

unity shelter STATUS REPORT 2023

A note from our Executive Director

What a year. If we were to really update you on all the ups and downs, we'd need a lot more pages and time. So we've pared the report down a bit from last year, and will be providing more updates through a regular newsletter in 2024.

In our last report, there was a lot of optimism: new roles were being created to deepen the levels of care we could provide, and we were looking forward to developing innovative programs to care for our guests, and increased capacity. 2023 has turned out to be more challenging than we could imagine then. But our adaptability, commitment to the care of the most vulnerable in our community and resilience have shown through. Despite cuts in staffing, retooling of operations, and changes to service hours, we managed to provide shelter and basic needs for many, and are in a good position now to restore hours and shelter beds, and grow capacity in 2024.



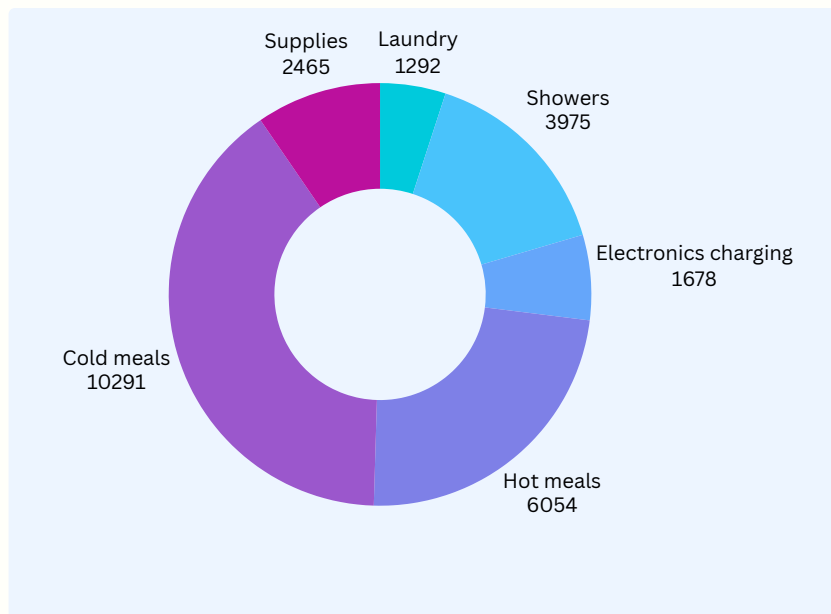
The willingness and ability of our staff to continue to do such great and difficult work in the midst of big organizational change has been inspiring, and makes so much possible. This year has been so difficult in so many ways. We've lost many from our circle of guests, said goodbye to colleagues, had to scramble to adapt on so many fronts. But our partners have stood by us and found new ways to grow our work together, our staff have been remarkable, and our support in the community has never been stronger. We asked for your help, and you delivered, keeping us going through nearly 5 months of operations without any state funding. I'm grateful and humbled by all we've been able to do, together.



Shawn M. Collins
Executive Director

Our year in review

We have seen an overwhelming need for safe spaces where individuals can sleep and gain access to services. Here are some statistics from this year that highlight the specific needs we've seen:



The Hygiene Center supports the many unsheltered in our community with showers, laundry, hot and cold meals, device charging and other basic needs between 11am-5pm daily. Hot meals are provided through a partnership with Stone Soup, and support from Samaritan Health Services.

After several months of restricted services, we are back to full service 7 days a week at 211 SE Chapman Pl.

A breakdown of each individual service we have provided so far in 2023.

**Statistics as of November 10, 2023, one service record = one individual type of service was provided.*

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People placed in permanent housing or other transitional housing programs.

773

Unique individuals served at the Hygiene Center alone in 2023, a 21% increase over 2022.

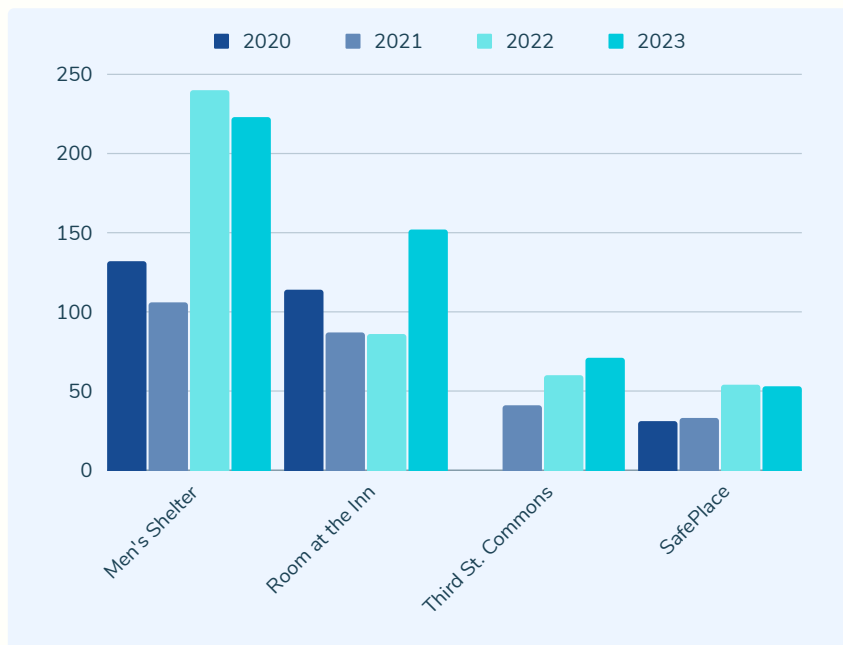
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Microshelters in service in 6 locations to provide transitional housing, with more planned in 2024.

18,945

Bed-nights of emergency shelter, serving 328 individuals.

Even as we cut the number of shelter beds available, the number of those served overall went up 13% in 2023. The numbers at Room at the Inn changed dramatically as we moved to co-ed service in mid-June. As we reopen the Men's Shelter, Room at the Inn will expand capacity for women to 50. At Third Street Commons we have increased the number of rooms available for medical recovery in partnership with Samaritan Health Services.



Unique individuals served per year, by program

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More than ever, your donations have meant a world of difference for those we serve, keeping our programs going even as other funding sources disappeared.

Over 40% of our donors this year are new donors, who gave big this year to help us when we needed it most. Your donations ensure that emergency shelter is available, transitions to housing are a regular occurrence rather than a rarity, and our guests have regular access to healthy food, health care, case management and an unwavering welcome!

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