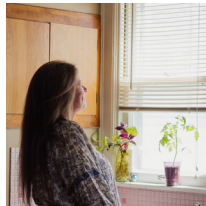
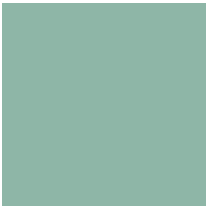


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Impact Report
2024



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VISION

Defeat hunger and homelessness. Restore hope!

MISSION

To relieve hunger, overcome homelessness, address addiction, and provide outreach and advocacy in Lincoln.

VALUES

Integrity

Dignity

Empowerment

Compassion

Inclusion

Diversity

As we reflect on the past year, we are humbled and inspired by what we've achieved together.

Your unwavering support allowed us to be here to meet the growing needs of individuals and families in Lincoln facing homelessness, hunger, addiction, and poverty.

Last year, we provided nearly 250,000 meals through on-site meals and food distributed through the Fresh Choice Pantry – a 59% increase over the past five years. We served an average of 246 onsite meals each day, with staff assisting over 3,000 individuals through more than 55,000 outreach and homeless prevention services.

None of this would be possible without you—our volunteers, donors, community partners, and advocates.

Together, we're building more than hope. We're building dignity, stability, and opportunity.

Thank you for standing with us. We look forward to continuing this life-changing work with you in the year ahead.

With bold hope,

Alynn Sampson, MSW, Executive Director



Tim McEwen, Board President



**HOPE LIVES HERE
BECAUSE OF YOU.**

HUNGER RELIEF

At Matt Talbot, everyone is welcome to walk through our open doors and get a prepared, hot, and nutritious meal two times a day. Guests can also access our on-site Fresh Choice Pantry and choose food items that best meet their needs, including refrigerated items such as meats, dairy, eggs, and produce. People may come to Matt Talbot for food, but they often find community, a sense of belonging, and a space to rebuild their lives along the way.

Volunteers are the backbone of our Hunger Relief program and have been helping us feed the hungry in Lincoln for 32 years and counting.





KITCHEN TEAM


"The staff are incredibly kind and the meals are great. It's a double-edged sword. I hated to see you because my circumstances hadn't changed, but loved seeing you because I knew I could count on you guys. I seriously would've gone hungry without this place."

-Matt Talbot Guest

HOUSING

Matt Talbot's housing program uses evidence-based best practices for securing safe and stable housing for those experiencing homelessness. Last year we housed over 100 people and prevented many others from entering homelessness through our homeless diversion program.





**“YOU GUYS SUPPORTED ME
WHILE I DID THE WORK. THE
TRANSITION HOUSE PROVIDED A
SAFE, PRODUCTIVE, AND LOVING
ENVIRONMENT FOR ME TO BECOME
THE PERSON I AM NOW. AND I AM
PROUD OF THE PERSON I AM NOW!**

**THE TWO YEARS I SPENT AT THE
HOUSE CHANGED MY LIFE.”**

**SHELLEY
TRANSITIONAL HOUSE
RESIDENT**

SUBSTANCE USE

Our team of licensed alcohol and drug counselors provide case management, counseling, free substance use evaluations, education, referrals, and oversight of four off-site transitional living houses.



“WHAT I HAVE IN MY POCKET NOW IS NOT DRUGS. IT’S HOPE AND IT’S PRIDE.”

**ROBERT
TRANSITIONAL HOUSE RESIDENT**

OUTREACH

Our team promotes dignity by providing street outreach, case management, assistance with vital identification documents, and essential services such as showers, laundry, mail, and phone access.



“BEING ABLE TO SHOWER AND WASH MY CLOTHES AND BLANKETS MEANS THE WORLD TO ME.”

MATT TALBOT GUEST

OUTREACH & HOUSING TEAMS



A TYPICAL DAY IN

Our journey with guests often begins in the dining room where individuals come for a meal or a safe place to stay during the day. Despite their circumstances, guests find a community here.

We offer immediate assistance with basic needs but are here for the long haul, meeting people where they are, offering second chances, and holding on to hope for as long as it takes.

Staff and volunteers set out breakfast items, start the coffee, get shower supplies out, and prepare for the day.



Judy schedules a time to take a shower and do a load of laundry. Settling in at a table by the windows to have a cup of coffee while she waits, she notices a volunteer group working in Hope Garden.



While here for dinner, a mom works with a representative from the Food Bank to sign up for SNAP benefits. Many partnering agencies come to Matt Talbot to offer services.



A community member drops off donations of blankets and fresh produce from their garden.



THE MATT TALBOT DINING ROOM



A couple who slept in their car sit down at their usual table after plugging their phones in at the charging station. They will be here most of the day.



Jacob, who sleeps in a tent most nights, checks in for his shower appointment. The volunteer gives him the supplies he requests - a towel, washcloth, razor, soap, shampoo & conditioner, toothbrush, and toothpaste.



Volunteers arrive to prepare lunch. Their laughter and conversation can be heard throughout the kitchen.

The outreach counter in the dining room opens with 2 or 3 staff members available to answer questions, distribute mail, and provide requested items such as hygiene products, blankets, and socks.



A case manager sees Tom going into the Fresh Choice Pantry, where he will be able to select fresh, refrigerated, and shelf-stable items for his household.



A newly housed client visits the "household pantry" above our garage with her case manager to choose new towels, dishes, comforters, etc. needed for her apartment.

Fred completed a substance use evaluation last week and is on a waiting list to start treatment. He checks in with his counselor, who will drive him to treatment when a spot opens up.



Guests start to form a lunch line which is served cafeteria-style by volunteers from 11:30am-12:30pm. Guests "dine in" or take their meal "to go".



2024 BY THE NUMBERS

55,479 OUTREACH SERVICES PROVIDED

440 HUNGER RELIEF VOLUNTEERS PER MONTH

75 PLANTS IN THE HOPE GARDEN

881 VISITS TO THE FRESH CHOICE PANTRY

501 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN LINCOLN

47 INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS IN LINCOLN

100+ PEOPLE IN SAFE HOUSING THROUGH MATT TALBOT PROGRAMS

92,386 ON-SITE NUTRITIOUS MEALS

247,632 MEALS THROUGH ON-SITE MEALS AND FOOD PANTRIES

\$300 FOOD COSTS FOR ONE MEAL SERVED AT MATT TALBOT

5,681 LOADS OF LAUNDRY AND SHOWER SERVICES

3,534 PIECES OF MAIL, MESSAGES, AND TELEPHONE CALLS

19,623 INSTANCES OF CASE MANAGEMENT

365 DAYS OPEN FOR PREPARED MEALS

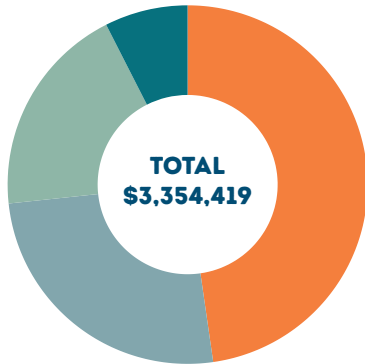
246 AVERAGE ON SITE MEALS EVERY DAY

184 FREE SUBSTANCE USE EVALUATIONS

3,183 PEOPLE SERVED

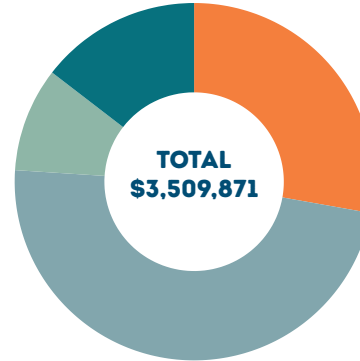
STEWARDSHIP

REVENUES & OTHER SUPPORT



- 47% DONATIONS
- 25.6% SPECIAL EVENTS
- 19.2% GRANT REVENUE
- 7.5% INVESTMENT INCOME
- 0.7% MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

EXPENSES



PROGRAM EXPENSES

- 27.8% HUNGER RELIEF
- 48.2% OUTREACH

SUPPORT SERVICES

- 9.5% MANAGEMENT & GENERAL
- 14.5% FUNDRAISING

COMPLETE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT AVAILABLE
AT [MTKO.ORG/ABOUT/FINANCIALINFORMATION](https://www.mtko.org/about/financialinformation)

THANK YOU!

Since our founding in 1992, thousands of volunteers and donors have joined together to provide nutrition, homeless prevention services, and hope to individuals and families struggling with hunger, homelessness, and poverty.

Because of your generosity, the guests of Matt Talbot are finding renewed hope, restored dignity, and access to the resources they need to move forward. Together we are making an impact, and we will keep working until every person in our community has access to nutritious food and a safe place to sleep at night.

Thank you for your partnership and for believing in this compassionate work. Our collective efforts are making our community stronger.

**WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS AND BOLD HOPE,
THE MATT TALBOT TEAM**

Olyvia Victoria Anthony Jim Lori
Taisy Michelle
Susie Shaundra Mon Liz Biam Audrey
Karissa Jeanne Sonica Sheri Jane





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