



A YEAR OF GRACE

2026 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate the 12th anniversary of Grace at the Green Light on June 1, I find myself reflecting on one of the most basic human needs: **community**.

At Grace, our mission has always been to meet the basic human needs of our neighbors. We often speak of those needs as food, water, and community. Food and water sustain the body, but community sustains the spirit.

For many of the people experiencing homelessness, the greatest struggle is not only poverty, but isolation and mental illness. Too often, they are disconnected from family, stability, and hope. That is why creating community is central to our work.

This spring, Grace brought clients to Jazz Fest, hosted a festival with a brass band for the unhoused, and held a crawfish boil. These moments may seem simple, but they are transformative. One client told us, "I was having a horrible day until the band started playing."

Those moments remind us that dignity, joy, and belonging are just as important as a meal or a bottle of water. Thank you for walking beside us and helping us build a stronger and more compassionate community for all.

With gratitude,

Chris Beary

Chris Beary
Founder & Board Chair



Client receiving his crawfish plate after enjoying the brass band during a community event.

NEW BEGINNINGS, BIGGER IMPACT

In November 2025, Grace relocated its services to the Ozanam Inn. We were deeply grateful for the warm and enthusiastic welcome extended by both the staff and guests. We continue to serve a full, hot breakfast daily through our **Meals With Love** program and reunite families through our **Going Home** program. We're feeding upwards of **250** individuals each and every morning. Since relocating, we have reached two huge cumulative milestones: we have reunited over **4,000 individuals** and served over **500,000 meals!**

This transition has enabled us to expand our reach and strengthen our support to vulnerable individuals facing the daily challenges of homelessness. We have seen a significant increase in vulnerable females, elderly, and medically disabled individuals since our transition. We've also increased our Alcoholics Anonymous meetings from three days a week, to **seven days a week**. We're so grateful for our partnership with the Ozanam Inn and the greater impact we're able to have through our collaborative efforts.



PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

To our many volunteers, donors, sponsors, and partners: **Thank you.** We can never say it enough. Without your Gift of Grace, our work would not be possible. Special thanks to the following major contributors over the last year, who have truly gone above and beyond to help those in our community who need it most:

Joe W. & Dorothy Dorsett Brown Fdn.
Chick Fil-A (Severn)
Chick Fil-A (Poydras)
Chick Fil-A (I-10 & Carrollton)
Christ Church Cathedral
City of New Orleans
Immanuel Baptist Church (Morgan City)
Crescent City Classic
Ray & Kay Eckstein Charitable Trust
Ed & Susan Zinni
Emery & James Insurance
Ella West Freeman Fdn.
Eugenie & Joseph Jones Fdn.

Baptist Community Ministries
Positive Legacy Fdn.
Quick Start Grill Co.
St. Anna's Episcopal Church
Unity of Greater New Orleans
Vintage Church
Westview Baptist Church
City Life Church
MissionLab
Tulane CPS
Isidore Newman School
Academy of Our Lady
Cool Brew Coffee

The Funky Tucks
Goldring Family Fdn.
Greater New Orleans Fdn.
Healthy Blue Louisiana
J Edgar Monroe Fdn.
Jennifer & Frank Hermantin
Jesuit High School
Louise S. McGehee School
Mark & Jenni Thibodeaux
Mary Family Fdn.
Bridge House
Flowers Bakery
Freestanding Communities

#facesofgrace

Meet Douglas

Douglas has been volunteering with us for nearly 3 years and has dedicated his mornings to cooking for our unhoused community members. After he was diagnosed with cancer he decided to live his life in the most meaningful way he could - by serving his community. Each week Douglas whips up a special dish to brighten the days of our clients. From serving to engaging with volunteers to coming to community events alongside us, Douglas has shown love and kindness to all those he meets. We are so grateful to have him as a supporter of our mission!

"The most important thing is getting food to the unhoused - there's no I in TEAM."



Meet Ni

Through our Going Home program we not only strive for family reunification, but also to empower our clients to share their stories of resilience. Ni has graciously shared part of her story with us. She has been navigating homelessness since she was a teen, and after her most recent living situation turned violent, she knew she wanted to forge a new path for herself. With our help, she has joined her sister in another state with plans to complete her GED and build a more stable future. Ni dreams of one day becoming a nurse or opening a day care center.

"Thank you so much for helping me get home, I am so excited to see my sister!"



Meet Anthony

Anthony came to Grace after losing his job and falling into homelessness. We were able to connect Anthony to much needed resources, and now he has gained housing and employment. After experiencing the hardships of homelessness first hand, he found a new perspective on life and had dedicated his free time to serving those in similar situations. In the past year Anthony has joined our team as a regular volunteer, raced for Grace in the CCC and is an active board member. We are grateful for his dedication!

"I fell on hard times and became unhoused, but with good help I was able to find resources."



2025: BY THE NUMBERS



CLOTHING/HYGIENE
ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

23,840



SERVICE
REFERRALS

2,850



MEALS
SERVED

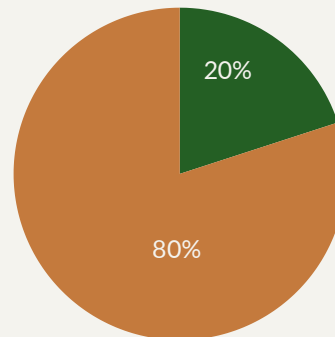
85,182



FAMILY
REUNIFICATIONS

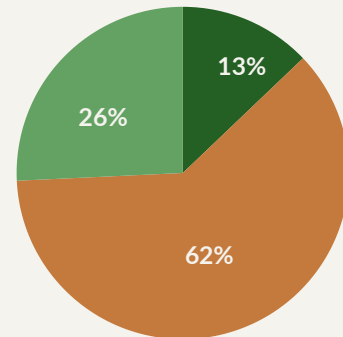
443

● Administrative & Fundraising
● Programs & Services



EXPENSES

● Individuals
● Corps. & Foundations
● Government



INCOME

*excludes in-kind & appreciation

2025 REVENUE:

\$865,113

4,000
Reunited



IN FEBRUARY WE REACHED A CUMULATIVE
MILESTONE FOR OUR GOING HOME PROGRAM

500,000
Meals



IN DECEMBER WE REACHED A CUMULATIVE
MILESTONE OF MEALS SERVED

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chris Beary (Chair)
Rich Arnold
Aquil Bey
C.J. Cavaliere
Catherine Cresson
Ana-Shea Fann
Kevin Ferguson

Lisbeth Fernandez
Anthony Graham
Anna Mercante
Michael North
Alexis Patell
Nick Perrett
Angela Riley

C. Russell Shearer
Steve Spurlin
Jennifer Thibodeaux
LaVerne Toombs
Tyson Vanlandingham
Alice Wright



GRACE AT THE
GREEN LIGHT

330 Carondelet St, Suite 202
New Orleans, LA 70130

504-239-4544
graceatthegreenlight.org