



Central Presbyterian Church

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2024 End of Year Report

Central Presbyterian Church continued its commitment to serving and advocating for our unhoused neighbors in 2024, and they have come to count on us.

This year, we **expanded our reach**. The Homeless Outreach Street Team (HOST) comes to Central Mission every week so any neighbor who wants an assessment for housing, a referral for shelter, or access to other basic needs, will get it. Collaboration with St. David's Episcopal Church on the Downtown Cluster Meetings springboarded into the **Homeless Advocacy Project**, a group we lead that meets monthly and pushes for resources and policy change for our neighbors. Here are some highlights:

Service Provided	Neighbors Visited for Meals or Services	Clothing	Hygiene Items
Number of Times Disturbed	4,000	1,940	3,000

Program Expansion and Partnerships

This year, we significantly expanded our reach through new partnerships and enhanced services. A notable addition is our weekly collaboration with the Homeless Outreach Street Team (HOST), providing our neighbors with:

- Housing assessments
- Shelter referrals
- Access to basic needs
- Direct connection to support services

Homeless Advocacy Project

A major initiative this year has been the establishment of the Homeless Advocacy Project, which has achieved significant results:

- Coordinated monthly meetings with dozens of nonprofits and churches
- Produced two policy pieces focused on shelter and safe outdoor spaces
- Engaged in public advocacy through:
 - City Hall testimonies
 - County Commissioners Court appearance
 - Press conference organization
 - Media collaboration

Impact of Advocacy

Our advocacy efforts have led to concrete results in the Austin community:

- Successfully advocated for the reopening of Austin's largest emergency shelter in November
- Provided input that led to:
 - Coordination among emergency shelter operators
 - Enhanced communication and transparency for neighbors and service providers
 - Clear and transparent shelter access policies

Community Impact

Our neighbors' and service providers' testimonials highlight the real-world impact of our services:

"HOST values Andi's advocacy in support of our unhoused neighbors and recognizes her work in driving public policies such as keeping the Marshalling Yard Shelter open." -Chris

"After 9 weeks and one night sleeping on a bench, I got into the 8th Street women's shelter as a direct result of my weekly visit to CPC on a Thursday. I spoke with Tara of HOST, she made the phone calls and I was in the shelter by 2pm that same day. Pretty miraculous for me!!" -Sarah

Thanks to your support, we will continue to serve our unhoused neighbors in 2025 and advocate for more resources to fill in the gaps.

