

**2025 Report of The Saint Francis Center to the
138th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Colorado
October 9-11, 2024**

The mission of the St. Francis Center is to offer refuge and peace for our community members who experience homelessness, helping them meet their basic needs and transition out of homelessness.

Executive Summary

The St. Francis Center (SFC) is currently rounding out our 42nd year of work and ministry to those in the Denver who are without homes, security and the resources needed to get back on their feet and into community housing. The 2-pronged mission of the St. Francis Center highlights the safe emergency services needed for our houseless neighbors (outreach services on the streets of Denver, drop-in Day Center services offering shelter 7 days per week) AND working to help people achieve greater stability and ultimately housing in the community.

The services and programs we provide include:

- Day Center on Curtis Street, including necessities and services such as:
 - Core services: showers, restrooms, cell phone charging, information & referral, connection to city department of human services programs, data collection and trained staff to help support people daily.
 - Wellness: behavioral health services by trained professionals and external agencies for acupuncture, music therapy, immunization, health checks and case management resources.
 - Mail service and storage space for belongings.
- Street Outreach services: SFC has been a partner in Denver's Downtown Street Outreach Collaborative for more than 20 years, helping to locate unhoused people on the streets of Denver and connecting them to resources to move from unhoused to sheltered and housed over time.
- Employment and case management services: we have staff members who are available to help people along their journeys to connect with needed resources such as requesting a replacement ID, connecting to health care insurance (Medicaid and other resources as appropriate), as well as employment.
- Housing: SFC owns or supports 208 units of supported housing in the community.

We actively provide a place of transformation for people who are homeless, and we have proven over the past 40+ years that housing and stability are possible for every person we encounter. As our own Baptismal covenant professes, we strive for justice and peace in our community, and we work to respect the dignity of every human being we encounter.

Community Impact:

The pages that follow this summary are St. Francis Center's Impact Report with details from 2024 on how we provide community services and resources to more than 10,000 people annually through our seven service locations. The Day Center continues to help more than 500 people every day with emergency services and support to aid the transition out of homelessness. SFC continues to work to keep a full schedule of hours and program services available to meet what continues to be a growing need in the Denver Metro area at the same time budgets are decreasing locally and at the state level.

Collaborations and Partnerships

St. Francis Center continues to maximize resources by seeking partnerships with outside groups to provide services that we do not provide, including medical clinic serves, immunizations, substance misuse resources, mental health services, and some basic service needs such as access to the Division of Motor Vehicles identifications.

Another important collaboration comes in the form of volunteers who provide shifts in our programs each week, working alongside our staff. Across the agency there are the equivalent of 7.5 full-time staff positions that are filled by volunteers. This represents over 15,000 hours each year for these volunteers. Our volunteers boost the agency's ability to provide far more access to services and resources than would be possible if we relied on our limited staffing funding resources.

Housing is the ultimate solution for the people we see in our service locations every day. Safe, affordable housing is a challenge for many low-income people, but for those with disabilities and those who have lived on the streets, the additional support of services and staffing on site in programs is a key component of the successes we see. The St. Francis Center board of directors has made a commitment to update our strategic plan to determine the best use of SFC's resources and knowledge to reach as many people as possible who are without homes and without a connection to community and to assist them along their path to stability and to find a place to call home.

If you have thoughts or input on the St. Francis Center's direction and use of resources, please feel free to reach out to us at our information email address: info@sfcdenver.org or email CEO Nancy Burke directly at nancyb@sfcdenver.org.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES



HOUSING SOLUTIONS



2024

IMPACT REPORT



DAY CENTER SERVICES



OUTREACH SERVICES



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St. Francis Center delivers solutions that address homelessness at every stage, empowering individuals to achieve stability and move forward with hope.

In 2024, we served 12,602 individuals.

2024 HIGHLIGHTS: A YEAR OF IMPACT

HOUSING SOLUTIONS

The St. Francis Center (SFC) fosters trust, guiding individuals to stable, tailored housing. We provide barrier-free permanent housing, case management support & service navigation, along with referrals to health care, mental health services and substance use treatment to help people achieve long-term success.



228 Apartments owned and/or supported by SFC
4 residential communities and senior scattered site program

366 Housing placements made through SFC's programs
Resulting in successful housing for our program participants



“ There's still scars from what I put myself through to become homeless. But I didn't feel homeless or newly housed. Just felt like part of the community.

Darrin Johnson, Resident



SFC HOUSING: OUR ROOTS

Stable housing fosters community, transforming isolation into connection. At St. Francis Apartments at Cathedral Square, Warren Residences, Cornerstone Residences, and the newest building, St. Francis Apartments West, residents build relationships, trust and community.

158 Apartments Owned

70 Supported Housing Units



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS TO HOUSING

The 136-unit emergency shelter at Comfort Inn, part of Denver's All in Mile High program, provides short-term stabilization in a hotel setting, offering meals, activities, employment, and housing support to foster long-term stability.

281 Unique Individuals Served

79 Housing Placements



PATHWAYS TO HOME

Our Street Outreach and Employment Teams connect with people where they are - in shelters, at our Day Center, on sidewalks, in alleys or coffee shops. - and empowers individuals with resources at any stage of their journey out of homelessness. They foster trust and a path to stable housing.

163 Housing Placements - Outreach

124 Housing Placements - Employment Services

VOLUNTEERS & DONORS

Thank you for being the heart and soul of our mission through...

Volunteer Hours

15,382

Equivalent To

7.5

Full-time Staff
Members

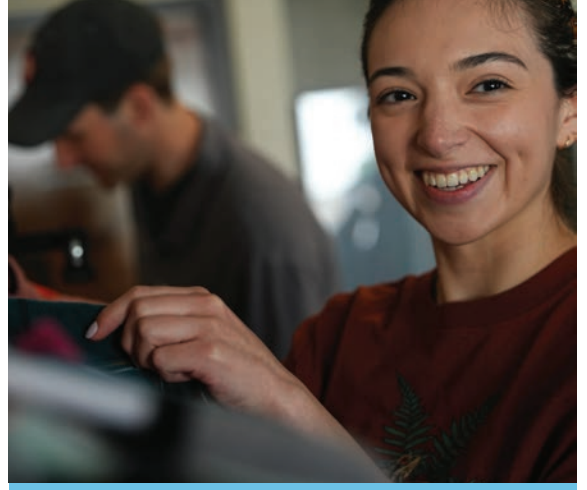


Individuals

927

Average Donation

\$446



When someone asks me why I volunteer my time and resources to St. Francis Center, I share a conversation I overheard in the men's shower. It was a very cold day. One guest said, "I don't know what I would do without St. Francis Center." The other guest replied, "That's right! St. Francis Center saves lives. That is what they do here. They save lives."

Duncan Miller, Volunteer



DAY CENTER SERVICES



This supportive space provides relief and long-term solutions to 521 unique people daily.

10,641

Unique
Individuals Served

2,128

Clothing Room
Unique Individuals

1,450

Transportation
Assistance

740

Benefits & ID Card
Acquisition

1,782

Personal
Storage Visits

146

Housing Referrals

156

Individuals Reunited
with Their Families



EMPLOYMENT SERVICES



St. Francis Center's Employment Services empower individuals with training, career readiness, and job placement, breaking the cycle of poverty and leading to full-time employment.

618

Unique
Individuals Served

186

Employment
Placements



OUTREACH SERVICES



For more than 20 years, SFC has built trust and dignity with unhoused individuals through street outreach. Working with the Denver Street Outreach Collaborative (DSOC) and Starbucks Coffee Company store locations, the outreach team fosters resilience, health, employment, and stable housing while strengthening community connections and services for everyone.

834

Unique
Individuals Served
(DSOC & Starbucks Coffee Company)

13

Starbucks Coffee
Company Stores
Supported

DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,

As we reflect on 2024, we are grateful for your support, which fuels our mission and ensures every individual feels seen, supported, and valued.

For 41 years, St. Francis Center has been a beacon of hope, transforming lives and providing safety, dignity, and security through our emergency response services at the Day Center and through our Street Outreach Services. Housing remains our North Star—the foundation for lasting change, offering dignity, security, and the first step towards a brighter future.

Guided by this commitment, we have expanded our Housing Solutions. Community Connections to Housing at Comfort Inn, part of Denver's All in Mile High program, welcomed individuals seeking stability with 136, non-congregate, emergency shelter units operated by St. Francis Center. Another milestone was the completion of St. Francis Apartments West, now providing stable housing for 60 seniors facing chronic homelessness, thanks to partnerships with Blueline Development, RCH Jones Consulting, ShopWorks Architecture, and Calcon Constructors.

Because of you, we get to do this work. We are deeply grateful for our caring and generous community—our staff, the nonprofits we collaborate with, and our dedicated donors, volunteers, and supporters. Together, we impacted over 12,000 lives and helped 522 individuals secure stable housing and reunification with families.

Thank you for standing with us as we continue our work to create lasting solutions for stability and hope.

WITH GRATITUDE,



Nancy Burke
Chief Executive Officer



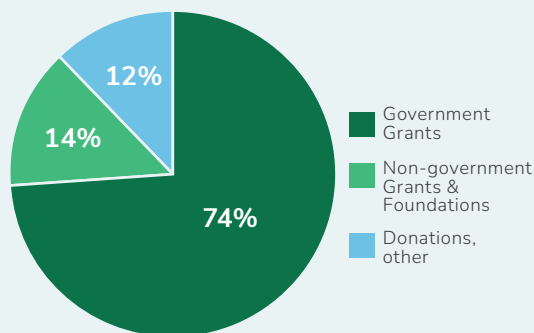
Kathi Rudolph
Board of Directors Chair



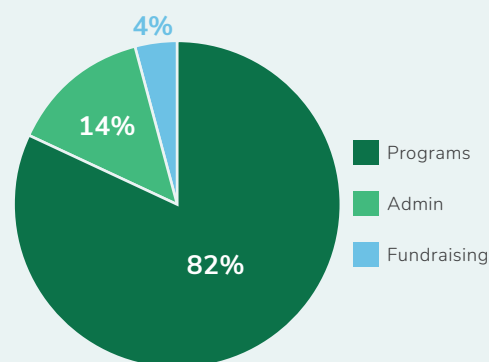
SUPPORT & REVENUE

St. Francis Center maintained strong financial health, enabling an increased investment in housing. The agency's total revenue was \$15.3 million, including \$6.3 million in one-time pass-through funds designated for the construction of St. Francis Apartments West completed in December 2024.

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT & REVENUE \$9 million



OPERATIONAL EXPENSES \$9 million



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Friday, October 24

6:00 PM

**St. John's Cathedral
1350 N. Washington St.**

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Evening Highlights Include:

- Stories from our community in the **Sacred Spaces Impact Panel**, hosted by CEO Nancy Burke
- An **Immersive Impact Walk & Art Installation**
- Music by **Spirit of Grace Gospel Singers**
- A spirited **Paddle Raise** to support life-changing programs

Questions or interest in sponsoring the gala:

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