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**Annual Report 2023**

Guided by Gospel,  
driven by need,  
we heal and renew  
our neighbors.

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## Letter from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Stowe Mission Family,

Thank you for another wonderful year supporting the work at Stowe Mission. I'm always amazed but never surprised at the work God does through His people. The year brought us new volunteers, huge growth in our pregnancy, dental, vision, and education ministries, and over 4,000 Gospel conversations with our neighbors! Isn't God good?

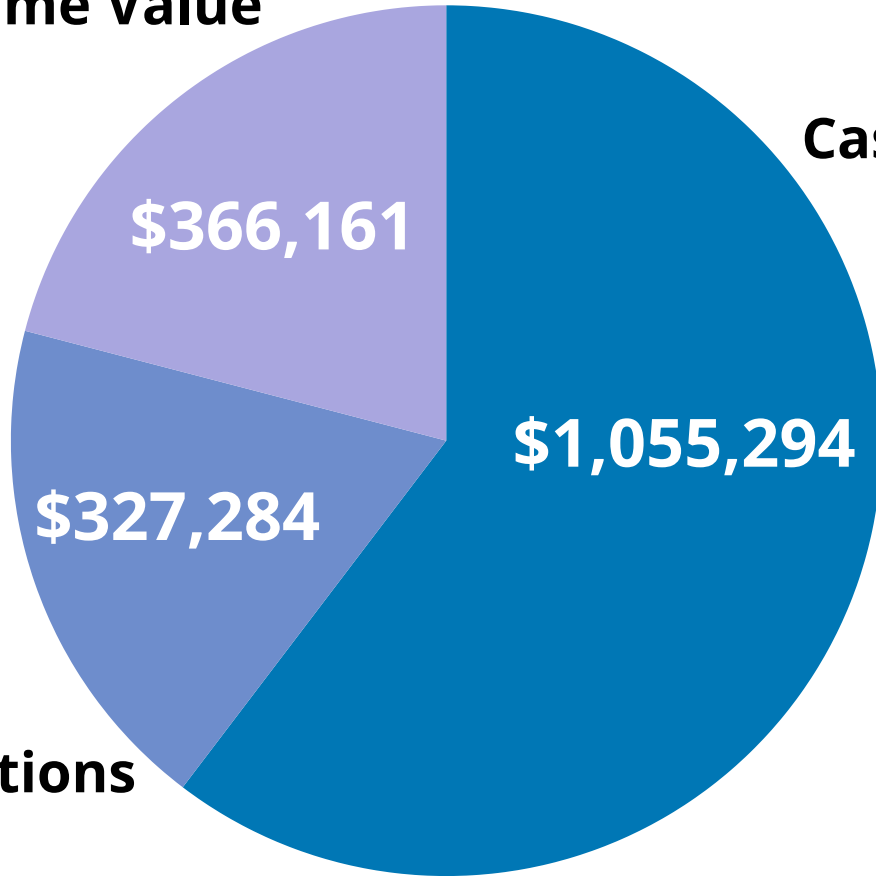
You may have heard about the plans for Stowe Mission to expand beyond Parsons Avenue in 2024. If this is new to you, you can read in the following pages about the things God has planned. There are some big goals but we serve an even bigger God! I would like to ask that you pray with us as we venture into some new areas of service (Furniture Assistance) and some new locations throughout the state (North Columbus, Marion and Findlay).

The following pages share just a few details of an amazing year. I hope you are encouraged by the stories and the number of lives impacted. Lives are being transformed and you are part of that transformation. Everything accomplished at Stowe Mission is done through the efforts of our dedicated volunteers, staff, and supporters like you. Thank you for being part of the Stowe Mission family.

With gratitude,  
Kelli Karlich, Executive Director

# 2023 Statistics

## Volunteer Time Value



Cash Donations

\$366,161

\$1,055,294

\$327,284

In-Kind Donations

**VOLUNTEER  
HOURS**

**18,328**



4,366

### **Spiritual conversations**

The Gospel is at the heart of all we do at Stowe Mission. Our staff & volunteers are encouraged to take every opportunity to share the Gospel, pray with neighbors, & invite them into our church family.

### **Meals served**

Through our community kitchen, food pantries, block parties, and after-school program, we provide much needed hunger relief.



136,620



21

### **Students actively attending**

Each week, our students participate in homework help, Bible lessons, art projects, science experiments, and more.

### **Health visits**

Through our dental, optometry, and partner clinics, we provide access to medical care.



657



1,219

### **Emergency items shared**

Because of your generous donations, we provide our neighbors with hygiene items, cold weather gear, and other essentials. **468 showers** were given in 2023.

### **Pregnancy Resource Center Visits**

Our PRC offers help to those facing emotional, educational, or financial challenges throughout pregnancy and parenthood.



864





# HUNGER

**136,620**  
total  
meals

“The community kitchen at Stowe was the place where I got my start in serving. It was a place where laughter met heartache. The ability to share a meal and life together is the bedrock for building trust. Something as simple as a meal isn't just about alleviating hunger, but it's also about building trust and providing a safe place to just be. When you have those places set up, then the real Gospel work begins. The pathway from survival living to sustainable living can start with one meal.” - **Joshua S.**

**37,125**

pantry  
meals

**64,702**

community  
kitchen meals

**1,971**

after-school  
program meals

**1,285**

block  
party meals

**31,537**

outreach meals



# HEALTHCARE



**657**

total  
healthcare  
visits

**638** Teeth  
extracted

**83** Vision clinic  
patient visits

**39** Teeth  
Fillings

**91** Dental  
cleaning  
patient visits

**444** Dental  
extraction  
patient visits

“One of the many reasons I love working in the Stowe Clinics is the opportunity to get to know our clients. Many times it's a perfect opportunity to show Christ's love to the community. This can be in sharing the gospel; praying with an anxious client; and treating our clients with dignity. We also share other services Stowe offers.” - **Kim C.**



# EDUCATION

21

students actively attending

## AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Stowe Mission After-School Program creates a secure and nurturing space to enrich the lives of our community's children and families. This program fosters life-changing academic, spiritual, and emotional support. Offering diverse activities, including essential homework help and prearranged transportation to Stowe Mission, we strive to promote accessibility and engagement.

## LIFEWISE ACADEMY

Stowe Mission offers middle and high school students practical Bible-based, character-focused education during school hours through LifeWise Academy. The curriculum is relatable and helpful to students as they confront foundational themes that concern issues common to everyone.

## 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS

We know our afterschool students are capable of big things, and we want to support them as they pursue their big goals! That's why we assist families in establishing a 529 college saving plan and partner with the parents to add funds for their future education.

## STOWE MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS

Stowe Mission advocates for continuing education and, through this initiative, annually awards scholarships to senior students from local high schools. These scholarships are designated to encourage local high school students who aspire to pursue a college degree or a vocational institute certificate.





# PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

“One isolated and hurting college student came to us, determined to abort if she was confirmed to be pregnant. When the test came back negative, the Lord opened space for our team to discuss the heart-level factors driving many of the client’s sexual health choices. The client chose to trade away her own solutions to loneliness and pain, and instead accept the Lord’s consolation and forgiveness. She invited Jesus into her heart and was eager to take a copy of the Bible home for study and daily prayer.” - **PRC Staff**

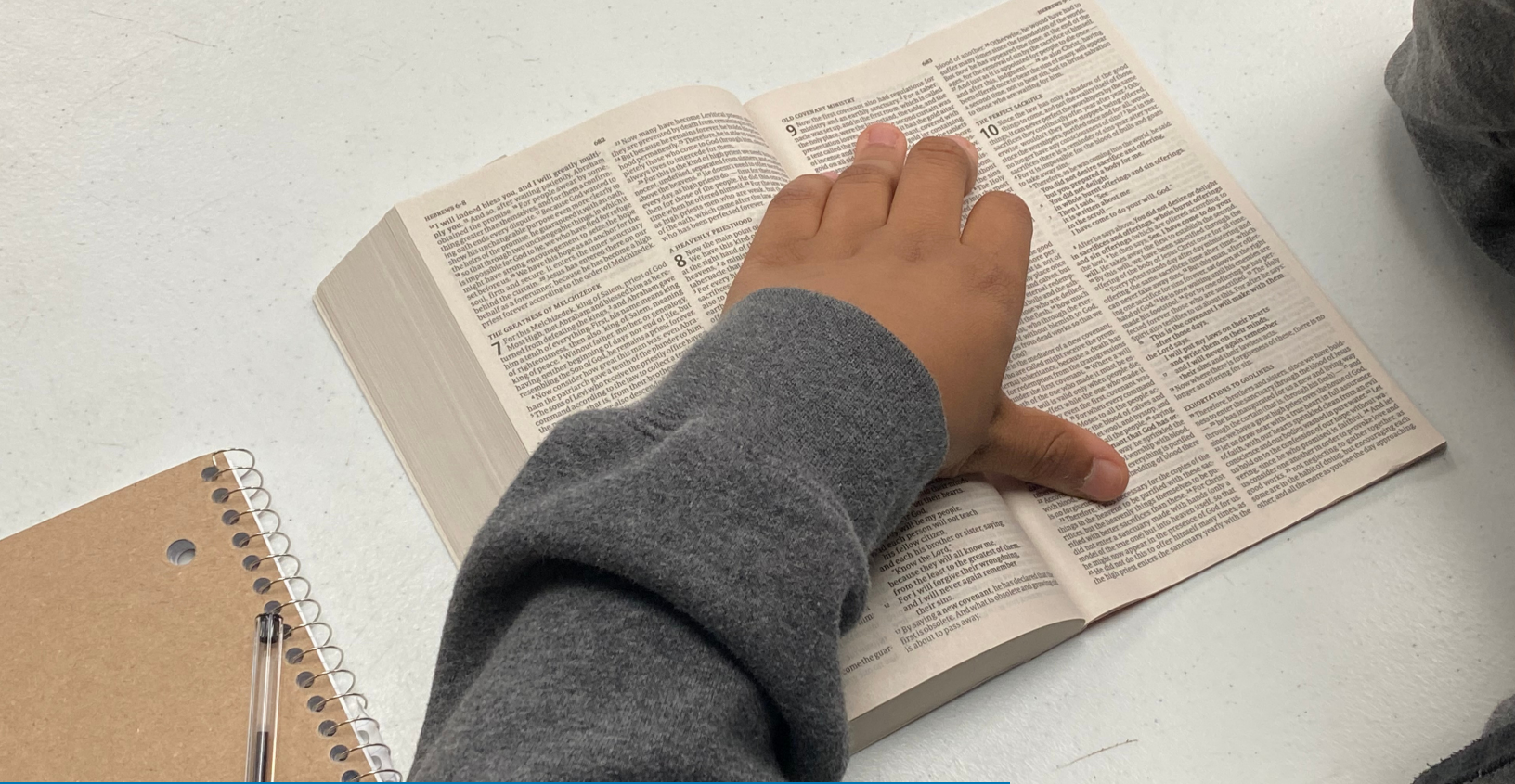
**29**  
Babies Born

**864**  
Client Visits

**36**  
Ultrasounds

**60% Increase in number of families served.**





# GOSPEL OUTREACH

**4,366**  
engagements

“The reason I love to serve at Stowe is they don't just provide physical bread, but it is a place where the all-satisfying bread of life that came down from Heaven is also proclaimed. John 6:35.

It's not just a place where people in the dental clinic can have physical pain relieved, but it is a place where people can hear the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that includes the Hope of the future for all who believe. A future where all pain will forever pass away. Revelation 21:4.

It's not just a place where the students in the education ministries can receive knowledge about school & life, but it is a place where students hear about Knowing God. John 17:3 "This is eternal life that they may KNOW you the only true God & Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

Stowe is not just a place where people facing hardships find physical hope & restoration, but it is a place where Gospel hope & Restoration is proclaimed & found through Jesus Christ.” - **Pastor Joshua Ashwill, Salt and Light**

“Stowe is the place to go! I love it here... thankful for your consistency.” - **Community Member**





# COMMUNITY BUILDING

“Stowe Mission is a vital partner to our ministry at the Finding Hope Center. Together, we’ve been able to serve families across Columbus by meeting their physical needs and sharing the hope of the Gospel!” **Aaron Taylor, Living Hope Columbus**

“Stowe mission is doing an incredible kingdom minded work on the south and north sides of Columbus. But it’s more than that, our church has been able to partner and serve at several Stowe Missions ministries. They get to be the hands and feet of Jesus there but have also been empowered to serve well in our local church. Stowe Mission is making a kingdom impact throughout Central Ohio through its partnerships with local churches like ours.”  
**Mark Winbish, FBC Grove city**

**1,219**  
Emergency items shared

**873**  
Kids provided with toys

**576**  
Full backpacks distributed

# GROWTH

We look forward to what God has planned for Stowe Mission. Here is a snapshot of some of the amazing things in the works. It has been busy and there are doors opening up all across the state. As you read about these opportunities, I ask that you pray with us as we seek God's wisdom in our steps.



## Marion, Ohio – New Free Dental Clinic

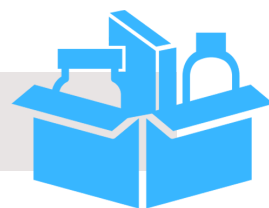
We are thrilled to share an exciting development that profoundly impacts dental healthcare access in Ohio. In collaboration with Grace Clinic Ohio & Leapin' Outreach Ministries, Stowe Mission is answering the call to open a much-needed dental clinic in Marion, Ohio.

For 42 years, our Parsons Ave. Dental Clinic has provided essential dental services free of charge to those in need. The demand for our services has been overwhelming, with patients traveling from all corners of the state searching for relief from dental pain.

With this new opportunity on the horizon, we are ready to extend our reach and create a dental care clinic in Marion. This expansion will allow us to serve even more individuals currently facing barriers to accessing dental treatment.

With three exam chairs, two x-ray machines, and various dental tools stored in our warehouse, we aim to open this Marion location in Spring 2024. We will focus on essential services like tooth extractions and cleaning services in the initial phase. Additional services will be added as a solid dental volunteer roster is built.

## The Hub – Sharon Woods Food Pantry



Stowe Mission is gearing up to extend our reach and impact by answering the call of a community in need. Opening in Spring 2024, our new food pantry will serve the Sharon Woods neighborhood.

Located inside the Strategic Church Network building, called The Ministry Hub, Stowe Mission Food Pantry will operate two days a week. Our pantry will provide non-perishable goods with dairy and meat options to ensure a balanced and nutritious selection. As other community needs are determined, more services will be added.

We kickstarted our work at The Hub with backpack giveaways and our Toys of Hope events for the past two seasons. Building upon this connection to the community, we hope to further serve our neighbors in need.



## Powell, Ohio – Finding Hope Center

The Finding Hope Center has been supporting families for several years. Stowe Mission has regularly partnered with the Finding Hope Center by donating furniture and housewares. This unique opportunity goes beyond furniture – creating a home and supporting a community. In 2024, Stowe Mission will assume the administrative role of the Finding Hope Center. This furniture bank in Powell Ohio is pivotal in supporting immigrant families settling in Columbus.

Imagine the challenges of relocating to a foreign land - limited language skills, the need to secure work, find and furnish a home – all while navigating unfamiliar systems without a supportive network.

Stowe Mission sees this as an opportunity to foster community and connection by assisting in the practical aspects of resettling. These families need to hear the Gospel and feel the warmth of God's love as they integrate into a new city.

## Findlay, Ohio – New Location



Exciting news is on the horizon! Stowe Mission is in the early planning phase to establish a new, stand-alone mission in Findlay, Ohio. This opportunity allows Stowe Mission to minister in a new community with programs that address spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional needs through Christ-centered compassion.

We believe in building bridges, and that starts with building relationships. Stowe Mission will collaborate with local churches, non-profit organizations, civic leaders, and businesses to identify unmet or under-met needs within the community, aiming to develop compassionate programs and services that align with the community's values and requirements.

Our new mission will be located within an old school campus and share space with Youth for Christ City Life Group, a nondenominational church, and a re-entry program building furniture. With the support of Findlay area churches, we are establishing a mission to serve and nurture a community in need. By combining reporting and impact assessments, we aim to enhance our ability to initiate funding opportunities. Your support plays a crucial role in making this vision a reality that has a lasting impact.

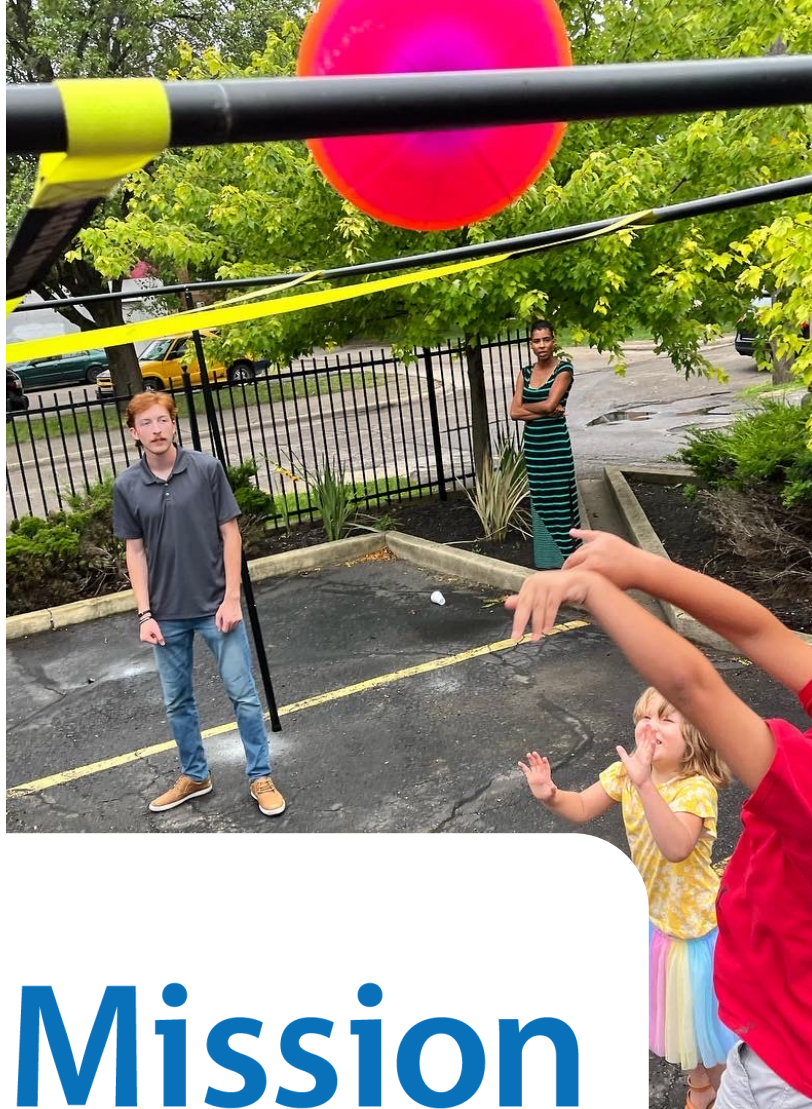
# HOW YOU CAN HELP

As we begin the new year, we know that many of our neighbors will continue to need help to meet their daily needs. Here are a few specific ways you can support the Stowe Mission community in the coming year:

- **Set up a recurring donation.** (weekly, monthly, quarterly). Scheduled donations help us plan ahead and make a bigger impact over time!
- **Volunteer.** Our greatest volunteer need currently is in the Community Kitchen. Consider organizing a group to provide lunch monthly, quarterly, or even annually. Even one day each year can make a difference!
- **Donate your professional services.** Professionals in the areas of nursing, education, and dentistry can enhance our current ministries to benefit the community.
- **Give a financial gift.** Our annual operating budget for 2024 is \$1.1MM with an additional \$400k needed to expand into four new locations.
- **PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!** Continue to pray for safety, personal and spiritual growth for the community, and wisdom on where God will lead us.

**Thank you for your support of Stowe Mission in 2023. We hope you will consider supporting our community again in 2024.**





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