

The Hope Barrie Group of Ministries

IMPACT REPORT 2023 FUTURE READY 2024

CELEBRATING
10
YEARS



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A MOVEMENT OF HOPE

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People & Churches Sharing a Common Mission:

We're experiencing and fostering something *new* and *unique* in Barrie:
People from various churches and from all walks of life are partnering in the practical pursuit of a **shared mission**:

A Movement to help people become everything God created them to be!

(see John 10:10).

Together, we build and foster life-giving community among the marginalized and vulnerable of our City. At *Hope Barrie*, we believe that there is far more that unites us than divides us, whether that be the divide between the haves and have-nots, or the differences of the unique gifts and skills of individuals, or even the distinctives of different churches and denominations. We celebrate the harmony in our diversity as we share this essential mission in Downtown Barrie driven by one priority: the Gospel.

CELEBRATING



2024 marks ten years of bringing **Hope** to the hopeless in Downtown Barrie!

Thank you for partnering with us along the journey. The best is yet to come!

The opposite of poverty, addiction, homelessness, & despair is **Connection**.



Meeting with guests, Carole and Linda are from two different home churches in Barrie and serve at Hope.

MILESTONES of 2023

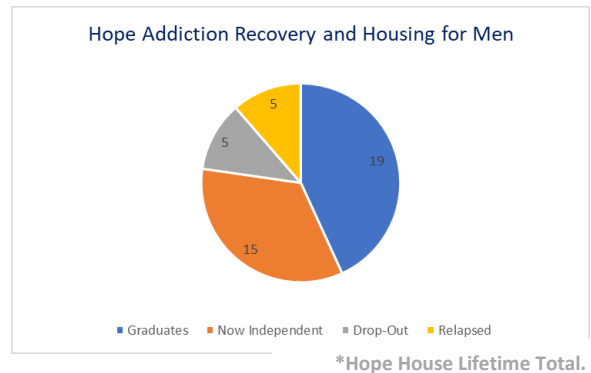
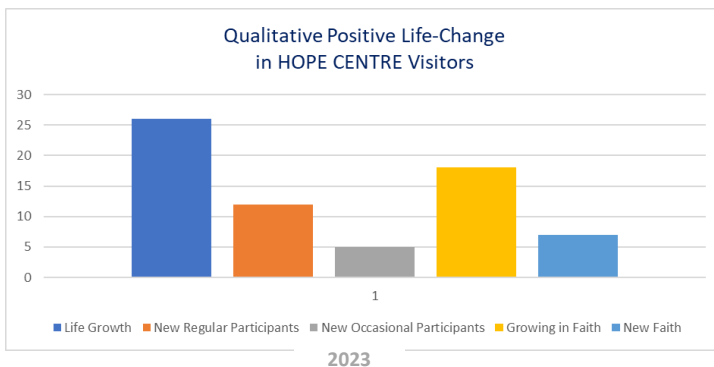
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We Cultivate what we Celebrate:

At *Hope Barrie* it's about **Movement**: When People OWN the Mission, lives change.

We value **meaningful measures of positive change** in peoples' lives more than counting how many people are attending a group or church service.

Our qualitative metrics measure growth in the lives of our community friends in their spiritual, emotional, relational, & physical lives and in their tangible needs like housing.



Here is One of our Favourite Success Stories in 2023:

Hannah* struggled with her mental health, and, as a youth, was placed in foster care. Then, at eighteen years of age, she found herself in the shelter system. Hannah describes the street-involved life as living day-by-day in “survival mode”: the shelter community is dangerous and fearful, and drugs, theft, and even violence are rampant.

TODAY, Hannah is graduating college as a Personal Support Worker, lives in safe and stable housing, and continues to be a contributing member of our *Hope Barrie* community. Hannah has hope for her future, and she has just been accepted into her next college programme to pursue child and youth work, and she just achieved her goal of obtaining her drivers' license! She plans to redeem her lived-experience to help others. Go, Hannah, Go!



* Hannah's story shared with permission.

SMALL GESTURES BIG IMPACT

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Meeting Needs One Person At A Time:

The **Grocery Assistance Programme** at *Hope Barrie* aims to supplement what food-insecure individuals and families receive from other sources. But most of all, our priority is to invite our guests into life-giving relationship in community.

The "Free Food Friday" programme is served by people who represent several different Barrie churches and the wider community, and is wholly supported by the community.



ABOVE Suzanne, from Barrie Free Methodist Church, serving at the Food Table. **BELOW**, increasing need.

2023



Fed: 1,997 People.
Average 38.6 / day.



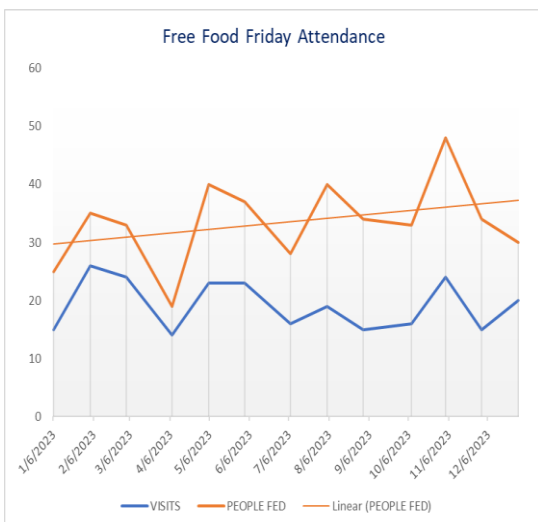
Distributed:
26,555 lbs in Groceries



Increase: 107% Jan '24
over Jan '23.



Gave: \$6,182 in food
@ Higher Grounds Coffee House.



Guests lining up for Grocery Assistance at the Hope Centre. Today, we offer a hot meal inside while they wait for their turn.

REFLECTIONS

Hope Barrie in 2023

DR. LES GALICINSKI, Chair of the Board



Thank you so much for your support of *Hope Barrie* last year! Your gifts enabled us to continue rebuilding our ministry presence in downtown Barrie after the pandemic. We have seen many people return and have noticed a deeper hunger for Spiritual meaning and purpose from the people we serve. Ministry among the marginalized and vulnerable sees a lot of ebb and flow, but one thing we hear repeatedly from the people we serve is this: As long as the Hope Centre and Hope Barrie are around, they feel that no matter what happens, there is always Hope.

KEVIN MAST, Exec. Director & Pastor



The effect that *Hope Barrie* has on the community is undeniable. We are a **movement** of people who are helping people to become everything that God created them to be, one life at a time!

Something that I am most pleased with in 2023 is the growth of our team: **We are attracting the partnership of people from other churches and from different walks of life who are taking ownership of the mission** among the marginalized and vulnerable in Barrie. People come to invest and to serve while remaining rooted in their home church community. **This is the grass-roots beginnings of a city-wide movement of Hope!**

The level of positive life-change that we are witnessing in our marginalized community, as you can see from our Milestones (above), the inspirational faithfulness of the people who serve, and the almost overwhelming amount of need in our City, keeps me coming back. **Imagine how much more we could do!**

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CHELEN , Manager, Higher Grounds



“Street Level “ @ Higher Grounds

- Mentorships;
- Community;
- Outreach.

Our Daily activity at Higher Grounds is eventful and rewarding in many ways!

A highlight of 2023 is that we brought on board some international students, giving us the opportunity to help them to improve their job skills and find belonging in our Hope-Full Community. We are helping them to succeed in Canada, and to meet some of their physical needs like groceries.

We're delighted that one of our staff members who has been with us since 2022 is graduating college with her PSW certification and will be moving out of Barrie in the fall to continue her studies (see her brief story on Page 2).

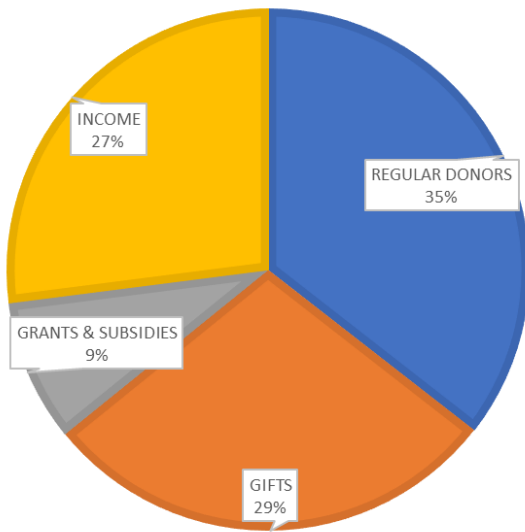
BY THE NUMBERS

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How We Operate Financially: We Live by Faith.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

REGULAR DONORS GIFTS GRANTS & SUBSIDIES INCOME



Only **35%** of our revenue came from individual, regular donors in 2023.

Almost 1/3 of our total revenue in 2023 came from one time, periodic and end-of-year gifts from generous people **outside** of our organization!

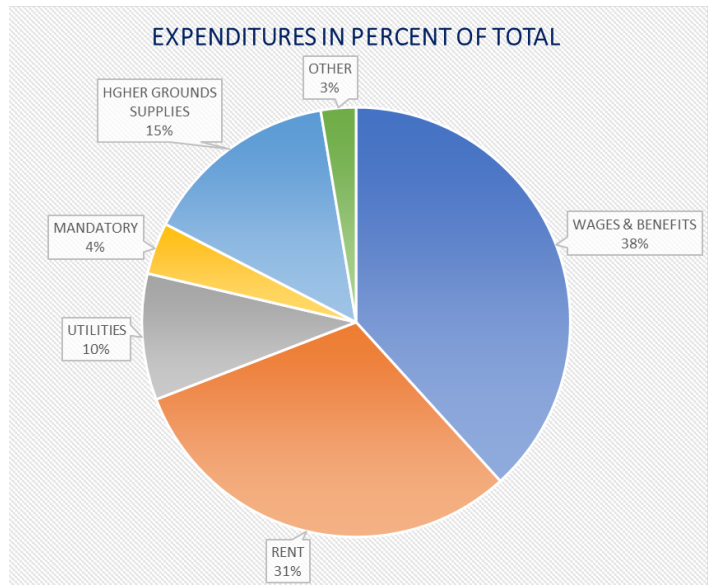
DID YOU KNOW that Hope Barrie receives **zero** government assistance? (except for a small grant to employ summer students and normal charitable tax rebates?)

97% of our costs are **100%** necessary (rent, utilities, insurance, fees, wages).

In 2023, **only 3%** of our total expenses were spent in areas such as Community Outreach, Benevolent Assistance, Support, Resources & Supplies, and Food.

DID YOU KNOW that our most needed & effective activity, Grocery Assistance, is **not even in our budget?! Imagine how much more we could do!**

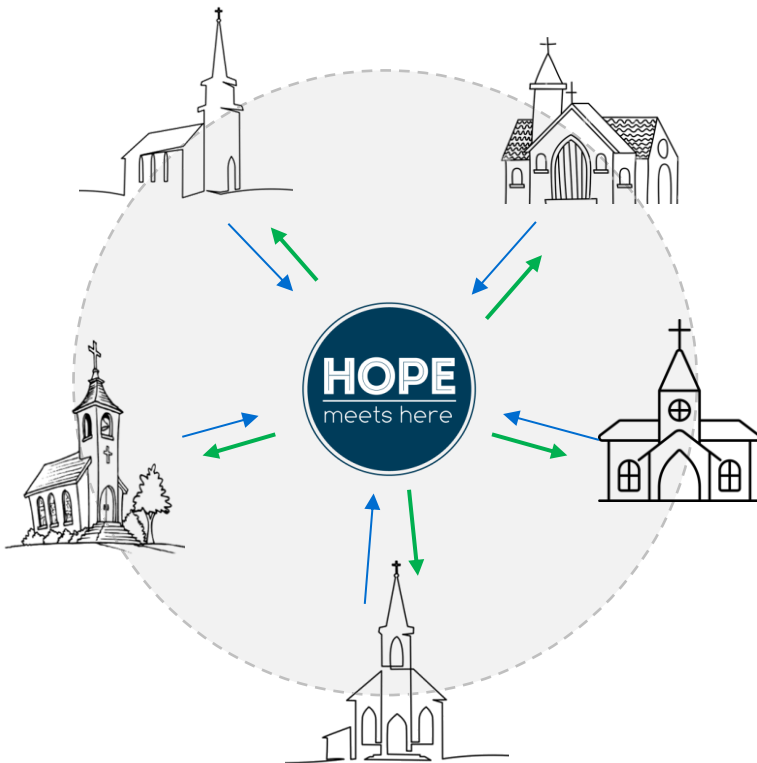
EXPENDITURES IN PERCENT OF TOTAL



WE'RE READY!

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We're Ready for a Movement of Hope! Are you?



It's Already Happening!

Churches and people are collaborating to bring more Hope to Downtown Barrie!

**We have a Shared Mission;
We have Shared Beliefs;
We have Shared Interests;
We have Shared Goals:**

... to bring Hope to the Hopeless in a Gospel-Centred way.

We're mobilizing people to minister among the marginalized in our city.

Faithful & Dedicated Followers of Jesus and a growing team of Church Leaders are serving the same mission, and reaping the fruit of new disciples participating at their churches. A growing passion of Gospel-centred, hands-and-feet Kingdom work is already permeating our partner churches.

***"There is so much more work to do.
Together, we can do so much more!"***

- Pastor Paul Mallot, Hiway Church

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How to Partner With Us:

Church Leaders:

Contact Kevin by email or phone. We will set up a meeting and/or a Ministry Visit.

Others:

Show up. We don't accept "volunteers" – We make friends! We are all about building relationships and fostering community. We want you to get to know us; We need to get to know you.

Ministry Idea?

Come and see us, and let's talk about whether your passion is a fit at Hope.

How to Support Us:



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