THE OPEN DOOR MISSION

ANNUAL REPORT



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Through every meal served, every bed offered, and every life transformed, we see living hope taking root. Thank you for standing with us in this mission — offering not just shelter, but the opportunity for renewal and lasting change.

Together, we are providing opportunities where everyone can experience the grace of God and all have a chance to find their path forward.

As we reflect on 2025, I am filled with gratitude for all that God has done through The Open Door Mission and through you — our supporters, volunteers, and partners in compassion. This year has been one of incredible growth and deepened impact.

We have seen our programs expand to meet the increasing needs of our neighbors. Our Code Blue shelter served a record number of guests, our Life Path Program doubled in participation, and we took major steps toward improving our facilities to better serve those experiencing homelessness, hunger, and crisis.

361

Code blue individual guests

144

Life Path Program Participants

<100%

Increase from last year



MISSION AND VISION

The Open Door Mission began in 1991 as a response to the immediate need for a soup kitchen in Glens Falls, New York. What began with serving meals from an RV gradually expanded to include more services and moved through various locations. In 2018, the mission finally settled into a 46,000 square foot facility at 226 Warren Street.

The Open Door Mission exists to serve people at their point of need, cultivating personal growth and community sustainability. We model our Faith in Jesus by providing practical solutions to physical, spiritual, and relational brokenness.

2025 BY THE NUMBERS



42,123



INDIVIDUALS
SERVED THROUGH
CODE BLUE
361

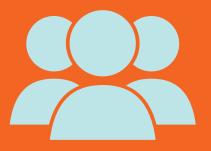


NIGHTS OF SHELTER PROVIDED 15,462



LIFE PATH PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

144



INDIVIDUALS SERVED 3,722

2025 BY THE NUMBERS



CLASSES

10,055



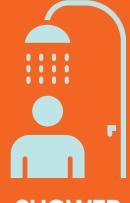
FOOD PANTRY VISITS

2,676



LAUNDRY APPOINTMENTS

7,134



SHOWER APPOINTMENTS 14,942



POUNDS OF FOOD

151,629

EACH NUMBER REPRESENTS A LIFE TOUCHED — A STORY OF STRUGGLE MET WITH COMPASSION AND HOPE.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



CODE BLUE SHELTER

The 2024–2025 Code Blue season marked our busiest yet, serving 361 individuals, a 100% increase from the previous year. As frigid nights brought more people through our doors, our staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to provide warm meals, safe shelter, and compassionate care.

This growth highlights both the rising need in our community and the unwavering commitment of those who support our mission through giving and service.

LIFE PATH PROGRAM

Our Life Path Program — guiding residents through eight transformative steps: Safe, Sober, Stable, Schooled, Skilled, Secure, Settled, and Serving — continues to be a cornerstone of long-term change.

Participation more than doubled this year, from 48 to 100 individuals, reflecting not only growth in capacity but also the trust and hope our residents place in the process. With the guidance of Life Path Coach Jay Corey, participants have set and achieved meaningful goals, from obtaining employment and stable housing to reconnecting with family and faith.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT

This year, we welcomed a new Dedicated Domestic Violence Program Caseworker — a major step forward in our commitment to serving survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking.

This role allows us to offer more individualized case management, trauma-informed care, and coordination with local agencies.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

2025 has been a year of momentum for our capital projects.

LAUNDRY ROOM

Construction begins before year's end, thanks to a generous \$30,000 gift from First Presbyterian Church of Glens Falls. The new commercial laundry facility will bring comfort and dignity to residents and guests who rely on us daily.

CHAPEL & MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

Designs are currently underway, and we're excited to share that we're moving closer to finalizing funding and breaking ground on these essential projects in 2026. Each step brings us nearer to creating spaces that will serve as a refuge for those seeking hope and renewal.

These new areas will provide more than just physical improvements—they'll offer opportunities for spiritual renewal, emotional healing, and personal growth. Every design choice is being made with transformation in mind, ensuring that guests, residents, and volunteers alike have a place where they can find peace, reflect, and rebuild their lives.

At The Open Door Mission, we believe that transformation occurs when people feel safe, supported, and valued—and these projects will help make that possible for years to come.



VOLUNTEERS: THE HEART OF THE MISSION



Volunteers

337

Hours of Service

21,980

This year, **337 volunteers** gave **21,980 hours** of service — preparing meals, sorting donations, mentoring residents, and greeting guests with warmth and dignity.

We especially celebrate dedicated volunteers like Dennis Albrecht, whose passion and community connections helped secure sponsorships and donations for major events such as our Night of Luminaries Gala and the Gobble Wobble Thanksgiving Race.

People like Greg Higgins, who faithfully serves in the kitchen preparing and serving meals with a smile, and Mary Osborne, who warmly welcomes every guest and visitor at the front desk, embody the spirit of service that keeps our mission strong.

Every hour given and every act of kindness shared strengthens our mission and reminds our guests that they are not alone.



DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This year, our community's generosity shone brightly — from monthly donors and local churches to businesses and civic groups that chose to stand with The Open Door Mission.

Through events like Bella Notte – Pasta With a Purpose, Night of Luminaries Gala, Worship in the Park, Conversations on a Bench, Annual Homelessness Awareness Event, Sound of Life Radiothon, Schoola-palooza, Estate Planning, Citizens Preparedness, and Giving Tuesday, we not only raised vital funds but also built relationships that sustain the Mission's work year-round.

Your partnership ensures that we can continue to provide life-transforming programs rooted in faith, compassion, and hope.

LOOKING AHEAD

As we look to 2026, The Open Door Mission remains steadfast in its commitment to meet both immediate needs and long-term goals.

We envision a year where more lives are transformed, where the chapel and mental health clinic open their doors, and where our community continues to come together in faith and action.

Thank you for being part of this story — a story of hope, compassion, and renewal that continues to unfold every day at The Open Door Mission.





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