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OUTREACH MISSION
A Safe Shelter and a Path to a Home

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Welcome Letter

Dear Friends & Supporters,

At Rescue Outreach Mission (ROM), our work is guided by a simple but powerful belief: everyone deserves a safe place to call home. This belief shaped every decision, response, and act of service throughout the past year.

As housing instability and increased rents continued to rise across our community, ROM remained a place of safety, dignity, and hope for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

When the need increased, our response did as well. This year, we served a record number of people, and throughout the year, our team worked tirelessly to ensure that those seeking shelter were met with respect, compassion, and dignity.

Each night, our team goes beyond meals and a bed, offering stability, encouragement, and hope for the future. While we meet urgent and immediate needs, we also stay focused on long-term solutions through strong partnerships and expanded opportunities that help people move from crisis to housing and self-sufficiency. Every life touched reflects our belief that homelessness is not a destination, but a moment that can be changed.

This work is only possible because of the extraordinary dedication of our staff, board, volunteers, and the generosity of donors, community partners, and advocates who believe in our mission. Your support affirms that hope and housing are achievable when a community comes together with purpose. The work is not easy, but it is meaningful. And together, we are making a measurable difference.

As we look ahead, Rescue Outreach Mission remains committed to expanding access to housing, deepening collaboration, and responding with urgency and compassion because everyone deserves not just shelter for a night, but a safe place to call home.

Thank you for standing with ROM and for helping make this vision a reality.

With gratitude,

Chris Ham
Chief Executive Officer
Rescue Outreach Mission

Our 2024/2025 Impact

People Housed	**227**
Nights of Shelter Provided	**39,326**
Nights of Shelter for Children	**9,336**
Children Served	**200**
Individuals with Case Management	**698**
Individuals with Emergency Shelter	**1,270**
Meals Prepared	**117,978**

Big Accomplishments

- **Monthly Financial Workshops:** Launched in partnership with local financial institutions, helping guests build a stronger understanding of personal finance and long-term stability.
- **5th Annual Jingle Mingle:** Celebrated the fifth anniversary of our beloved Christmas gathering, bringing joy and community to all our guests.
- **Big Nova Foundation Partnership:** Received a substantial three-year gift beginning in 2025, enabling us to expand case management services and serve more individuals in need.
- **Kitchen Upgrades:** Completed key kitchen improvements, including the installation of our first ice machine, reducing operational costs by eliminating the need to purchase ice.
- **Target Circle Program:** For the first time, ROM was selected to participate in Target Circle's give-back program, raising $4,000 for our operations.
- **Veterans Advisory Council of Seminole County:** Joined regional efforts to address veteran homelessness, recognizing that veterans experience housing instability at disproportionately high rates.
- **Individual Volunteer Program Launch:** For the first time, ROM can accommodate individual volunteers, opening new doors for community members who want to give back.
- **Empowering Good Badge:** Completed the Empowering Good Nonprofit Capacity Building Program, offered by the Edyth Bush Foundation, strengthening our organizational sustainability.

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Real Stories, Real Impact

Kenneth: A Familiar Place, A Fresh Start

For years, Kenneth drove past ROM without realizing one day he would need its help. After a difficult period caring, he sought the shelter and guidance from case managers. He was able to rebuild and move into an apartment of his own, proving that with the right resources, a fresh start is possible. **Read the whole story:** *https://romcfl.org/our-success-stories-meet-kenneth/*

Gail: Answering the Call

Inspired by her faith, she began volunteering at Rescue Outreach Mission, Gail shows up week after week to help wherever she's needed. From preparing meals to supporting daily operations, Gail's dedication reflects the powerful role volunteers play in helping guests find direction, stability, and hope. **Read the whole story:** *https://romcfl.org/volunteer-profiles-thank-you-gail-harbeck/*

Lara: Finding Her Purpose

Lara Jackson first joined Rescue Outreach Mission as one of the organization's earliest team members. Today she helps shape the guest experience, manage volunteers, and support community events, helping guests rebuild their lives and celebrating each milestone along the way. **Read the whole story:** *https://romcfl.org/do-you-know-lara-jackson-our-event-development-manager/*

Major ROM Events

Event	Presented By	Date	Amount Raised
Gratitude in Action	Orlando Health	October 9, 2025	**Less than $100,000**
Round-Up for Charity	Talk of the Town Restaurant Group	Throughout August 2025	**Over $65,000**
Rescue on the River	Wharton-Smith, Inc.	April 5, 2025	**$30,000**

Gratitude in Action

Round-Up for Charity

Rescue on the River

Bronx House Pizza Day

Bob Ross Paint Out

Hollerbach's Meat Bingo

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Meet the Team

The Rescue Outreach Mission is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving the men, women, and families who are experiencing homelessness in Seminole County and throughout Central Florida by providing a safe shelter and resources to find a safe path to permanent housing.

Chris Ham
Chief Executive Officer

Krystine Schafer
Chief Operating Officer

Lara Jackson,
Event and
Development Manager

Gene Musser
Development Officer

Trixie Rogers
Community Engagement
and Development Manager

Kaitlyn Lindsay
Program Manager

Ivan Lopez
Operations Manager

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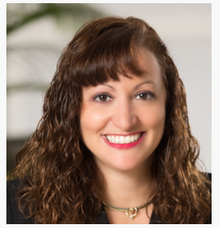

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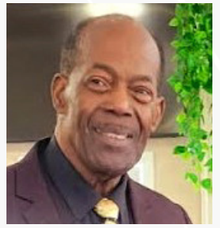
The Orlando
Law Group



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Rescue Outreach
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