

# The Bangor Area Homeless Shelter

2024

## Annual Report





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# Our Mission & Vision



## *Our Mission*

The Bangor Area Homeless Shelter is a dry shelter whose mission is to support and strengthen the community by providing emergency shelter and supportive services to people who are homeless or at risk and to advocate for collaborative, locally driven solutions to end homelessness.

## *Our Vision*

To have achieved our goal where all guests at the Shelter are transitioned into suitable, stable, housing in 30 days or less.

# Top Donors for 2024

*Thank You!*

Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation

John Darling

Edward Darling

Harris Matthews Charitable Foundation

John T. Gorman Foundation

Hannaford Supermarkets

Hampden Congregational Church

Bangor Savings Bank Foundation

James Cohen

Maine Association Of Realtors Foundation



# Thank You to our Sponsors!

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— BANGOR —



**Northern Light Health**<sup>SM</sup>



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CATERING CO



**DESIGN WALL HOUSING**



**All Souls**  
Congregational Church



Bob  
&  
Mary-Beth  
Allen

*Thank you*

# Executive Director Letter

Dear Friends and Supporters,

It is amazing how quickly time flies by. The Bangor Area Homeless Shelter has been assisting community members experiencing homelessness for thirty-nine years already. I find it even more remarkable when people that our organization has helped throughout the years visit and share their testimonies about how the Shelter helped change their lives for the better. We also see many return to volunteer or donate because they want to give back.

In 2021, BAHS began offering Diversion services. Diversion works by problem solving with individuals who are seeking Emergency Shelter services to see if they have any alternatives available to a Shelter stay such as landlord/tenant mediation, helping with past due rent, or paying for a bus ticket to help reunite individuals experiencing homelessness with their natural supports who may be located in another area; just to name a few. In 2024, fifty households avoided becoming homeless because of this program.

Our Housing Manager has also been busy. A total of sixty-five individuals obtained safe, permanent housing through our Emergency Shelter Program. I am grateful to our staff, donors, and all the organizations who collaborate with BAHS to give community members a hand-up when they need it; it is life-changing.

Thank you for supporting our mission to address homelessness in our community. I am looking forward to another successful year of serving.

Sincerely,



Boyd A. Kronholm, LSW  
Executive Director





# Board & Staff Members

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*Administrative Assistant*

Amy Smith  
*Bookkeeper*

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*Shelter Aide*

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*Shelter Aide*

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Shaylynn Bither  
*Shelter Aide*

Tim Nichols  
*Shelter Aide*

Todd Townsend  
*Shelter Aide*



# Statistics

**65** Individuals Received  
Permanent Housing

**26,560** Meals Served

**50** Individuals Diverted  
Homelessness

**3,029** Individuals served  
in the Food Pantry

**12,086** Bed Nights  
Provided

**1,483** Households served  
in the Food Pantry

**310** Guests Lived  
in the Shelter

**305** Individuals Utilized  
Warming Center

*During the Year of 2024 BAHS provided Emergency Shelter to...*

35 Veterans

152 Individuals who had a history of experiencing domestic violence

242 Individuals who reported having a diagnosed mental health disorder

35 Individuals who reported having Alcohol Use Disorder

63 Individuals who reported having Substance Use Disorder

113 Individuals reported having a chronic health condition

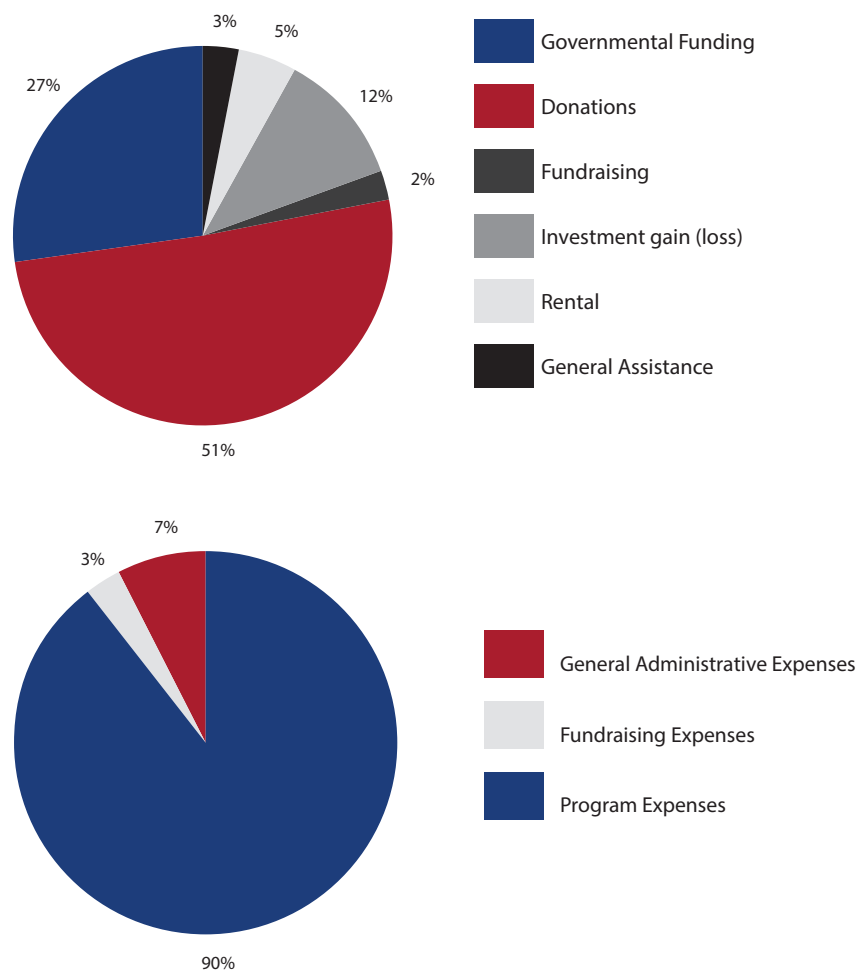
45 Individuals who reported having a developmental disability

69 Individuals who reported having a physical disability



# Financials

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the Shelter received 53% of it’s revenue from the support of community members, area businesses, and municipalities. The Shelter would not be successful without the dedication of it’s staff and volunteers. The community support is ever apparent in the values presented in the annual financials. The Shelter was able to return 90% of overall support back into the life-changing programs such as the Warming Center and transitioning guests to stable housing. The Shelter continues to successfully run these programs and serve those at risk of homelessness and/or food insecurity within the community.



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# Hike for the Homeless

Dear Greater Bangor Community,

On behalf of the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter, we want to thank everyone who made the 29th Annual Hike a success! We're pleased to share that Hike raised \$36,581.00. This event is our largest fundraising event that helps us to raise funds for operating costs vital to providing support and resources to those experiencing homelessness.

Thank you to the sponsors, donors, community partners, volunteers, and individuals who believe in our mission and show up with compassion and unmatched energy. Your presence and engagement made a meaningful impact by creating a united spirit, bringing greater visibility to the community and those experiencing homelessness. It reminded us that when we all come together with a shared purpose, real change is possible.

We invite you to stay connected with us as we continue this important work. Together, we can build a stronger, safer and more compassionate community for all. Thank you for believing in our mission to support and strengthen the community by providing supportive services to people who are homeless or at risk, and to advocate for collaborative, locally driven solutions to end homelessness, and being a part of it. We hope you'll join us next year in April for the 31st Annual Hike for the Homeless.

Sincerely,

Mishael Romanelli

Hike Committee Chair/ President Bangor Area Homeless Shelter Board







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