

Together

we have made
a difference!

Thank you to our incredible donors
volunteers, and team members for
transforming lives in 2024.



Kerr Street Mission
Oakville's Mission of Hope



IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

Christmas
Wonders
AND BEYOND

Thanks to your tremendous
generosity we reached

100%

Christmas Wonders
and Beyond Goal!



WHICH
IS UP
11%
FROM LAST YEAR

We had

213

 VOLUNTEERS

who helped coordinate the acquisition
and distribution of gifts, which equaled

OVER **1153** HOURS
of volunteer
support!



567

CHILDREN
received toys
and pyjamas

+

68

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
received gifts *for the first time*,
thanks to local High School
Secret Santa Gift Drives

A Note of Thanks...

"I could never down-play what a difference the initiative of Christmas Wonders makes to my family! It puts the magic back in Christmas.

As a Mother, to be able to enjoy the holiday without the constant guilt of not being able to fulfill my son's "letter to Santa" cannot be described in words.

For my son, the privilege to wake up Christmas morning with excitement, joy and lasting memories can never be replaced. I am so endlessly grateful for the opportunity to have a magical Christmas!"

Sarah
KSM Member



YOUR GENEROSITY CHANGED LIVES – THANK YOU!

At the end of each year, I always take time to reflect on the past year and to consider the year ahead. Again, this year I was struck by the incredibly generosity and commitment from our community, for our community. It is a privilege and a blessing to work in a community that cares for others in such a profound way! Thank you!!!

I hope you know that your support has made a difference. You may have seen in the news that many food banks have had to cut back the amount of food provided to families because of the increased need. We have been able to keep up with the demand (so far) and in February we were able to add an additional protein pack to our Choose Fresh program. For many years, our Family Service staff have talked about mental health issues that people are challenged with. For some it is a factor that led to their current financial struggles. For others, the stress of their financial struggles has negatively impacted their mental health making their lives more difficult. We were thrilled to be able to add a Mental Health and Well-Being Coordinator in the fall and are excited about the difference this will make moving forward. This past year we invested in efforts that would help us build more connected and stronger communities. It has been wonderful to see our community of support come to life as deeper and more meaningful friendships form.

As I write this, I am reminded of the words from Mother Teresa: “I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.” Thank you for the many ripples that you have created through your love and compassionate support!

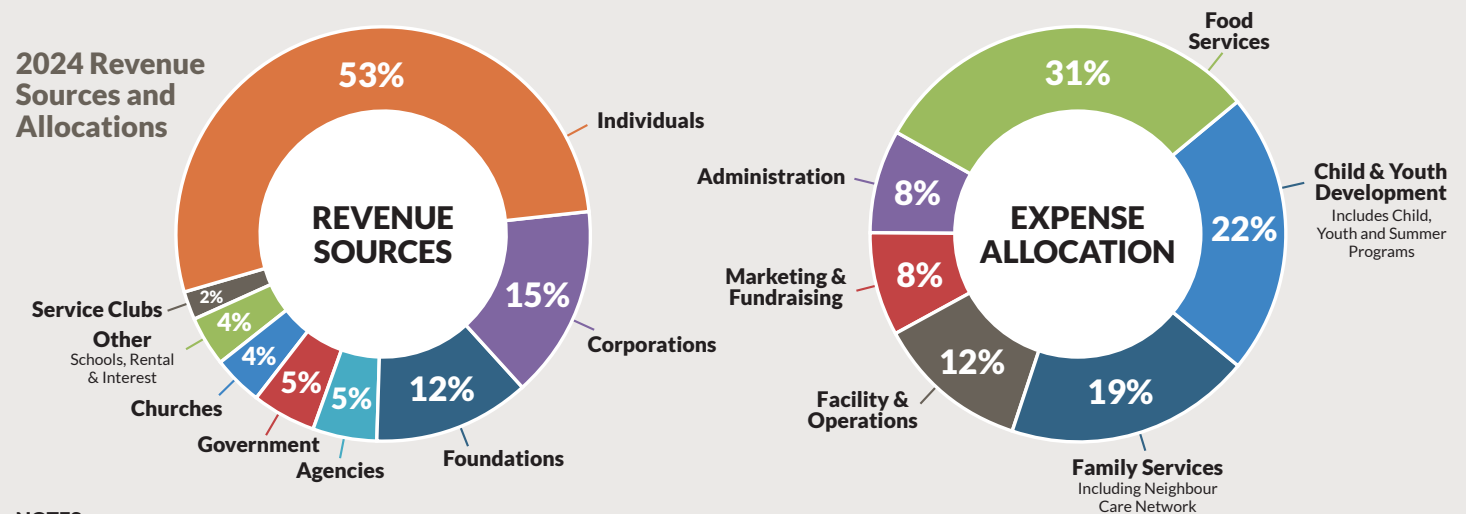
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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thanks to your extraordinary support, donations covered an impressive 96% of our operating expenses for the year. Through careful resource management, we maximized impact while maintaining financial responsibility. Your contributions made all the difference, and we couldn’t be more grateful for your partnership in advancing our mission.

Core program attendance continues to increase, with many near capacity. The KSM Market now consistently supports over 1,000 members each week, and our Choose Fresh program experienced an astounding 46% increase compared to the previous year, translating into an approximate \$100,000 increase in food expenses. These numbers highlight the ongoing importance of providing fresh, nutritious food options to those in need. We’ve welcomed an experienced Family Services Manager with strong social work credentials to guide our KSM members through the often overwhelming maze of social and government support services. This strategic investment will empower those we serve, helping them access the resources they need to thrive and build a stronger future.

Despite the challenges faced this year, Kerr Street Mission remains in a stable and sustainable financial position—all because of you. Your support empowers us to continue expanding our services and making meaningful changes in the lives of countless individuals. As we look toward the future, we remain deeply grateful for your compassion and long-term partnership!



NOTES

- The value of food and other goods donated and distributed to clients is NOT captured as a revenue or included as an expense.
- The percentages are based on unaudited statements. Audited Statements will be completed in April and are available upon request.