

At Mel Trotter Ministries, we track our programs carefully to make sure we're helping those who need it the most. Below is a snapshot of our work in just one 12-month period:

86,325

- Nights of safe shelter provided

226,738

- Hot meals served

253

- Onsite vision & dental clinics people served

1,100

- Group counseling sessions

1,000

- Individual counseling sessions

424

- Inner-city kids sent to summer camp

897+

- Individual lives committed to Christ

528

- Cars donated, repaired and resold

6,152

- Emergency food boxes distributed:

129,192

- Pantry-style meals in those food boxes

2,100

- Thanksgiving meals served:



### OUR MISSION

To demonstrate the compassion of Jesus Christ toward the hungry, homeless and hurting of the Grand Rapids area.

### how you can help

- Pray for our residents, staff and volunteers
- Make a much-needed financial donation
- Donate your used car, truck, RV or boat to Mel Trotter
- Shop at one of our three retail stores
- Include Mel Trotter in your will
- Tell others about the work of Mel Trotter Ministries

providing basic needs...  
and more.



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MINISTRIES



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A higher purpose.

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2009 annual report

Dear Friends,

Programs

Financial Information

What have you worried about this year? What have you lost sleep over? Tuition costs? Retirement funds? Have you worried about where you will sleep at night? Or what you will eat in the morning?

*The homeless of Grand Rapids have.*



This has been a challenging year, in many respects, for Mel Trotter Ministries and its community. During tough economic times, our needs have grown like all other ministries, but, through your support, we have remained resolute in our mission: to demonstrate the compassion of Jesus Christ toward the hungry, homeless and hurting of the Grand Rapids area.

*Homelessness does not equate to helplessness or hopelessness. Not at Mel Trotter Ministries.*

Over the past year, we were able to provide more than **86,000 nights of safe shelter** to people within our community; we served more than **226,000 meals**; and we witnessed more than **890 individuals commit their lives to Christ**.

*That is something to be hopeful about.*

I have been humbled by your ongoing generosity, and by your continuous support, both financially and spiritually, of Mel Trotter's programs and initiatives. Homelessness within Kent County has increased 33 percent over the last year, so the need in our community is great. In this annual report, you will learn about our programs and services, and how we are seeking to address this need. You will also learn about the opportunities we provide to residents battling addictions and families facing extreme poverty.

*Thank you. May God bless you for caring.*

*Together in Christ,*

Rev. Chico Daniels  
President & CEO

### Battling Addictions

Substance abuse is a common problem among homeless people. Our licensed counselors and recovery program help dozens of people each year break the stranglehold of addiction so they can develop new relationships with God, their family members and society.



### Feeding the Hungry

More than 11% of Kent County residents do not consistently have enough to eat. We take this problem very seriously. Each year, we serve more than 225,000 meals at our Mission and distribute more than a million pounds of food to others in need in a frugal, systematic way.



### Helping families in need

Mel Trotter reaches far into the community to provide help for our neediest neighbors by meeting their basic needs—food, clothing, and personal items. We also meet complex needs such as providing legal advice through our Christian Legal Aid Clinic, and financial help through Budgeting 101.



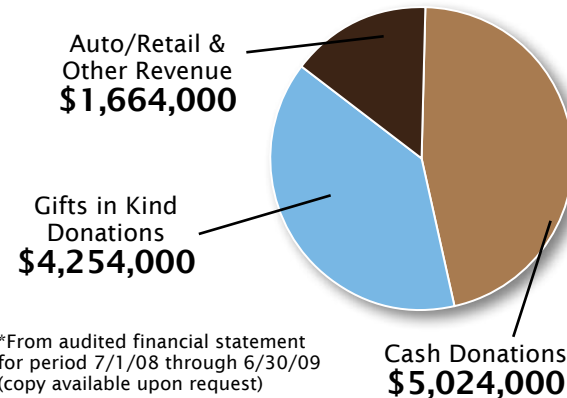
### Transforming Lives

Used vehicles donated to Mel Trotter Ministries aren't just sold. We first use them to train our resident men in the skills of auto repair. Funds raised through our auto donation program also help support the ongoing mission of Mel Trotter and those we serve.



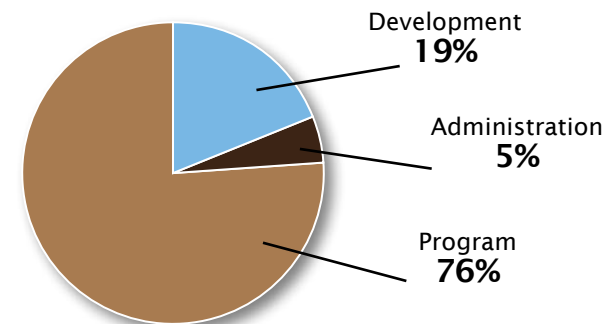
### Sources of Mel Trotter support

2009 Total Income **\$10,942,000\***

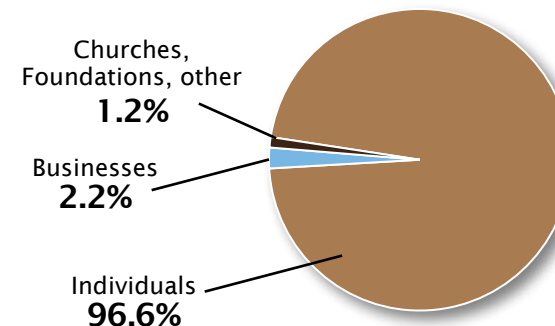


\*From audited financial statement for period 7/1/08 through 6/30/09 (copy available upon request)

### Where does your support go?



### Who supports Mel Trotter Ministries?



Total number of donors to Mel Trotter Ministries last year was 29,775.