

OUR MISSION:

To be the hands and feet of Jesus by providing a safe, temporary refuge and critical services to support individuals and families in healing, rebuilding their lives, and integrating back into the community.

CONTACTS:



(231)-347-0363



admin@nehemiahshelters.org
board@nehemiahshelters.org



www.nehemiahshelters.org



36 Bridge St.
Petoskey, MI 49770

STAFF

Executive Director: Brian Peters

Mary Margret Supervisor: Ceara Struck

Office Administrator: Gwen Rauch

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Leslie Melching, President

Becky Nohel, CPA, Treasurer

Jeff Peters, Secretary

Carole Griffin, Member

Nicole Eaton, Member

Dave Boor, Member

Mike Holifield, Member



Hello Nehemiah Project Supporters!

We would like to thank you for another year of caring for your neighbors in need, here in northern Michigan! 2024 was an amazing year with many challenges and celebrations. We have seen the number of people experiencing homelessness in our community continue to grow. With your support, we have been able to help people find warm meals, stay out of the cold, connect them with resources to help them rebuild their lives, and build relationships that nourish their spiritual and emotional wellbeing. Every person who comes to The Nehemiah Project hears the gospel, whether it is for a day or several months, our guests experience a caring Christian community.

Over the past year we have had to turn away over 150 people because we lack the bed space in our shelters. It is so heartbreaking every time we have to have to do this, but recently we have seen God's provision come through. In December 2024, we were able to purchase a parcel of land where we plan to build a new "lodge" and expand our offerings for the unhoused population in our community. We are so excited to take this next step of faith and see where God is going to take us!

The Nehemiah Project is truly a community project. We could not exist without volunteers helping on a daily basis. This past year we were blessed to have more volunteers than ever. Our innkeepers are the lifeblood of this ministry. They spend time with our guests in the shelters, caring for each person and building a relationship with them. Many of our guests are coming out of broken relationships and situations. It is so important to have solid Christian people in their lives that are living examples of God's love for them. We also have countless people involved preparing meals. It means so much to our guests to eat a home cooked meal prepared with love!

It would be an honor to give you a tour of our ministry and show you how your donations are changing lives significantly. We of course are always in need of more volunteer Innkeepers, and would love to discuss this role if you, or someone you know were interested. We will be sharing with our donors the developments of the new property plans as they become evident.

On behalf of myself, the Board of Directors, and The Nehemiah Project Team, we sincerely Thank you!

Brian Peters
Executive Director

A New Beginning, A New Creation!

KR came to us after she lost her apartment. She had isolated herself from society and did not have anyone to turn to for help. When talking about her first few weeks here, she describes her state of mind as "the lights were on, but nobody was home." She was disconnected, physically, mentally, and spiritually. But God met her at Mary Margaret House! During her time here, she accepted Jesus as her Savior. She recalled, "The environment here is so amazing. The innkeepers poured love into me, and they really lived out what they believed. It made me want that for myself!"

Jesus has radically transformed KR. Today, she walks around with joy emanating from her. She has her own apartment and job, serves in her community, and is deeply connected to her local church. She said, "Amazing things can happen at The Nehemiah Project. Losing everything brought me to God! This is my best year ever!"

2024 STATS



7113 Nights of
Shelter Provided



200 Guests
123 Men
64 Women

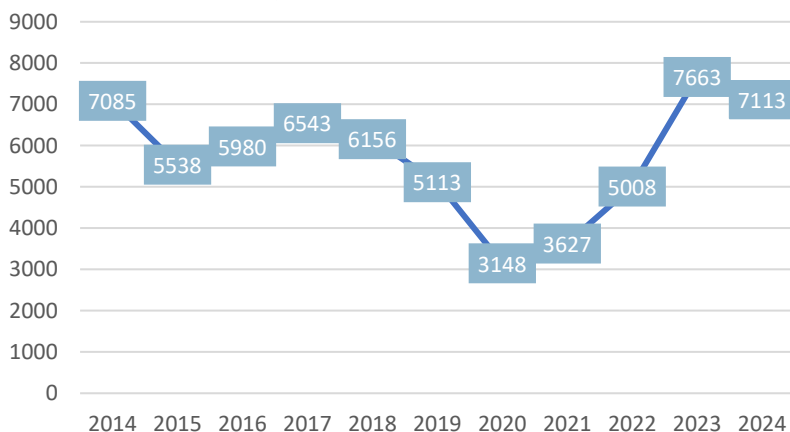


12,000+ Volunteer
Hours by
over 85 Volunteers

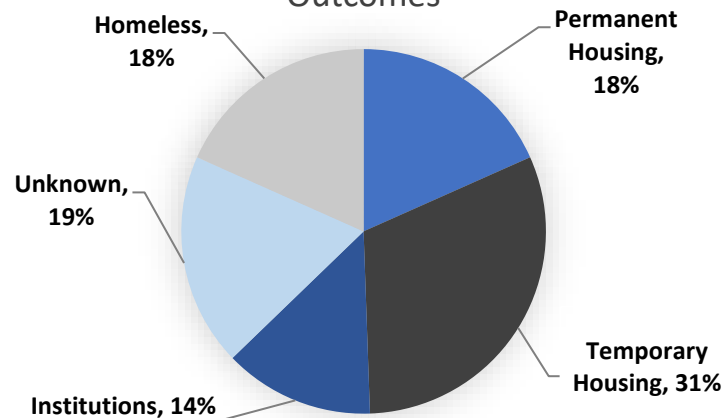


14,226 Meals
Served

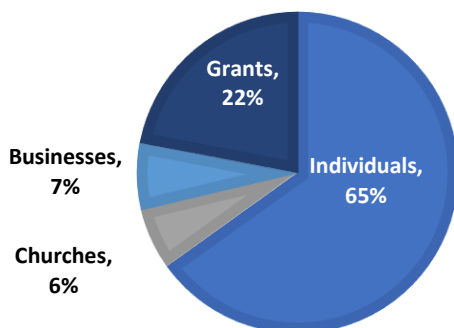
Bed Nights Over the Past 10 Years



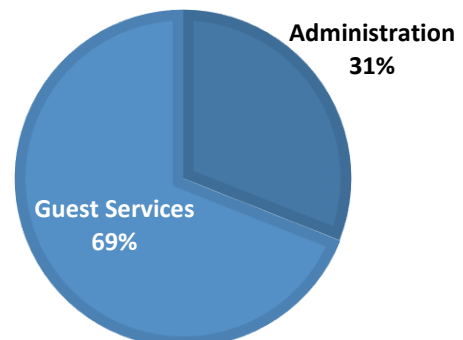
Outcomes



Where Donations Come From



Where Donations Are Used



The Nehemiah Project is a registered 501 (c)(3). We are privately funded and receives no government assistance or funding. Thank you for allowing us to provide an uplifting, Christian environment for our neighbors in need!