



Damiano
Center

serving people in need

ANNUAL REPORT

2022/2023



Letter from the Executive Director

This was another amazing year. 2022-2023 was a year of innovation, growth, and continued collaboration. Damiano is a partner agency in the Stepping On Up initiative, which brought two new innovative and collaborative programs to Duluth, Safe Storage and Safe Bay. Safe Storage, Damiano's newest program, is a secure place for people to store their belongings. Safe Bay, a Chum program, is a seasonal overnight parking program for people currently sleeping in their cars. Safe Bay takes place in the Damiano parking lot and uses the Damiano Hygiene Facility. Both of these programs have been very successful and have helped so many.

In addition to the Stepping On Up initiatives, Damiano continues to be the host site and fiscal agent for two Community Connect events in the fall and winter. Damiano collaborates with the Union Gospel Mission to make sure every meal is covered in Duluth. Partner agencies table at each of the Damiano's lunch meals throughout the week in order to provide their services to guests. Many agencies and community groups hold regular meetings and offer programming to guests in the Damiano Conference Room.

The Damiano is truly a Community Center. Services are available to guests 7 days a week, 365 days a year! This organization is crucial to the Duluth community in its ability to provide basic needs and dignity to everyone. This amazing feat could not happen without your support.

Thank you for all you do.

*Seth Currier
Executive Director
Damiano Center*

NEW SAFE STORAGE PROGRAM

Starting in May of 2023 the Damiano Center added its 9th program! Safe Storage offers a safe & secure space for guest to store their belongings. This is a space to store important documents, valuables, family heirlooms, or any other items that someone does not want to carry with them.

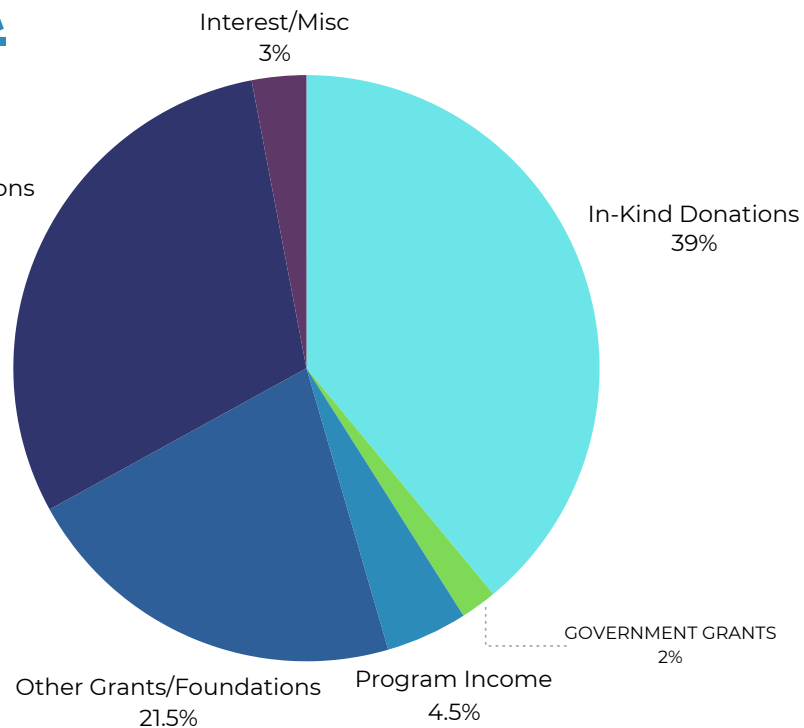
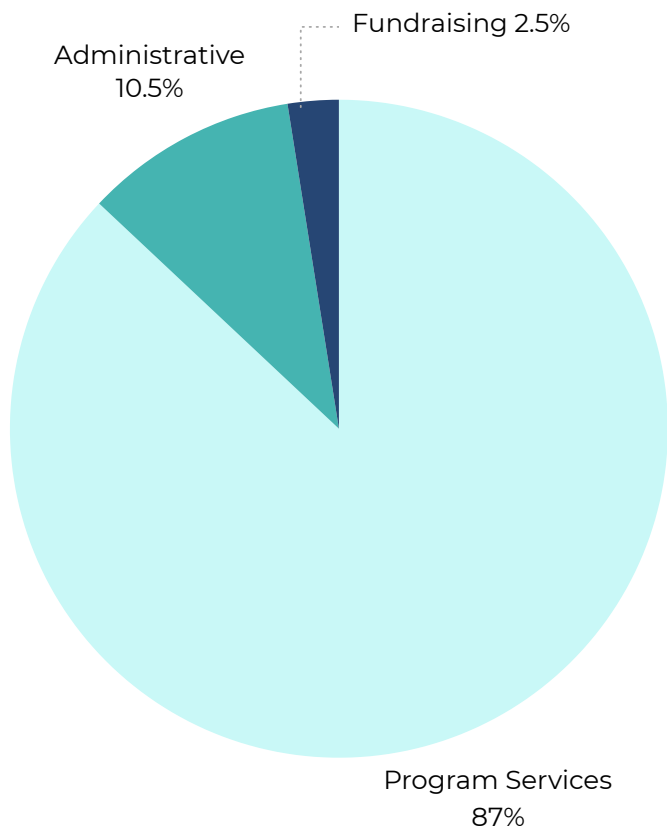


HOW WE SERVED

- Community Kitchen Meal total: 60,358
- Free store items given away: 222,403
- Kids' Kitchen Meals served: 1,904
- Health Realization totals: 772 between Sundays and Wednesdays
- Hygiene Unit showers: 732
- Community Services: 2,953 total visits
- Bus tokens: 3,088
- Hygiene Kits: 1,532
- Clothes that work: 314 total visits, 3,097 items given out

Financial Report

Expenses



Revenue

Damiano Staff

Maria A. Alicea
Children's Program Manager

Jennifer Eaton
Office Manager

John Rathe
Safe Storage Assistant

Maurice Bolden
Weekend Custodian

Lisa Forrestal
Administrative Specialist & HR Facilitator

Robin Tomczak
Community Services Coordinator

John Boshey
Hygiene Unit Custodian

Michele Naar-Obed
Cook

Rebecca VanGrevenhof
Clothing Program Coordinator

Jenny C.
Health Realization Facilitator

Kevin Oliver
Facilities Manager

Flora Woodfork
Community Kitchen Manager

Seth Currier
Executive Director

Kim Prekker
Kids' Kitchen Assistant

Willie Woodfork
Kitchen Worker

Darius Handy
Kitchen Worker

Bobby Price
Hygiene Unit Custodian



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