, helped put meals on the table for **8,075** of our neighbors—including children, seniors, and families facing food insecurity.

In a year of economic uncertainty, Dumas Wesley's Clothing Closet met a **73%** surge in need, providing free clothing to 245 individuals.

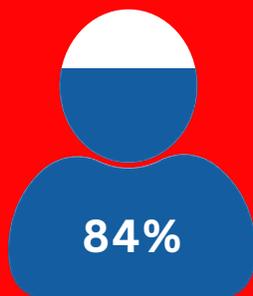


# OPERATING BUDGET \$2,106,935

## Expense Summary

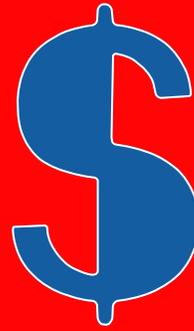


Administrative



Programming

## Annual Income



Corporate,  
Private, United  
Way Support



Churches,  
Individuals,  
Special Events



Government  
Grants

## PHILANTHROPY

**Thank you to our non-profit and government agencies for your financial support of the Dumas Wesley Community Center.**

- 3 Circle Small Group-Northcutt
- Abiding Word Fellowship Church
- Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church
- Ashland Place United Methodist Church
- Baldwin Family Village Foundation
- Cammie's Old Dutch Ice Cream Shoppe
- Cassady & Cassady, PC
- Chickasaw Methodist Church
- Christ United Church
- Christ United Women in Faith
- Circle III, First Methodist Church of Bay Minette
- City of Mobile
- CPG Enterprises, LLC
- Crichton Optimist Club
- Dauphin Island United Methodist Church
- Dauphin Way United Methodist Church
- Eastern Shore Medical Alliance
- Fairhope Christian Church
- Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship
- First United Methodist Church - Demopolis, Alabama
- Foley United Women in Faith
- Foley United Methodist Church
- Grand Bay Women of Faith
- Gulf Shores Fire Rescue Association
- Cheryl Hale, LLC
- Hubbard Trust
- IgniteMOBILE, Inc.
- Infirmary Health Systems, Inc.
- Jireh Tree Service, LLC
- Kingswood United Methodist Church
- L. E. Stiffler, Engineer, LLC
- Let's Go! Fairhope
- Mobile County Public School System

- Newcomers of the Eastern Shore
- Pine Hill - Arlington Methodist Church
- Rainbow Plantation Residential
- Renew Physiotherapy, LLC
- South Alabama Regional Planning Commission (SARPC)
- Society of St. Vincent De Paul - St. Lawrence Conference
- Southwest Alabama Conference Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church
- Spanish Fort United Methodist Church
- St. Francis at the Point Anglican Church
- St. John United Methodist Church
- St. Luke United Women in Faith
- The University of Tennessee Medical Center - IT Department
- Toulminville-Warren Street United Women in Faith
- Trinity Presbyterian Church
- United Christian Women Sisters in Service
- United Women in Faith
- United Way of Southwest Alabama
- United Way of Baldwin County, Inc.
- Unity on the Eastern Shore
- University of South Alabama - English Department
- Wisteria Garden Club
- Women in Missions

## **Thank you to our corporate partners and private foundations for your financial support of the Dumas Wesley Community Center.**

- A.S. Mitchell Foundation
- Alabama Civil Justice Foundation
- Baldwin County Bar Foundation, Inc.
- Baldwin EMC Charitable Fund
- Bank of America Charitable Gift Fund
- C.D. Helen and Jeff Glaze Foundation
- Cadence Bank
- Catranis Family Charitable Foundation, Inc.
- Christian Community Foundation - Barnhart Crane
- Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham
- Community Foundation of South Alabama
- Costco
- Crampton Trust
- Cunningham Family Charitable Foundation, Inc.
- D. L. Whitmore Charitable Foundation
- Dog Hill Foundation
- Dollar General Literacy Foundation
- Dr. Monte L. Moorer Foundation Charitable Trust
- Eichold Family Foundation Fund
- Elite Medical Solutions
- Erie Hall Meyer Charitable Fund, Inc.
- Facebook Fundraisers, Inc.
- Fidelity Charitable
- Firefighters' Safety Foundation
- First Horizon Bank
- Franklin Primary Health Center, Inc.
- General Federation of Women's Clubs
- Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC
- Hand Up Charities
- Hyman Foundation
- Impact100 Mobile
- JM Family Enterprises
- Joe and Mary Ann Cromeans Charitable Fund
- Julien E. Marx Foundation Trust
- Lillian C. McGowin Foundation
- Mitchell McLeod Pugh and Williams, Inc.
- NAILBA
- National Christian Foundation Alabama
- Norquist LLP Foundation
- Old Shell Animal Hospital, LLC
- Pledgeling Foundation
- Poarch Band of Creek Indians
- Publix Super Markets Charities, Inc.
- Quinnelly, Inc.
- Renasant Community Foundation
- Republic Services
- RJJ Family Foundation
- Robert Craig Films Foundation
- Robert Craig Films, LLC
- Rogers & Willard, Inc.
- Rotary Club of Fairhope
- Rotary Club of Mobile
- Rotary Club of Mobile - Sunrise
- Sonneborn Charitable Foundation
- The Caring Foundation of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama
- The Charles Lamar Family Foundation
- The Ethel Burgess Maschmeyer Trust
- The Florence Foundation
- The J.L. Bedsole Foundation
- The Sybil Smith Foundation
- The Wawa Foundation, Inc.
- Truist Community Giving
- Walmart Stores and Distribution Center
- White-Spinner Family Foundation



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