

FY23 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



THE
LAMB CENTER

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a letter from the **BOARD CHAIR**



Dear Friends of the Lamb Center,

Thank you for an amazing year!

Your ongoing support and prayers are vital to the Lamb Center and all contribute to the incredible blessings that happen here: meals provided, served, and enjoyed; hearts warmed through small groups and Bible studies; caring attention brought to individuals' case management needs; job skills developed; and so much more.

Our jobs programs with Fairfax City and Fairfax County are in their 5th year and continue to thrive. Four days a week the team of workers from the Lamb Center is out cleaning city and county parks including trash pick-up, pruning, weeding, mulching, and planting.

Great progress is being made on our housing initiative. We continue to work with our many partners to obtain the approvals and funding to build a 54-unit apartment building, and were delighted to learn in June that this project was awarded Low Income Housing Tax Credits, a major step forward in funding. Our community is called Beacon Landing, a name suggested and chosen by our guests as it represents to them the future with a light of hope and a place to call home.

This year has seen a significant increase (over 11%) in the number of guests that enter our doors. We are so grateful for your support. It is through the generosity of over 100 congregations, more than 1,500 individual donors, dozens of local businesses, hundreds of volunteers, and the hard work of our staff that we have been able to continue to serve our neighbors.

Your support is what makes the Lamb Center able to strive to fulfill its mission--"To live out the compassionate heart of Christ by serving our neighbors experiencing homelessness."

With gratitude,

Cathy Liverman
TLC Board Chair

about OUR SERVICES

The Lamb Center (TLC) is a daytime resource center for individuals experiencing homelessness in the central Fairfax area. Since opening its doors in 1992, the Lamb Center has welcomed and served thousands of guests. Our aim is to restore security and dignity through a variety of services and resources:

Breakfast and lunch
Showers
Laundry service
Case management
Bible studies

Housing and job counseling
Workforce development
Support groups
Nurse practitioner clinic
Dental clinic

The Lamb Center is sustained through generous community support from over 100 churches, more than 2,000 individual donors, dozens of local businesses, and hundreds of volunteers.

FY 23 COMMUNITY IMPACT AT A GLANCE



16,500
Guest
Visits



30,488
Meals
Served



224
Active
Volunteers



1,821
Unique Guests
Served



8,089
Loads of
Laundry



12,265
Volunteer
Hours

CASE MANAGEMENT

compassion in action

One morning, our Director of Case Management woke up to a flurry of text messages from her Lamb Center team, each one more alarming than the last.

"He fell trying to catch the bus."

"John is here. He's disoriented and in bad physical shape."

"He was just discharged from the hospital."

"He was supposed to have in-home health care, but it didn't happen..."

A month previously, "John," a star of the City Jobs team, came to work struggling for breath. Our Workforce Development Manager took him to Urgent Care, where John was transferred first to the hospital and then to rehab. Eventually, in the early morning hours, he was discharged from rehab without any supportive services. With no phone and in desperate need of help and food, he came to the Lamb Center.

The case management team spent the day in extremely concentrated teamwork, trading John from office to office. One case manager was coordinating with Medicaid to get a visiting nurse to his Veteran Affairs' subsidized apartment. Another case manager was replacing his lost phone. Yet another was arranging for home delivery of his oxygen. All these items and many more were needed for him to safely recover at home.

Not quite a month later, John's health stabilized. His oxygen levels became normal. He regained much of the weight he had lost and his primary care nurse practitioner cleared him to return to work. He is now applying to a grocery store adjacent to his apartment complex so he can walk to work!

This holistic care approach is offered to all of our guests who come to us seeking support and hope. Our case managers are dedicated to addressing diverse needs in the most comprehensive way possible.



340
**Engaged in Case
Management**



65
**Transitioned
Into Housing**

CITY JOBS PROGRAM

steps toward self-sufficiency

"Dan" came to us in February 2019. He was an imposing man with a sweet smile and a great deal of shyness. Dan had significant barriers to employment and leasing: he had never learned how to read, had no driver's license, and had a criminal record. However, when he joined our City Jobs Program, he was the hardest worker anyone had ever seen. Dan moved in and out of rapid rehousing, and was one of the fortunate individuals who was housed with emergency funds from the CARES Act during the pandemic. He moved into an apartment in September 2021.

Unfortunately, when the CARES Act funding ended in fall of 2022, Dan returned to living in his car. The Lamb Center was heavily involved with his case and several other similar returns to homelessness, working to prevent them from being recorded as evictions and helping these guests re-enter housing as quickly as possible.



A friend of the Lamb Center who was interested in Dan's work ethic and unfazed by his barriers hired him to work in general construction shortly after he experienced homelessness again. Thanks to that income, Dan successfully applied to a Fairfax County low income housing program and moved to permanent housing in February 2023.

Our workforce development program provides steps towards self-sufficiency for our guests, helping them overcome common barriers to employment like Dan's.



74
Participated
in Workforce
Development



17
Transitioned
to Regular
Employment

PARTNER IMPACT

together in the mission

At the Lamb Center, we get to bear witness to some full-circle moments, where someone who received services from us gives back! One of those special moments happened in spring of 2023. Joseph Greenley, a former guest of the Lamb Center, has been in housing for many years now. He purchased needed items on our supply list and brought them by TLC in early May. It was amazing to see Joseph doing so well and giving back so generously to the Lamb Center.



Joseph Greenley's donation (May 2023)

In FY23, our faith partner organizations made a world of difference at the Lamb Center! We were blessed with generous financial partnerships with some of our faith partner organizations, such as Alfred Street Baptist Church and Saint Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church. We also received generosity through supply drives, such as Truro Anglican Church's water bottle drive in July, the hottest month of the year.



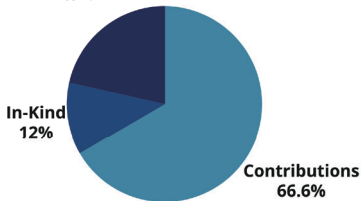
Truro Anglican water bottle drive (July 2022)

These partner stories are just a few of many we witness every day at the Lamb Center. Our mission is only made possible by the outpouring of gifts, supplies, volunteer services, and prayers from dedicated community partners!

Thank you!

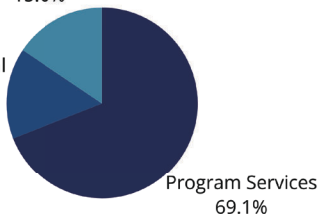
FY 23 FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Local government grants
21.5%



Fundraising
15.6%

Management and General
15.3%



revenue

TOTAL: \$3,063,425

Contributions

\$1,735,404

In-Kind Contributions

\$311,911

Local Government

\$559,623

Investment Income

\$456,487

expenses

TOTAL: \$2,144,565

Program Services

\$1,481,085

Management & General

\$328,947

Fundraising

\$334,533

FY23 LEADERSHIP PARTNERS



PREFERRED INSURANCE
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Burke Family

Friends of the Lamb Center

**In Memory of
Bruce & Barbara Reyle
and Vic & Joan Meyer**

**Mary & Steve
Cassaday
Charitable Fund**

**The Friends
of John White**

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

donate

Monetary gifts can provide lifesaving resources such as food, mental health services, identification documents, and more.

supply

Donations of food, clothing, personal hygiene items, and more allow our guests to experience improved quality of life and a restored sense of dignity.

volunteer

Our incredible volunteer team serves our guests daily, providing community as well as resources to all those who visit.

pray

Mighty prayers are the true heartbeat of the Lamb Center! Your prayers for our guests, staff, volunteers, and partners are felt daily and greatly appreciated.

Visit thelambcenter.org to learn more and get involved today!



Thank you!

Because of generous community partners and donors, our ministry is on the move. The Lamb Center is proud to be centered in radical hospitality, serving individuals from all walks of life for over 30 years. Stay tuned for news on Beacon Landing, our permanent supportive housing community, which will offer stability and hope to our unhoused neighbors.

Tara Ruzkowski

Tara Ruzkowski, Executive Director

