



HOPE IN EVERY CORNER:

Union Gospel Mission 2024–2025 Annual Report



A Letter from Executive Director Katie Hagglund

As I reflect on this past year, I am struck by two truths: the deep challenges that weigh on our neighbors, and the remarkable resilience and generosity of our community.

Homelessness in St. Louis County has increased 41% over the past decade, with chronic homelessness rising 157%—a direct result of the severe housing shortage in our region. Yet even in this difficult landscape, we have seen hope take root through small wins that matter: guests choosing treatment, children receiving their first beds, and thousands more meals served to neighbors who might otherwise go hungry.

The Mission has expanded its services significantly this year, ensuring that more people are fed, clothed, and cared for than ever before. At the same time, we've made meaningful progress toward our relocation and expansion project: the new Mission Engagement Center and Mission Heights Housing, will be located directly across from the St. Louis County Government Services Center. The Engagement Center will provide far more than food and shelter—it will offer onsite medical care, outdoor space, showers, laundry, job training services, peer support, and more. Above it, Mission Heights Housing will create 40 units of permanent supportive housing, offering dignity and stability for those most in need.



Every meal, every bed, every step forward is made possible because of you. Thank you for standing with us through a year of growth, challenge, and hope. Together, we are building a stronger, more compassionate Northland.



With gratitude and determination,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Katie Hagglund".

Katie Hagglund
Executive Director



The most user-friendly and safest place is the Union Gospel Mission, which is like a port in the storm.

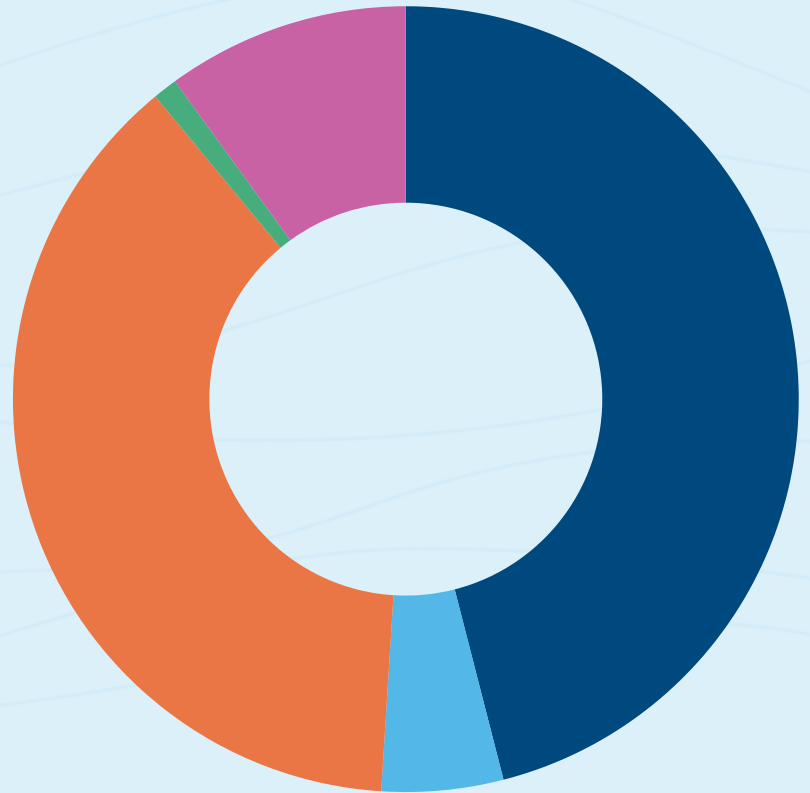
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Revenue

Contributions	46.2%
In-Kind	37.7%
Grants	10.3%
Program Income	4.8%
Other	1.0%



Impact *and* Outcomes:

The Mission Delivered

4,130

summer food bags
to children in the
Northland.

The Mission Provided

27 People

with housing within
Mission Heights, giving
them rooms and beds.

The Mission Served

99,219

nutritious meals and
27,843
breakfast bowls.

The Mission Saved

\$396,336

by rescuing over
201,186 pounds of
food from local stores.

795 Volunteers gave

6,281 Hours

of service to
Union Gospel Mission
and its guests.

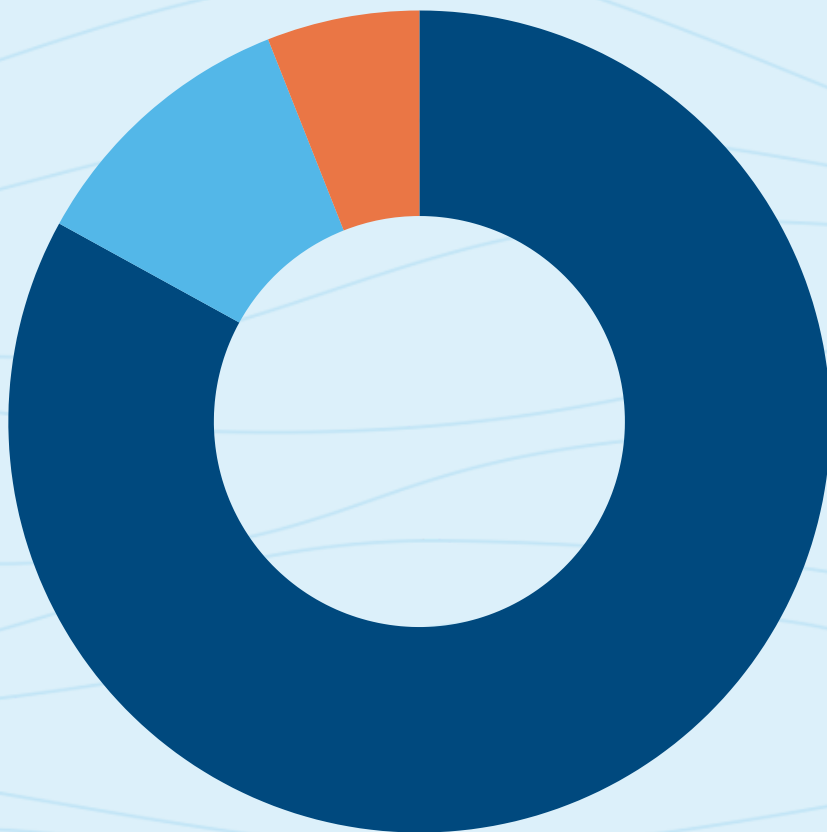
The Mission Provided

191 Kids

with holiday presents
that were collected
and distributed by
UGM.

Expenses

Program Services	82.7%
Administrative	5.8%
Fundraising	11.5%



Leave a Legacy of Hope

Every day at Union Gospel Mission—from a child's first warm meal, to a neighbor finding safe shelter—we see how one compassionate act can change the course of a life. By including UGM in your estate plans, you become part of our Legacy of Hope Circle—a community of caring individuals who ensure that food, dignity, and stability will be available not only today, but for generations to come.



Simple Ways to Create a Legacy:

- **Will or Trust** – Add UGM as a beneficiary.
- **Retirement Accounts** – Name UGM as a beneficiary on your IRA or 401(k).
- **Life Insurance** – Designate UGM as a beneficiary.
- **Gift Annuities/Trusts** – Provide long-term support for UGM while receiving income.

For more information, or to let us know if you've already included UGM in your plans, please contact us at (218) 722-1196. Together, we can keep hope alive.

Adriane's Journey:

Finding Hope at The Mission

My name is Adriane, and I first came to the Union Gospel Mission during one of the hardest times of my life. I was homeless and struggling with addiction, unsure where to turn. From the moment I walked in, I was met with kindness and understanding. The staff welcomed me, gave me clothes, hygiene products, and meals three times a day Monday through Thursday, and two on Fridays. They helped me with bus passes and other essential resources. They treated me with respect and dignity when I felt invisible in the world.



When I decided to get sober, the Mission didn't just support me they believed in me. They gave me the opportunity to complete my community service hours, worked around my schedule, and guided me every step of the way. Over time, I've built friendships and trust with the staff, and their pride in my progress has given me hope I didn't think was possible. The Union Gospel Mission is more than a place to get by, it's a place where lives are changed, where people are lifted up, and where hope becomes reality. I am living proof that their work makes a difference, and I know that with their support, anything is possible. Please consider supporting this incredible mission - they truly change lives every single day.

2024-2025 Mission Team

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Supporter Highlight:



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Partnerships with our local business community are essential to the ability of UGM to show up for our guests. And, this year, through volunteerism, rebates, and financial support, Minnesota Power has shown up for the Mission in a tremendous way.

“Union Gospel Mission is a beacon of hope and compassion, tirelessly serving our community through essential food programs and heartfelt outreach. Their unwavering dedication to uplifting those in need inspires us at the Minnesota Power Foundation to stand alongside them in support. Through volunteering at meal services and special events, we’re honored to contribute to the Mission’s transformative work.” – Kate Van Daele, Community & Local Government Affairs Manager

Thank you, Minnesota Power, for lighting the way toward positive change and hope for our Northland neighbors in need!



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