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# Numbers



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EXTENSION

*The solution for homelessness & addiction*

**ANNUAL REPORT 2023**



**In this report** you will see

our work divided every which way to show the  
**holistic impact** of our services  
to the **community.** Although many

people have worked extremely hard to have our numbers  
where they are, the **true measure**  
**of our success** is measured  
by the **life change** of our residents.

Our success is proven **every single**  
**day** when our alumni go to work, when they

stand on the sidelines cheering at their kid's soccer  
game, and when they go **home** at night  
and enjoy the company of their family at dinner.

**Every number** in this report  
**represents a person,**

a story - rewritten from **despair**  
**into hope,** and we invite you

to join us in their **incredible**  
**comeback story.**

— Tyler Driver, Executive Director



**3,138**  
*Prescreen  
Assessments*

THE MISSION OF THE EXTENSION IS TO FACILITATE A TRANSFORMATION THAT EMPOWERS INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE CHALLENGES TO ENGAGE IN A PROCESS OF CHANGE AND RECOVERY.

Our vision is to advance our replicable model of success in our community and beyond for the prevention, intervention and treatment of substance use challenges for those without the ability to pay.

# Goal

According to the Cobb County Medical Examiner's 2021 report, **169** people in Cobb County died from overdose in 2021 alone, with **963** total overdose deaths since 2015. The state and national death tolls are even more staggering with the CDC reporting over **100,000** overdose deaths nationally in 2021. Our work is urgent, necessary, and life-saving.

We face no shortage of potential clients, and while we work diligently to meet the incredible need for our services, we must send out the call for others to join our work. We are here. **We are saving lives, and we need your help.**



# Campuses

OUR EXPANDED CAMPUSES HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO SERVE UP TO 80 MEN AND 24 WOMEN, ALLOWING US TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE-BASED TREATMENT TO THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER. Our facility is ranked as a 3.1 on the American Society for Addiction Medicine’s scale for treatment, indicating that we offer Clinically Managed, Low-Intensity Residential services. This means that we have clinically licensed social workers, psychiatrists, accredited alcohol and drug counselors, a registered nurse, and counselors-in-training all working together to provide holistic person-centered services.

We are also state-licensed and accredited through several bodies, including the Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities. CARF distinguishes facilities that are committed to international standards of care, delivering safe and effective treatment, and continually perfecting their program. The credentials of our staff and our program reflect our belief that our clients deserve the highest quality of care possible.

This year we launched a new Family Therapy program providing education and therapeutic services to the families of our clients, allowing us to heal relationships and create smoother transitions when our clients leave the program. Our clients are here for 9-12 months, striving to become sober, accountable, self-sustaining, and productive members of society. Within our walls they cultivate the dream of rippling hope throughout their family and breaking generational chains.

## Funding Sources

PRIVATE INCOME	GOVERNMENT FUNDING
Churches..... \$27,231	Emergency Solutions Grant-CV..... \$86,361
Civic Groups ..... \$2,300	Emergency Food & Shelter Programs ..... \$35,950
Businesses ..... \$379,441	Emergency Solutions Grant Programs - Cobb ..... \$42,119
Individuals..... \$408,339	Community Services Block Grant ..... \$214,080
Private	Supportive Housing Program ..... \$98,474
Foundations ..... \$224,003	Community Development Block Grant..... \$198,628
Events..... \$42,854	Dept. of Behavioral Health & Dev. Disabilities ..... \$655,724
Occupancy Charge. \$157,105	HOME American Rescue Plan ..... \$84,952
United Way..... \$2,350	American Rescue Plan Act - Cobb ..... \$41,393



# 16 Clients

## Demographics

GENDER		RACE		AGE	
Men.....	104	American Indian/Indigenous .....	1	25-34.....	56
Women.....	55	Black/African American .....	25	35-44.....	61
Multiple Genders .....	1	Multi Racial .....	9	45-54.....	30
		White .....	125	55+ .....	1

**OUR TYPICAL CLIENT IS LOST, LIVING ON THE STREET, IN AND OUT OF JAIL FOR CHARGES RELATED TO THEIR DRUG USE, OUT OF OPTIONS AND OUT OF HOPE.** While we

have no shortage of prospective clients, we are often found through word of mouth by former clients, connections, the community, and other non-profits. We also work closely with:

- > Drug and DUI Courts
- > Family and Veteran Treatment Courts
- > Cobb County Public Defender's Office
- > Georgia Public Defender Council/Piedmont Circuit Public Defenders Office

Our partnerships with these offices ensure that we divert as many people as possible from serving jail time. Research shows that treatment, rather than jail time, is a much more effective way of treating SUD as well as reducing recidivism. Prospective clients are eligible for our program if they:

- > Are 25 years of age or older,
- > Have a diagnosable substance use disorder that is appropriate for an American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Level 3.1 (Clinically Managed Low-Intensity Residential) Treatment Program.
- > Meet HUD's definition of 'homeless' and meet established income requirements.
- > Are medically stable, as determined by medical/nursing staff.
- > Are able to obtain and participate in full-time employment.
- > Are planning to make Cobb County their home.
- > Are ambulatory (including with the use of a wheelchair or walker) and meet personal needs without assistance.
- > Have the capacity for active participation in all phases of the program.
- > Can commit to be a resident of the program for a minimum of nine months.



Being state licensed  
and **CARF accredited**

allows us to do our work to the best of our ability.

We stay on the **cutting edge  
of our field**, constantly evaluating  
our **evidence-based  
practices** to best serve our clients.

The Extension combines **proven  
curriculums** and highly trained staff  
with a **person-centered  
and trauma-informed**

approach to recovery that allows us to meet

the needs of our clients and set them up for a

**successful life after  
they leave.**

— Christina Kight, Clinical Director



**539**  
*Total Donors*

**COMMUNITY PROBLEMS REQUIRE COMMUNITY EFFORT.**

That's why we invite businesses, families, churches, civic groups, and everyone else we encounter to join our work through financial donations, in-kind donations, and volunteering. Without our network of contributors, we could not have the significant impact in our area that we do. Our steadfast and generous supporters and volunteers are the life-blood of our organization. They provide more than just money or meals, they provide hope.

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**659**  
*Volunteers*

**3,180**  
*Hours of Volunteering*

**227**  
*First Time Donors*

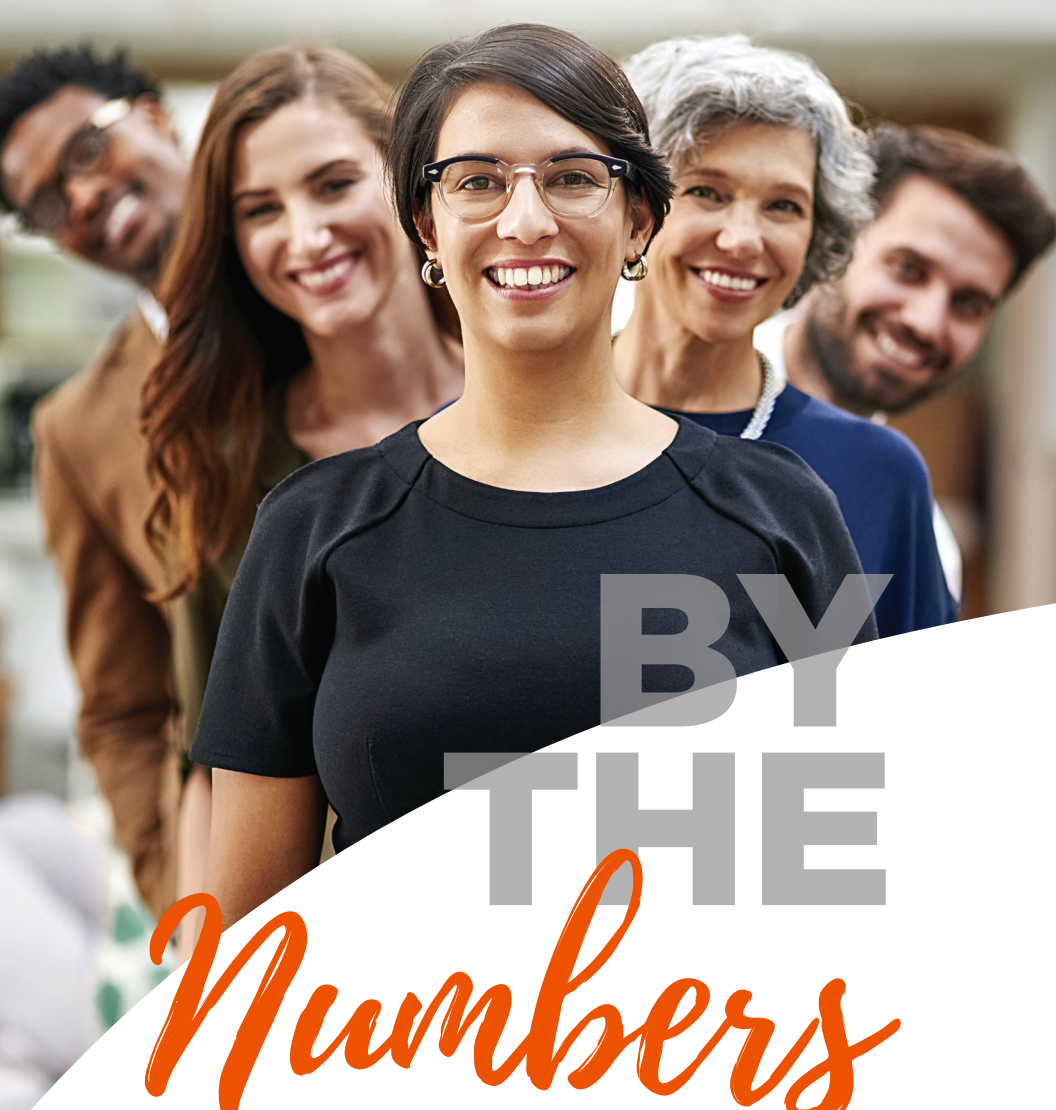


“ THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I DIDN'T HAVE MY KIDS, I DIDN'T HAVE ANY MATERIAL BELONGINGS, AND I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD GET ANY BETTER FOR ME. BUT THE EXTENSION TAUGHT ME HOW TO MAKE LIFE GOOD. I LEARNED THAT THERE'S SO MUCH MORE BEAUTY IN LIFE THAN I EVER IMAGINED- AND I DESERVED IT. I DESERVE TO LIVE A GOOD LIFE. IF YOU PERSEVERE AND ARE WILLING TO DO WHAT IT TAKES, YOU NEVER KNOW HOW BEAUTIFUL YOUR LIFE WILL TURN OUT. ”

– Alumna

# 4,131

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