



MUNCIE MISSION
Ministries, Inc.

SPOTLIGHT

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FROM ORPHAN AND ADDICT TO A LIFE RESTORED

Steve knows how quickly life can fall apart. Though he'd worked hard to provide for his family, everything he loved got stripped away.

"I got hurt at my job. I started doing physical therapy and taking Oxycodone for the pain." Before he realized it, Steve was addicted.

"I got to a point where I didn't have anything to live for," says Steve. He lost touch with his daughters and grandchildren. "I tried to commit suicide."

Thankfully, Steve's sister intervened and helped him find Muncie Mission Ministries. "Someone still had faith in me and still saw some good in me," he says. "It made me feel worthwhile."

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Nutritious meals and a safe place to sleep helped put Steve at ease. Over time, in our men's recovery program, he felt comfortable enough to open up about the trauma that drove him toward addiction.

"I grew up in an orphanage until I was almost five years old," says Steve. "I found out that I have a form of PTSD from that. I've grown up as an outsider. I didn't trust people."

The key to Steve's healing came as he felt safe enough to talk about his wounds, learn from the past, and learn new ways forward. "I gave this program my all," says Steve. "I was honest with people and shared a lot of things that I had kept inside."

"Now I care about myself and others. I've made apologies and amends. I have 3 years of sobriety and I mentor someone."



Steve has become an essential part of our Attic Window Thrift Stores. His talented hands can restore almost anything!

For so many men and women like Steve, homelessness and addiction can feel impossible to escape from. Caring relationships and ongoing support are essential to igniting hope in their hearts.

Thank you for your support to make all of our programs available to anyone in need. Your gift today can be the difference between a cold night alone and a warm welcome at Muncie Mission.

Your gift today will help more men like Steve turn their lives around – and it can all start with a hot meal and safe shelter at Muncie Mission this Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Gifts from 6/1/2021 through 8/31/2021

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SUPPORT OUR ATTIC WINDOW STORES!

Since 1930, Muncie Mission has been THE place *where everyone, and everything gets a second chance!*

From our Depression-era beginnings, neighbors donated their extra shoes, clothing, and household items to be shared with the poor and those desperately seeking food and shelter.

Those early decades were marked by alternating days for incoming and outgoing donations. As the years rolled on, the generosity of our community overflowed the old church basement.

In 1974, the first Attic Window Thrift Store opened to add a crucial stream of operating revenue for the



growing programs at the Muncie Mission. The new retail store and warehouse operation also offered valuable supervised work experiences for the men working to rebuild their lives. Again, the support from a generous community was overwhelming and more space was soon needed to support expansion.

Six days per week, friends and supporters can drop off their gently used clothing and household items at any of our store locations. Larger donations of furniture and appliances can be scheduled for in-home pickup online by visiting pickupmydonation.com.

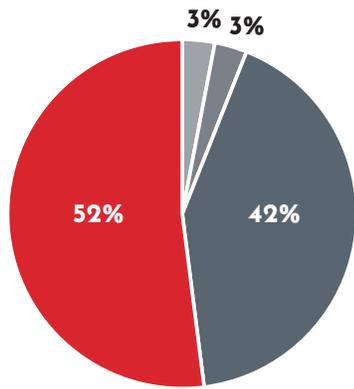
Every week, thousands of items are sorted and tagged by staff and volunteers, then added to the store inventory making each new day a unique shopping experience!

You might find a vintage concert t-shirt, trendy shoes, a lamp for your son or daughter's dorm room, or the missing figurine that completes your collection. You can even purchase brand new furniture on-site or through catalog orders at most stores.

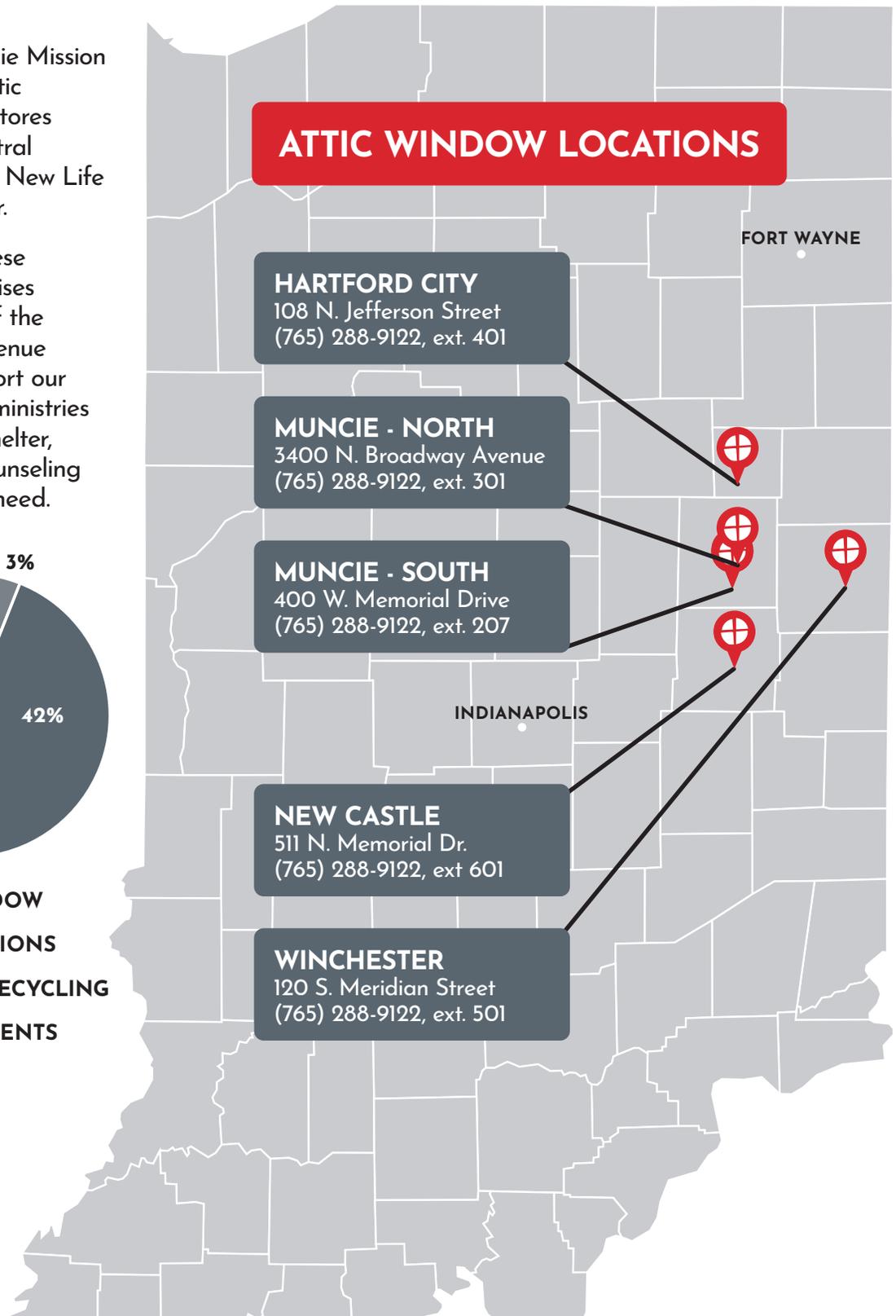


Today, Muncie Mission operates five Attic Window Thrift Stores across East Central Indiana and the New Life Recycling Center.

Together, these business enterprises generate 55% of the total annual revenue needed to support our compassionate ministries offering food, shelter, clothing, and counseling to neighbors in need.



- ATTIC WINDOW
- CONTRIBUTIONS
- NEW LIFE RECYCLING
- SPECIAL EVENTS



Transform lives this holiday season
by donating and shopping
at our Attic Window Thrift Stores!

SHARE GOD'S LOVE THIS THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS!

Grand community meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas are important holiday traditions at the Mission. You can be a blessing to others by helping us prepare and deliver meals to over 800 guests.

Many volunteers are needed! With delivery to shut-ins all across town, we are especially in need of drivers!

2 BIG MEAL DAYS:

- **THANKSGIVING** - Thursday, November 25
- **CHRISTMAS** - Sunday, December 19

4 WAYS TO BLESS YOUR NEIGHBORS:

- **KITCHEN PREP** - Help us with prep time before the holidays or arrive early on meal days to cut vegetables and fill the ovens!
- **SERVING LINES** - Two production lines will package meals for carry-out and delivery!
- **BAKE A PIE** - Help us gather 100 homemade desserts!
- **DELIVERY DRIVERS** - Share a warm meal with our homebound friends and neighbors!

Volunteer by contacting Shannon at 765.288.9122 x109 or sbryan@munciemission.org.

SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS JOY!

Your family, church circle, or school group can brighten the holidays for someone who is hurting this year. Join us in ensuring every guest can experience the love of God on Christmas morning with special gifts from a community that cares about their future.

MEN, WOMEN, AND FAMILY WISH LISTS

Each year, the men in residence at the Mission and the ladies at Beauty for Ashes are invited to share their wish lists for special Christmas gifts. Family wish lists for our neighbors in need are created through interviews with staff.

FAMILY BLESSING BASKETS

A laundry basket filled with hygiene or cleaning items can give a tremendous boost to a family who is struggling. Fill a basket with toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning wipes, trash bags, and laundry soap or washcloths and bath towels, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and deodorant.

Request a wish list by contacting Melissa at 765.288.9122 x104 or mavery@munciemission.org.

YOUR LIGHT IS SHINING BRIGHT!

The Christmas season has long been associated with light. So it's fitting that we celebrate Christ's birth just after the winter solstice on December 21st, the darkest day of the year.

Jesus saw His own ministry as bringing light into the darkness. "I am the light of the world," He told his followers. "Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

And he encouraged His followers to shine brightly, too: "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14).

For more than 90 years, Muncie Mission Ministries has worked together as a community of light-bearers to bring hope to people who feel lost in the darkness.

As you donate and volunteer, you're adding brightness to that light!

- **You keep our doors open 24/7** so anyone in need can find a place of welcome in crisis



- **You provide hospitality with meals** and a kind welcome.
- **You give comfort and dignity** through safe shelter, showers and clothing.
- **You guide people on a path forward** with resources and programs to restore their lives.
- **You make all of these resources easily available, free of charge**, so that everyone can find help who wants it.

Most of all, for the hundreds of men, women and children who rely on Muncie Mission Ministries each day, you ignite hope each day that tomorrow can be the start of a new life!

Thank you for shining your light with us,



Frank Baldwin, President/CEO

With your help today, our doors will always be open to neighbors in need.

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