



# Annual Report 2025

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## REPORT FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS OF THE 2025 MDM BOARD

*What does the Lord require of you  
but to **act justly**, to **love mercy**,  
and to **walk humbly with your God**.  
(Micah 6:8)*

The prophet's words ring loud, clear, and true in these days of injustice and inhumanity toward refugees and immigrants. 2025 was a hard year, the kind of year when one is tempted to turn away. But you – our supporters – have done just the opposite. **Again and again, you have reached out with your time, financial support, prayers, and presence.**

Immense good has come of it! Our vibrant MDM campus is alive with learning, laughter, drama and

art, music and worship, counseling and support services – with compassion and belonging.

We are grateful to have served as MDM's co-presidents in 2025. What a joy to work together and alongside each of you! Now, as we pass the baton to our incoming president, Rev. Beverly Markham, **we look to the year ahead with hope and anticipation of great things to come.**

Rev. Bobbie Wrenn Banks & Rev. Bradley Bond  
2025 Co-Presidents, MDM Board

See what your generosity helped us accomplish in 2025! ➡



Left: Rev. Bradley Bond & Rev. Bobbie Wrenn Banks. Right: MDM's 2025 Board.



# 2025 Operations & Impact

## MEMORIAL DRIVE MINISTRIES – BY THE NUMBERS

### 12,603

Over 12,603 individuals were served on the MDM campus in 2025.

### 15

There were 15 Onsite Partners at MDM in 2025.

### 19

Over 19 languages were spoken on MDM's campus in 2025.

### 634

MDM completed 634 Facilities Management Work Orders / Tasks in 2025.

### \$38,820

Over \$38,820 was contributed to Partner Support & Community Initiatives in 2025.



MDM Board & Onsite Partners at a 2025 Partners Meeting.

### \$198,798

In 2025, MDM hosted seven nonprofits and educational programs at an estimated cost to MDM of \$198,798.

### \$88,232

In 2025, MDM hosted five worshipping communities at an estimated cost to MDM of \$88,232.

### \$29,055

In 2025, MDM hosted three recreational groups at an estimated cost to MDM of \$29,055.



## REPORT FROM THE TREASURER OF THE 2025 MDM BOARD

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the faithfulness of the Onsite Partners, and the hard work of the staff, 2025 was a year of continued growth for Memorial Drive Ministries. Our total income for the year was \$782,171, which includes \$333,848 from donors like you. We received over \$88,000 in new grants. **Our annual Bridge to Belonging event raised over \$117,000 – exceeding our fundraising goal by 46%.** We are grateful for all who came together to make the evening so special and who are working faithfully and diligently to build bridges to belonging every day!

From the generous donations received in 2025, we were able to directly contribute over **\$38,820 to our Onsite Partners and Community Initiatives** to help support critical work being done. We were also able to complete over **\$111,000 in transformative energy-efficiency upgrades** to our facility in 2025. These improvements helped pave the way for our newest onsite partner, Refuge Coffee, to make productive use of our gym kitchen for catering, preparations, and job training with resettled refugee neighbors.

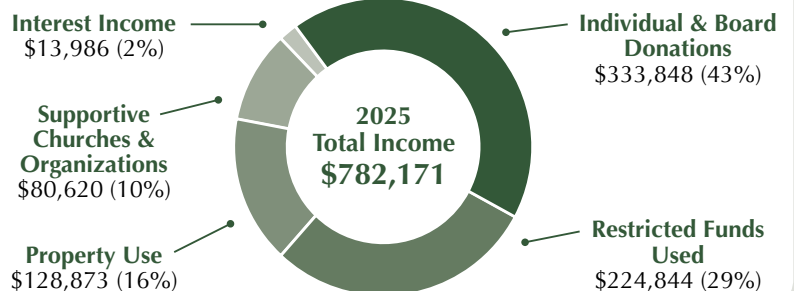
**Every dollar contributed is a direct investment in the MDM vision: ending disconnectedness for refugees and the diverse community of Clarkston.** A

clean financial review of 2024's books, which we completed in 2025, provides additional assurance of strong financial processes. Thanks to your generosity, MDM enters the new year with the financial stability to expand our reach, ensuring we are ready for the new needs and horizons that 2026 will inevitably bring.

*Krystal Fernandez*

Krystal Fernandez | 2025 Treasurer, MDM Board

### Our 2025 Income



# In Their Own Words



## UPDATES & QUOTES FROM SOME OF MDM'S ONSITE PARTNERS

"A program participant shared simply yet powerfully that 'she's full'— **her heart is happy.**"  
~ Amani Women Center

"We've developed a **safe and productive environment** that enables children to learn and apply the principles of teamwork, discipline, dedication, and sportsmanship."  
~ Ballin Blazers Basketball

"We thank God for this partnership ... **We are grateful for MDM's support and facilities.** Our Sunday services are going well, and our kids Sunday school program relaunched in 2025."  
~ One of the Onsite Churches at MDM

Thank you

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Onsite Partners, Staff, & Honorees at MDM's 2025 Bridge to Belonging event.

"MDM's campus provides a safe, stable, and truly welcoming environment where mothers and children from refugee backgrounds can learn, grow, and build community.

One of the children who has been participating in this program has made such amazing progress. When she started, she was speaking only a few words in her home language and not at all in English. She is now using a lot of words in both English and her home language. She is very excited about school and using her words to participate in class and to talk with peers ... **This will make a huge difference in their readiness for Pre-K and their school success.**"

~ Friends of Refugees – Refugee Family Literacy

"Having our catering kitchen at MDM has been so wonderful! **Having a dedicated space to work and train has elevated our ability to serve our customers well.** Since we have been at the catering kitchen, we have landed some really large catering orders that we would not have been able to manage before coming to MDM. **We also have really enjoyed getting to know everyone on campus.**"

~ Refuge Coffee Co.

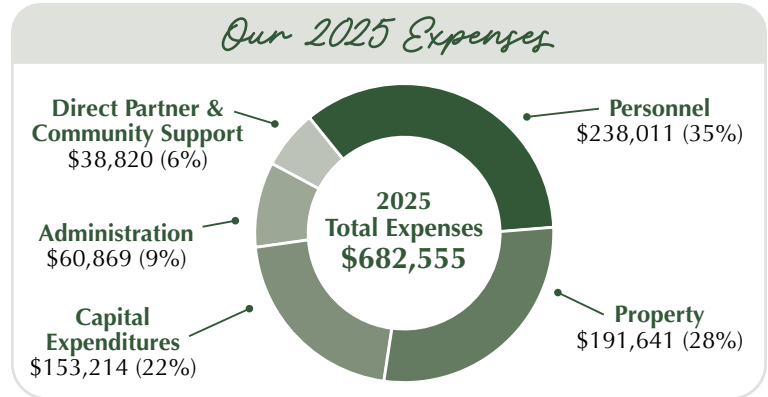
## A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

The founders who formed the first MDM Board in 2017 sometimes used the tagline "Sanctuary, Service, Strength" as a moniker for MDM's aspirations. As I reflect on 2025, I see that vision coming to life in remarkable ways.

**Sanctuary:** MDM has always been committed to cultivating a safe place for worship and prayer, in particular for immigrant churches. In 2025, MDM hosted five Onsite Partner congregations that filled the campus with worship in languages like Burmese, Zo, Chin, Mara, Amharic, Kibembe, Swahili, and French. The overwhelming majority of worshippers in 2025 were refugees and immigrants, and the average age was very young. In addition to Sunday worship, there are also regular times for musical worship practice, youth discipleship, corporate prayer, Bible study, fellowship, and pastoral care.

**Service:** Service has also consistently been an animating force at MDM. In 2025, MDM was the site for seven nonprofit or other service-oriented programs. These partnerships filled the campus with education, integration support, and direct social services. The impact on individuals and families is tremendous. In addition, over 81 volunteers were actively engaged on our campus in 2025, highlighting the ways in which people from across Atlanta are choosing to live out their commitment to service by getting proximate, taking concrete actions, and choosing solidarity.

**Strength:** When I started at MDM, "Strength" in the tagline was the least defined. It could



allude to the three recreation groups on campus in 2025, helping people stay physically healthy. Or perhaps Strength refers to the relationships that develop over time on campus. The unseen strength of relational capital cannot be overstated, especially for newcomers. In our day-to-day work, Strength refers to a set of practices in the foundational realms of facilities, finances, and fundraising that allow for long-term flourishing on campus. By all accounts, 2025 was another year that affirmed MDM's aspiration to be a place of Sanctuary, Service, and Strength for the greater Clarkston community.

**Thank you for your partnership in making this aspiration come to life!**

David Roth | Executive Director, MDM



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Memorial Drive Ministries envisions the end of disconnectedness for refugees and the greater Clarkston area. MDM fosters diverse Christian worship, innovative social services, and transformative relationships by offering a shared space for multiple Onsite Partners: congregations, nonprofits, recreation groups, and community organizations. MDM provides welcoming space, develops capacity-expanding community, and amplifies vital conversations that help us all grow better connected to God, one another, and creation.

