



MUNCIE MISSION

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2017

# A YEAR OF TRANSITION



Transitions take place every day at the Muncie Mission. It's what we do. Every person who turns to the Mission for assistance is in some type of transition. Whether it is transitioning out of homelessness, away from addiction, or reentry to independent living and employment, there exists a daily flux of change. And through your support in 2017 you made a difference in lives of real people. There are men and families whose history will be altered because when you invested in them, they received the training, support, tools and love to live life transformed.

While the work of the Mission is to facilitate moving individuals from constant human suffering to a sustainable life of flourishing, 2017 was a year of transition for the Muncie Mission. Adjustments were made to better meet the cares of the poor and needy of our region as we look to the future. I am pleased to present to you a snapshot of the transformations as a result of your faithful support.

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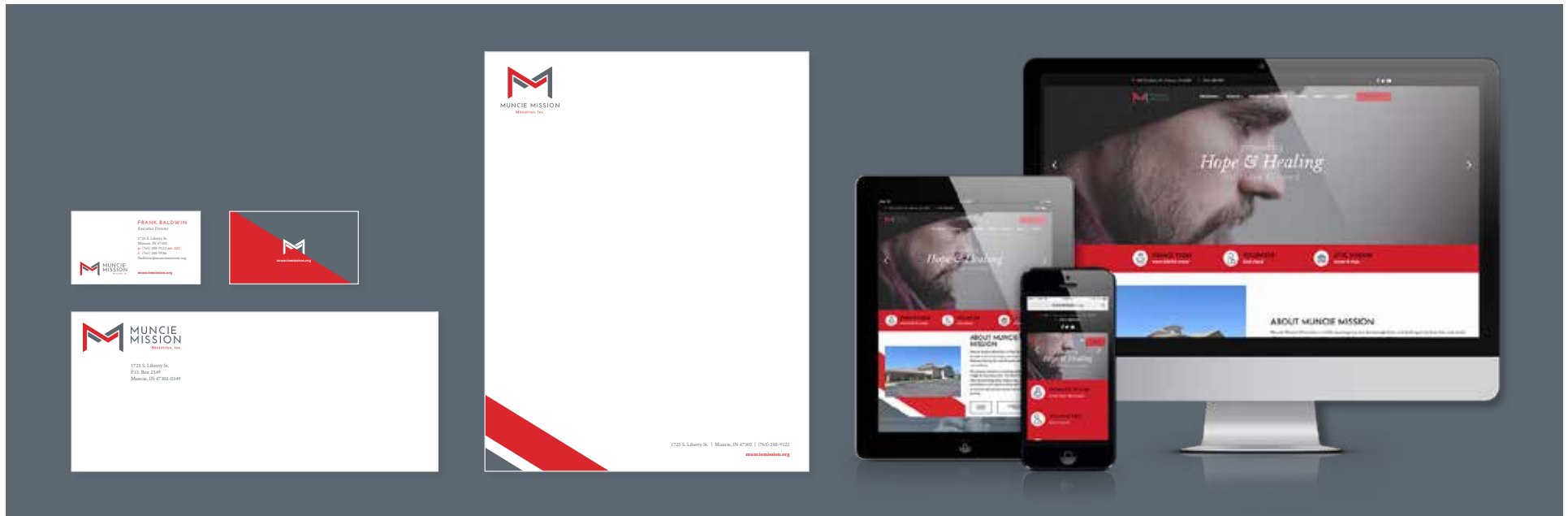
Frank Baldwin  
*Executive Director*

# A DIFFERENT LOOK



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Relationships are important to the Muncie Mission. There are relationships with clients, relationships with donors and advocates, and relationships with those who volunteer. Therefore, the identity of the Mission should reflect this value and a new logo was designed. The transition to the new logo in August 2017 visually tells the Mission's story. At first glance, the interlocking "M's" for Muncie Mission are evident, but perspective is interesting. Looking at it differently, imagine two people standing side by side with their arms interlocked, in a relationship. One is broken, one is whole. One is red depicting Hope through the sacrificial love of Christ. The broken arm is receiving relational support from Christ, the Mission and a community of supporters and volunteers. The transition to this logo reflects the compassionate services provided to the poor and needy in our community.



## FINDING FORGIVENESS

Andy spent his formative years in southern California raised by his father, a military man and single parent. At age fourteen, his family relocated to Muncie to be closer to grandparents. While in high school, he began attending parties, drinking alcohol and occasionally using cocaine. This led to experimenting with harder drugs. After his father's health deteriorated, Andy moved home to be his caregiver until his eventual passing. Alone, grieving and self-medicating, his life spiraled out of control. Drugs and alcohol consumed him. His lifestyle led to two prison sentences. The year 2015 was a year of change. High on drugs, Andy lost consciousness and fell down a flight of stairs. While hospitalized from the overdose and injury, a caring friend encouraged him to seek help through the recovery program at the Mission. He had a preconceived opinion of the Mission and reluctantly checked in. He now says it was the best decision he ever made. Coming to the Mission led him to hearing the gospel of Christ and experiencing the freedom resulting from a relationship with Him. As Andy studied scripture, he found the concept of forgiveness challenging; both forgiving others and the idea of God forgiving him. The counselors of the Mission helped him to understand this truth. When his dad had passed away, he was very angry with him for not taking better care of himself and holding on to that anger was a stronghold in his life of addiction. Finally, able to forgive his dad and understand he was loved by God he had a breakthrough in his life of recovery. As you support and pray for the Mission, you are helping others like Andy transition from strongholds and addiction to forgiveness and recovery.

# TRANSITIONAL LIVING

The transitional living program was developed as a result of program graduates expressing challenges they face when re-entering society. The program expanded in 2017 as rehabilitation began on homes at 1804 S Liberty Street and 403 W Memorial Street. These are for residents of the transitional living program, called Discipleship Trail. The single-residence homes enable them to ease into independent living and employment. Another component of this program is a challenging camping/hiking trip on the Knobstone Trail in southern Indiana to experience practical application of concepts learned in their curriculum. Many recovery program graduates from 2016 have taken advantage of this program to assist in transitioning to their new independent life in Christ while maintaining stability and sobriety.

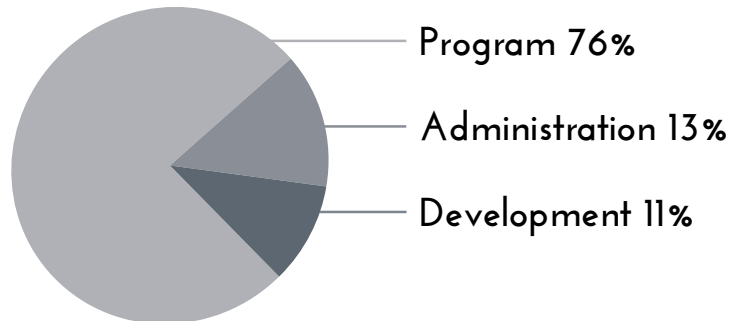


# EXPANDING OUR SERVICES

Muncie Mission Ministries is routinely asked, “Do you have a women’s program?” “When will you have a women’s program?” “This region needs a women’s program.” In the fall of 2017 the board of directors responded to appeals from our community and began the process of collaboration with Beauty for Ashes, a women’s transitional house in Alexandria. They were seeking support for administration and development, and the Mission was excited to expand into this vital service of meeting the needs of women and children. The merger took effect on January 1, 2018. We are blessed and grateful that two established ministries can collaborate in providing comprehensive care for vulnerable populations of our communities who need it most. Thank you for the tremendous difference you make in the lives of men, women and families in transition.

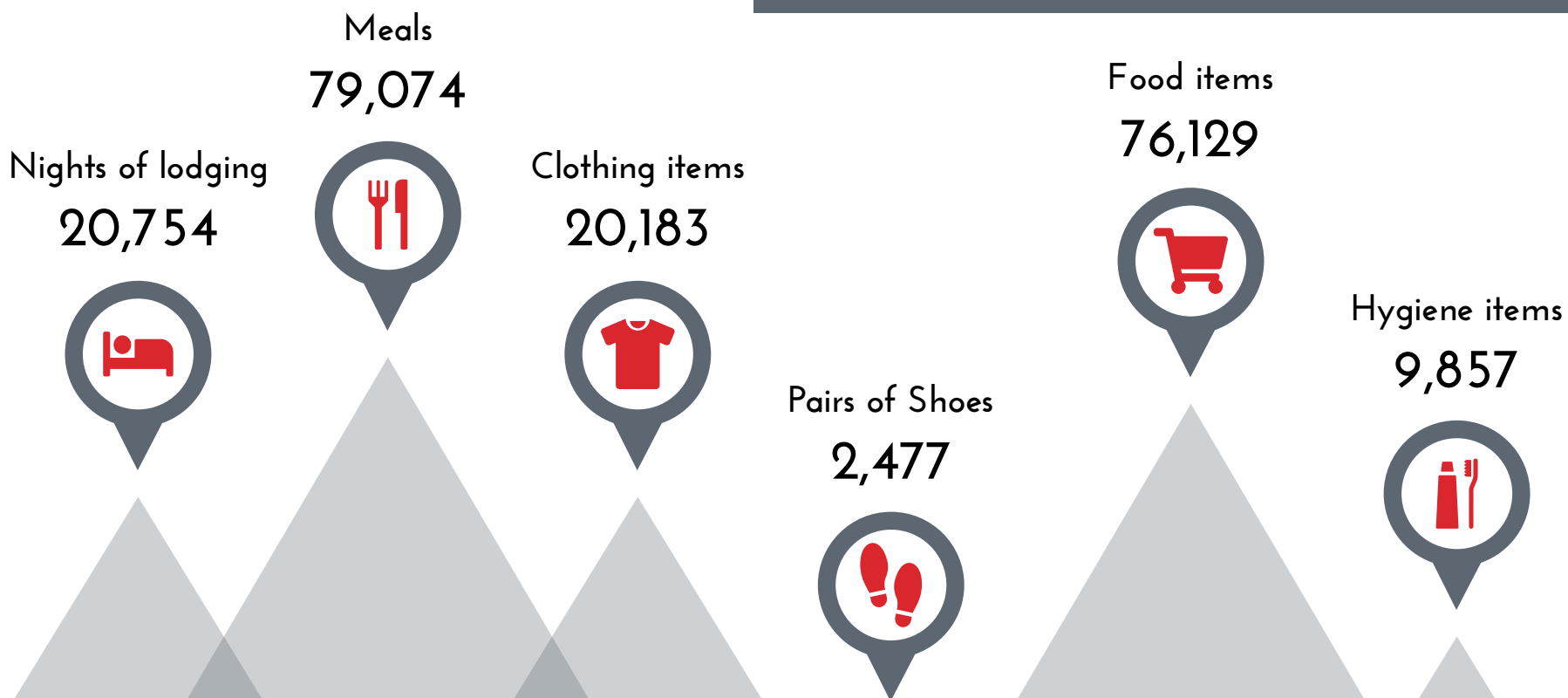


# EXPENSES



**\$95,327** Raised from 2017 Walk-a-Mile Event

# IMPACTS





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