AUMI In Review 2025





...serving the least of these

Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc.

Rev. Kenneth L. Alexander, Chairman Rev. Terry L. Hightower, Executive Director

Message from Leadership

Dear Supporters and Partners,

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the incredible work accomplished through Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc. (AUMI). Together, we have served thousands of individuals and families across Metropolitan Atlanta, providing essential resources such as food, clothing, recovery services, and youth mentorship.

Your continued generosity enables us to live out our mission of serving the least of these. We look forward to building upon these successes in the year ahead.

With heartfelt thanks, Rev. K. L. Alexander, *Chairman* Rev. Terry L. Hightower, *Executive Director*



Rev. K. L. Alexander

Chairman



Rev. Terry L. Hightower Executive Director

About AUMI

Antioch Urban Ministries, Inc. (AUMI) is a 501©3 non-profit organization established in 1991 to provide comprehensive substance abuse recovery services to individuals experiencing homelessness, low income, reentry from incarceration, and those living with HIV/AIDS. In addition to these services, AUMI offers crucial support to families in the Metropolitan Atlanta/Fulton County and surrounding areas through its food and clothing bank, youth mentoring program, senior services program, and health/wellness program.



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Visual Impact Diagram

Impact Metrics Table (2024-25)

| Program | Service Provided | Frequency/Timeframe | Volume |
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| Food Bank Community Meals | Number of Clients served Number of Families Served Number of Meals Hot meals served | Weekly/Ongoing Weekly/Ongoing Meals per 4-person Family Wednesday Only (Wkly) | 1,100 clients/week 275 23,100 4,250 hot meals served |
| AUMI Apparel Shoppe | Free clothing, shoes, accessories | Monthly | 562 Clients served |
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| Malachi Ministry | Education & life skills training (Youth- at-Risk Program) | Monthly | 41 youth (ages 9–18) 160 youth for the 2025 Youth Summ |
| Matthew's Place Residential | Transitional housing, program graduation | Ongoing/Yearly | 2025 Residents Served: 18 16 Males 2 Female 4 Males and 1 Female graduated into permanent housing 8 Residents exited the progr |
| Luke's and Ruth' Place Recovery Programs | Substance abuse recovery & transitional housing | Employed Permanent Housing Program Completion Current Clients Exited/Discharged Total Client 2024-35 | 17 Individuals Found Employment 18 Individuals gained housing 16 Individuals completed the progra 12 Individuals are currently in the program 13 Individuals exited and have foun other opportunities and or services 35 Client Served |
| SOS (Serving Our Seniors) | Senior wellness, prescription referrals, food & clothing assistance | Monthly | 72 clients per month |
| Choose Healthy Life (CHL) | Health risk assessments & comprehensive health measures | Since Inception Value of Services | 300+ individuals served; \$750,000.00 in preventive healthcare service provided to the community at no cost |
| Morehouse School of Medicine | Social determinants research, community engagement | Ongoing | 82 first-year medical students engagin creation of guides, health measurement via community based interviews |
| Social Services Referral Base | Annual Christmas Toy Gathering/Drives Back-to-school supply distribution (with partners) | Annually Biannually | 625 children (Christmas toys) 325 children (2025 Backpack/school supplies) |

Thank you to the AUMI Board, Chairman & Executive Director and the Antioch Baptist Church North family for their continuance support to the least of these, Thank you to all our community partners, funding agencies and donors.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the dedicated staff and volunteers who offer invaluable support to the day-to-day operations 24/7. Their continuous guidance and assistance enrich the lives of the clients while effectively communicating the evolving needs, challenges, opportunities, and successes of the program and its residents.

Program Spotlights

Serving Our Seniors (SOS)

Focusing on our aging community, this program connects seniors with vital services such as wellness checks, prescription referrals, and essential supplies, serving an average of 72 clients per month.



Choose Healty Life (CHL)

Choose Healthy Life (CHL) continued its commitment to advancing health equity by delivering over \$750,000 in preventive health services to more than 300 individuals through its partnership with Quest Diagnostics. Leveraging the Blueprint for Wellness® screening program, CHL provided access to comprehensive assessments covering diabetes risk, heart, liver, kidney, bone, and thyroid health, as well as physical measures like BMI and blood pressure. Screenings were offered both onsite and through Patient Service Centers (PSCs), ensuring flexibility and accessibility for participants. These efforts not only addressed critical health disparities but empowered individuals with actionable insights to improve their well-being.



Food Bank

In collaboration with the Atlanta Community Food Bank, we have distributed 1.2 million pounds of food to community members, seniors, and GNAP program participants. This effort supports approximately 1,100 clients served, 275 families served, 23,100 number of meals (on a weekly basis) Wed. 4,250 hot prepared meals for the community.



Matthew's Place

Residential Services

Matthew's Place currently oversees residential units with nine residents, offering a combination of 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom shared units. Currently, nine beds are occupied. We have 7 beds waiting to be occupied. Our resident demographics include one female and eight males, maintaining our commitment to a diverse and inclusive community.

Of the nine residents, four males and one female currently have no income, while three males receive Social Security income. One male has begun employment as of last week. This reflects a continued need for economic support, benefits assistance, and workforce reintegration programming within our community.

Since January 2025, nine residents have exited the program. Of these:

- Four male residents and one female resident successfully graduated to permanent housing.
- One resident passed away.
- One resident was incarcerated.
- Two residents were referred to external case management for rehousing due to program misalignment.

Matthew's Place (cont)

Year-to-date, Matthew's Place proudly served 552 individuals. We currently maintain a waiting list of 16 applicants, each actively participating in the interview and screening process.

Grounded in HUD's Housing First Model, Matthew's Place provides shared housing without preconditions such as sobriety or employment, ensuring every resident is met with dignity, stability, and wellness. As of September 2025, Matthew's Place has successfully completed the City of Atlanta Department of Grants and Community Development audit. We are now awaiting funding approval to provide additional beds and welcome applicants from our waiting list.



Special Activities Planned - Projected/Completed Activities

We continue to focus on activities that enhance holistic development and community engagement. Our residents are encouraged to participate in:

- Financial literacy programs to build money management and budgeting skills.
- Digital literacy courses, including computer training and online certifications, to prepare for employment in a modern workforce.
- Support groups addressing recovery, wellness, and emotional support.
- Community service projects, offering non-working residents a chance to give back meaningfully.

Matthew's Place is collaborating with AID Atlanta, Positive Impact, Grady IDP, and Atlanta Urban League to review strategies and prepare to integrate their recommendations into our long-term planning.

Looking ahead, we plan to host group outings, off-site enrichment events, and virtual wellness workshops at our newly renovated community center – ensuring accessibility for all residents regardless of physical limitations.

2025 Residents Served: 18

- 16 Males
- 2 Female
- 4 Males and 1 Female graduated into permanent housing
- 8 Residents exited the program in 2025

Matthew's Place Staff: 4

- Full-Time Staff: 3
- Part-Time Staff: 1
- Contractors: 0

Bed Availability: 7

- 2-Bedroom Units: 3 Beds Available
- 3-Bedroom Units: 4 Beds Available

Recovery Programs - (Luke's Place/Ruth's Place)

AUMI's Recovery Program offers transitional housing and critical support services for men and women overcoming homelessness and substance use disorders. We also serve individuals referred by the Georgia Department of Community Supervision (formerly the Department of Corrections) as an alternative to incarceration.

In addition, we receive referrals from various state and federal agencies and local municipalities. As an approved provider, we support individuals transitioning out of incarceration and are listed as a participating agency in the Transitional Housing Offender Reentry (THOR) Program, approved by the Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles.

- 35 Individuals have been served through AUMI Recovery Program since Oct 2024
- 26 Male / 10 Female
- Age ranges from 30-70
- Referral sources: [self, courts, medical facilities, family, etc.]

Our Current Program community proudly represents over 2,190 days of sobriety—equivalent to 72 months or 312 weeks—of collective abstinence from substance use. This milestone reflects the strength, commitment, and resilience of our participants on their journey to recovery.

Program Highlights

- 17 Individuals Found Employment
- 18 Individuals gained housing
- 16 Individuals completed the program
- 12 Individuals are currently in the program
- 13 Individuals exited and have found other opportunities and or services
- Clients access to technology and or telehealth
- Quarterly Recognition & Fellowships

Community Engagement

- Collaborations with other agencies
- Attended Opioid Overdose Awareness Workshop
- Attended Substance Abuse Workshop
- Attended Job Fairs







Recovery Programs - (cont)

- Attended Health Fairs
- Attended Cultural Events

Looking Ahead: Goals for Remainder of 2025 & 2026 Strategic priorities and focus areas

- Continue to Provide Critical Support Services for Individuals
- Expand training, education or employment readiness programs
- Increase opportunities for Cultural event participation
- Collaborate with Schools, healthcare providers, other recovery agencies, shelters and justice systems for wraparound services
- Seeking additional grants, host fundraisers and build donor network to maintain and expand services
- Better use of data to measure program effectiveness



Malachi Mentoring Ministry

This youth-at-risk program serves 41 young clients (ages 8-17) each month, offering education and life skills training in four strategic areas: Education, Health & Wellness, S.T.E.A.M., and Financial Fitness.



AUMI Apparel Shoppe

Through generous in-kind donations, we provide free clothing, shoes, and accessories to more than **562 clients every month**, ensuring that underserved men, women, and children are warmly clothed.



Morehouse School Of Medicine

AUMI/MSM is a collaborative community project engaging first-year medical students in social determinants research, this partnership has involved 82 students in designing community-driven policies and programs.



Social Services Referral Base

Working alongside United Way and Toys4Tots, we provide seasonal support, delivering Christmas toys to 625 children annually and back- to-school supplies to more than 325 children in 2025.



2024-2025 Impact Highlights

- 1.2 million pounds of food provided to the community
- 1,100 poc (point of contact) served weekly
- 275 families served weekly
- 23,100 number of meals (on a weekly basis
- 562 individuals clothed each month
- 162 served during the 2025 Youth Summit
- 625 children received Christmas toys
- 325 children received back-to-school supplies
- \$750,000 worth of preventive healthcare delivered

In the past two years, AUMI has refined its data-driven approach to community service, even as it builds on a decade of comprehensive impact. By delivering 1.2 million pounds of food, serving over 1,100 clients weekly, clothing 560 individuals monthly, and providing recovery, housing, educational, and health programs, AUMI fosters transformative change. With over 1,500 clients benefiting from recovery programs since 1995 and collaborative initiatives reaching thousands of children and seniors, our integrated model exemplifies an enduring commitment to community well-being and self-sufficiency.

Together, these programs create a multidimensional support network that meets basic needs while empowering individuals to achieve long-term stability and growth.

Looking Ahead: Goals for 2025-2026

- Expand recovery and youth mentorship programs
- Increase fundraising and donor engagement
- Strengthen partnerships with schools, healthcare, and justice systems
- Enhance data tracking for program effectiveness



Client Stories & Testimonials

I am thankful for this AUMI program it has not only given me direction in life, but it has taught me how to live day to day and has given me a spiritual foundation. I thank God for this program it has given me the strength to make it.

Todd A, Former Resident

December was the year 2012 I entered into Lukes Place McDonough Boulevard, looking for a revamp and a restart on my life. God's grace and mercy allow me to enter a program and Lukes Place that will help me for the rest of my life across the street from Lukes Place was the federal penitentiary in the rear of Luke's Place set a cemetery in the middle of Lukes Place was the altar at that time God showed me the choice I have and as you can see 14 years later, I stuck with the middle the altar, thinking all who have been there for me since day one

Tony B, Former Resident

AUMI gave me a safe place to develop good, prayerful habits and cultivate lifesaving gratitude through service to the community. Because a grateful addict doesn't relapse. I am thankful to still be able to go there and volunteer to stay busy, and to try and make myself available for mentorship of current residents. Without my Antioch family, Pastor Kenny, and the AUMI program I was facing homelessness and hopelessness. God is at work through this program and these people. I pray that AUMI is here forever to help the community and that I am able to give to others what was so generously given to me through AUMI during the dark night of my soul. Larry, Erma, and my fellow residents were very loving and supportive as we grew together in Christ.

Bryan S, Forner Resident, January 2025

I just want to say how thankful I am — for the Lord has blessed me with this opportunity to be able to go through the storm that I went through, and give me a chance to renew my relationship with God Almighty, I just wanted to say thank God for AUMI Recovery ministry, and thank you Antioch Baptist Church North.

James M, Resident

Before this program, my life was unmanageable, and addiction had taken so much from me. Coming here gave me hope, structure, and the tools I needed to start rebuilding my life.

I want to thank my Pastor, Kenneth L. Alexander for his prayers and constant support and the Director Pastor J.S. Copeland for his leadership and for creating a place where I could grow.

Because of this program, I now have a stronger foundation to live a sober and meaningful life.

Ranie M, Former Resident

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