



# COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

FY 2023



**Saint Francis**  
SERAPH MINISTRIES

*Caring for Community | Advancing Change*

## ABOUT US

St. Francis Seraph Ministries is a sponsored ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Franciscan Friars have been serving the homeless and working poor in our community for more than 175 years.

## OUR MISSION

We nourish and nurture people in need. We are committed to building upon the legacy of the Franciscan Friars in our service to the poor and marginalized in Over-the-Rhine and surrounding neighborhoods.

## OUR PROGRAMS

Mother Teresa of Calcutta Dining Room  
Sarah Center  
Foot Care for the Souls

## THE MANY WAYS WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

St. Francis Seraph Ministries is part of a collaboration of nonprofit organizations joining together under one roof at St. Anthony Center to feed, clothe, and provide basic needs for people experiencing homelessness and poverty.

## YOUR GIVING, YOUR IMPACT

<b>353</b>	<b>87,100</b>	<b>13,750</b>	<b>\$412,000</b>
Daily Meals* Served	Total Meals Served	Total Volunteer Hours	Value of Volunteer Hours

\*Meals include both dining room meals and bag lunches. All numbers are totals for FY 2023.

- Foot Care for the Souls lovingly cared for 329 guests.
- The Sarah Center provided training and empowerment opportunities to 43 clients.
- About 900 volunteers gave of their time at least once, accounting for about 5,000 volunteer opportunities.
- 54 of our clients lifted themselves out of homelessness through our partnership with Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services.



## A YEAR OF CHANGE AND OPPORTUNITY

The past year was marked by big challenges and big changes. We are deeply grateful to you for standing by St. Francis Seraph Ministries (SFSM) as, together, we stood by our neighbors in need.

Every day, hundreds of people visit our Dining Room for hot, nutritious meals, bag lunches to go, and the warm hospitality for which Franciscans are known. Many guests are served by dedicated and compassionate volunteers who provide them with foot care, foot massage, new socks, and shoes. Our newest program, Stitched 2.0, teaches industrial sewing skills for those who wish to pursue a career in the textile industry.

As the demand for our services grows, prices keep rising, too. It simply costs more than ever to care for our brothers and sisters in need. Our incredible staff are excellent stewards who find creative ways to work within our budget. Your

steadfast support is vital to helping them meet the growing challenge.

“Steadfast” also describes the commitment of the new Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe to continue to serve Over-the-Rhine and carry on the Franciscan legacy here. The nationwide unification of the Order of Friars Minor brought about many changes for our local friars. For us, the transition brings an opportunity to renew our dedication to living in the spirit of St. Francis.

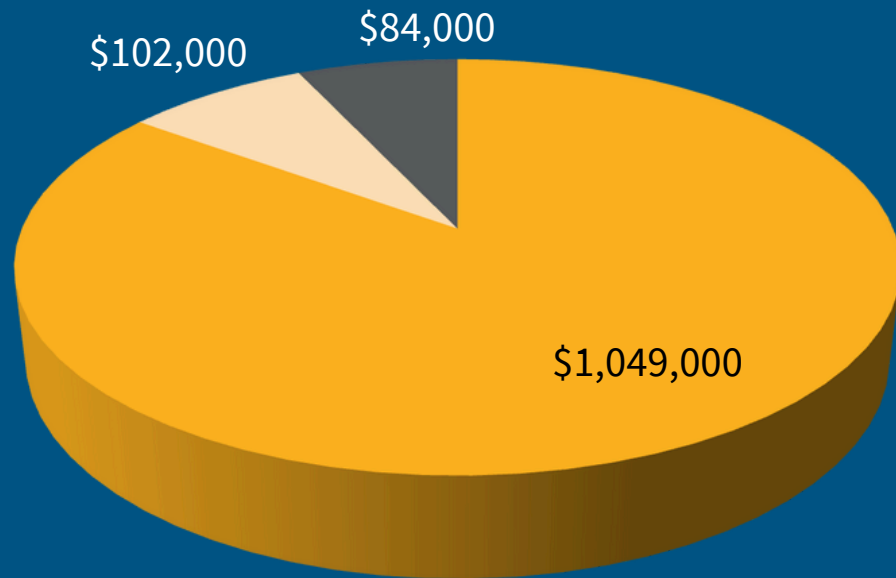
With that in mind, let us go forward feeling reinvigorated in our purpose and reignited in our passion for the mission that binds us together. Thank you for your support as partners in our mission.

Thomas Gruber  
Board President

# TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET: \$1,292,887

## 85% OF DOLLARS GO TO PROGRAMS

OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED 6/30/23: \$1,235,000



■ Program 85% ■ Administrative 8% ■ Fundraising 7%

### A New Source of Inspiration

St. Francis Seraph Ministries (SFSM) is proud to be a sponsored ministry of the Franciscan Friars, and we are excited about the new opportunities created by the establishment of the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Being part of a coast-to-coast province means more people will learn about — and be invited to support — the life-changing work we do at SFSM.

As we undertake strategic planning to shape SFSM's next three years, we will look for inspiration from the province's patroness, Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose compassion and advocacy for the oppressed and suffering call us to live in solidarity with the marginalized.

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For more information on SFSM programs and volunteer opportunities, please visit [sfsministries.org](https://sfsministries.org)

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