



**Saint Francis**  
SERAPH MINISTRIES

*Caring for Community | Advancing Change*



## 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.

# COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT **FY 2024**



**Dining Room**

**354** daily meals served

**87,224** hot meals served



**Foot Care for the Souls**

**349** individuals served

**180** pairs of shoes given



**Sarah Center**

**14** #Stitched# graduates empowered

**140** projects such as clothing, quilts, and more created

# Strategic Plan

Halfway through our 2024-27 strategic plan, we are deepening our impact by meeting the record-high demand for our services. At the same time, although we do not receive any federal, state, or local funds, we're facing higher competition for private funding in the wake of government cuts. In the next year, we foresee updating our strategic plan to adapt to the rapidly changing environment and be well-positioned for the future.

## Letter From Sofie Snauwaert, Board President

Over-the-Rhine (OTR) is special – not just for its vibrant restaurants, bars, and shops, but because it is home to agencies and ministries dedicated to serving those in need. Organizations like St. Francis Seraph Ministries provide essential support for individuals experiencing homelessness, poverty, addiction, or mental health challenges. We are honored to be part of this community, nourishing and nurturing those who are marginalized – our guests.



Sofie Snauwaert  
Board President

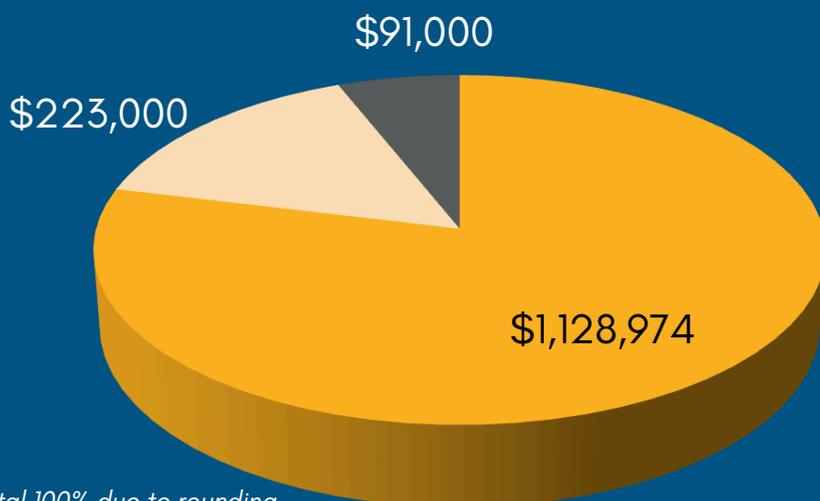
With your financial contributions and volunteer support, our dedicated staff has served over 87,000 meals to more than 2,700 individuals. Through programs like Foot Care for the Souls and the Sarah Center, we provide more than just meals – we offer dignity, compassion, and a sense of belonging. The power of a safe space, a wholesome meal, and a welcoming smile cannot be overestimated. For some, these simple gestures are the first steps toward a brighter future, made possible through collaboration with other vital agencies here in the St. Anthony Center.

The need has never been greater. Food prices continue to increase and more guests than ever rely on us for breakfast, a bagged lunch, and dinner. Your continued – and even expanded – support will enable us to meet these growing challenges and to extend our hand to even more guests in need.

For nearly 180 years, the Franciscan Friars have stood by those in need here in OTR. St. Francis Seraph Ministries is committed to continuing this legacy of service in the Spirit of St. Francis. **Together, with your generosity and prayers, we can bring even greater hope, healing, and nourishment to those who need it most.**

## Financials

- Program 78%
- Administrative 15%
- Fundraising 6%



Note: Percentages do not total 100% due to rounding.

# The Many Ways We Make a Difference

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 180 years. Here's a look at the work we do with your support:



*Mother Teresa of Calcutta Dining Room*



*Foot Care for the Souls*



*Sarah Center*

## YOUR GIVING, YOUR IMPACT

**12,043**

Total Volunteer  
Hours

**\$375,501**

Value of  
Volunteer Hours

# It Takes All of Us

Caring for our community's most vulnerable members is a team effort that includes our dedicated staff, selfless volunteers, committed board members, generous supporters, and our partners in the St. Anthony Center.

SFSM is part of a collaboration of nonprofit organizations joining together under one roof to feed, clothe, and provide basic needs for people experiencing homelessness and poverty.



## Meet Our St. Anthony Center Partners

**Center for Respite Care**, a 20-bed facility, offers extended care, as well as case management, so clients can heal after medical procedures and break the cycle of homelessness.

**Franciscan Ministries' Haircuts from the Heart** provides haircuts, beard trims, and hair care to boost clients' self-esteem, affirm their dignity, and help them look their best.

**Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services** equips clients to break free from addiction, obtain and maintain employment, and lead healthy, productive lives.

**Mary Magdalen House** gives unhoused neighbors a safe location where they can shower, do laundry, access a phone, receive mail, and connect to other vital resources.

**Welcome Home Collaborative** is a two-year program that offers transitional housing, life coaching, and a supportive structure that empowers participants to transform their lives.

## Want to Get More Involved?

For more information on SFSM volunteer opportunities, please visit [sfsministries.org/volunteer](https://sfsministries.org/volunteer) or contact Susan Walsh at [swalsh@sfsministries.org](mailto:swalsh@sfsministries.org) or 513.549.0542, ext. 284.

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