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## 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Mobile Area Interfaith Conference

SERVING CURRENTLY AND PREVIOUSLY  
INCARCERATED NEIGHBORS

# Who We Are

Mobile Area Interfaith Conference, Inc. (MAIC) is a collaboration of faith-based organizations and religious congregations on mission to encourage development of community resources to address unmet human needs with a focus on serving marginalized citizens.

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# Our History

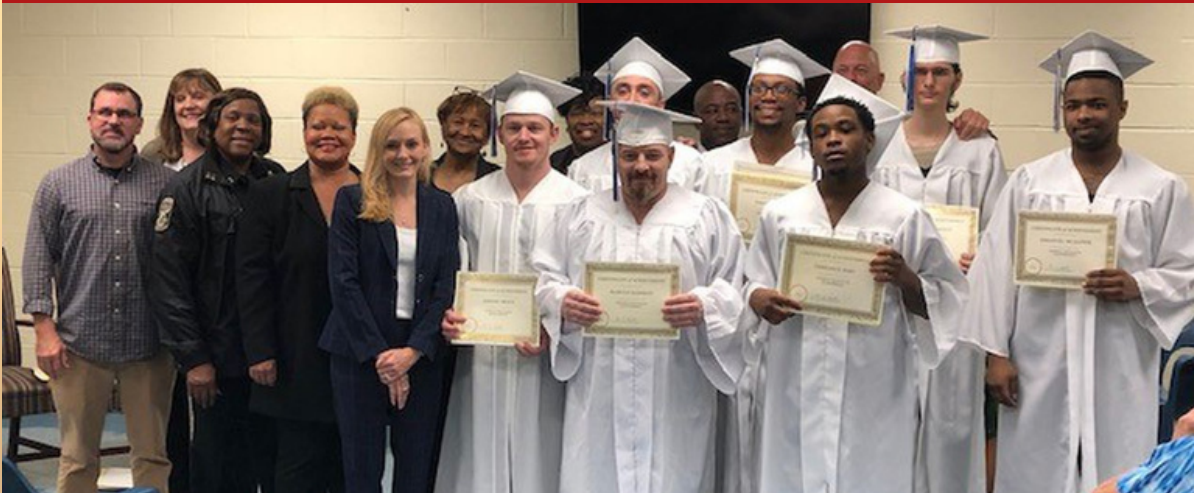
- 1979 began as Council of Downtown Churches
- 1981 Started Bay Area Food Bank / Feeding the Gulf Coast, Inc.
- 1992 Started Homeless Coalition / Housing First, Inc.
- 2002 Began Metro Jail Ministry
- 2005 Incorporated as Mobile Area Interfaith Conference
- 2013 Opened Classroom inside Metro Jail
- 2016 Opened The Neighbor Center
- 2020 Started The Academy for Career Development



# Our Mission

To Empower The  
Marginalized And  
Build Bridges In Our  
Community Through  
Advocacy, Education,  
And Service.

# What We Do



## **The Metro Chaplaincy Program**

provides hope and life-changing services for inmates in Mobile Metro Jail.

## **The Neighbor Center**

provides resources and services for released inmates returning to the community.

## **The Academy for Career Development**

offers education, training, and employment opportunities.

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# Metro Chaplaincy



2021 ended on a positive note for The Metro Jail Chaplaincy Program. The staff in the chapel was able to provide 6,805 services to the inmates in Metro Jail in December, this included personal hygiene items, cards, socks, and eyeglasses.

GED packets were given to males and females for the entire year of 2021.

The congregations' volunteers assisted staff in the chapel with special events that included the Day of Ministry and Christmas distribution to the inmates.

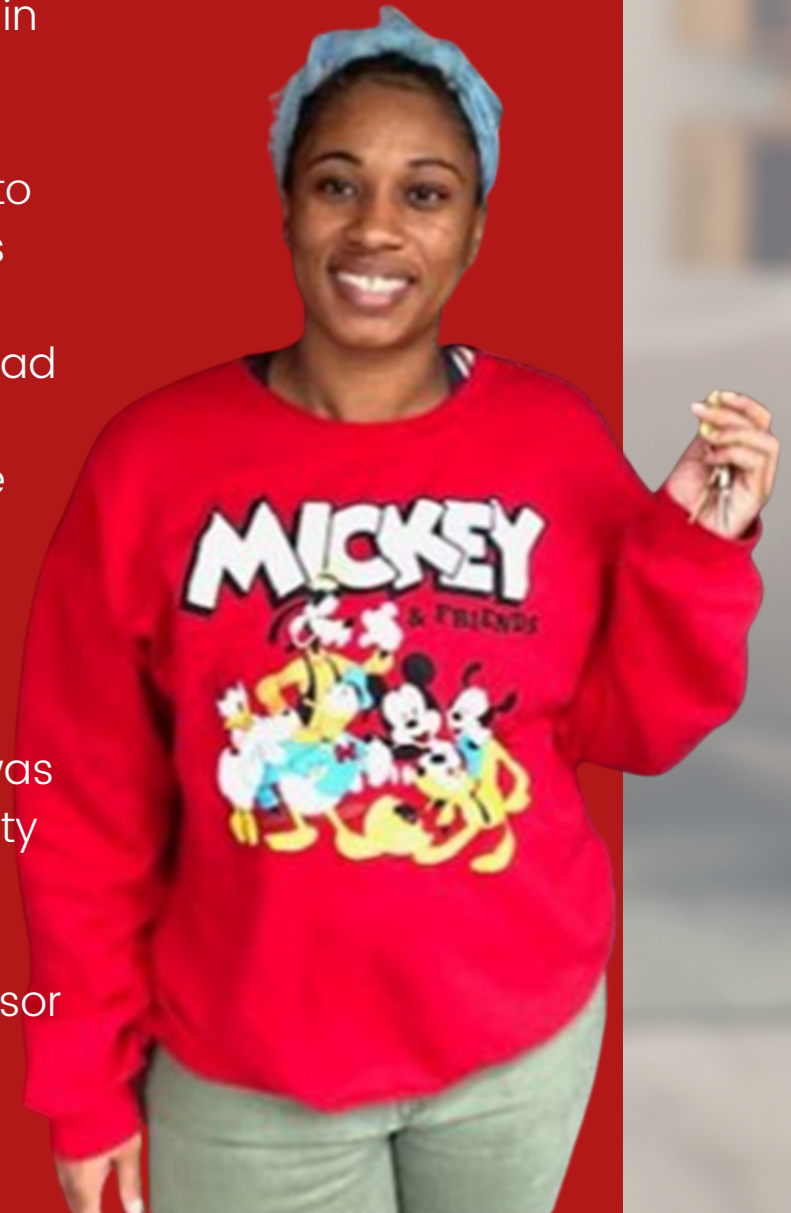
The Lead Chaplain was able to provide two families from The Neighbor Center Christmas gifts for their children.

# The Neighbor Center

The Neighbor Center and the Academy staff responded to 4137 telephone calls in 2021. The Neighbor Center staff referred 904 returning citizens for direct services in the city.

Staff assisted 46 families to receive housing. 11 families received food for the Christmas holidays. The lead case manager and the intern she supervises were very hands-on with the returning citizens in this pandemic.

The lead case manager was recognized by the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS as an outstanding intern supervisor for October.





# The Academy



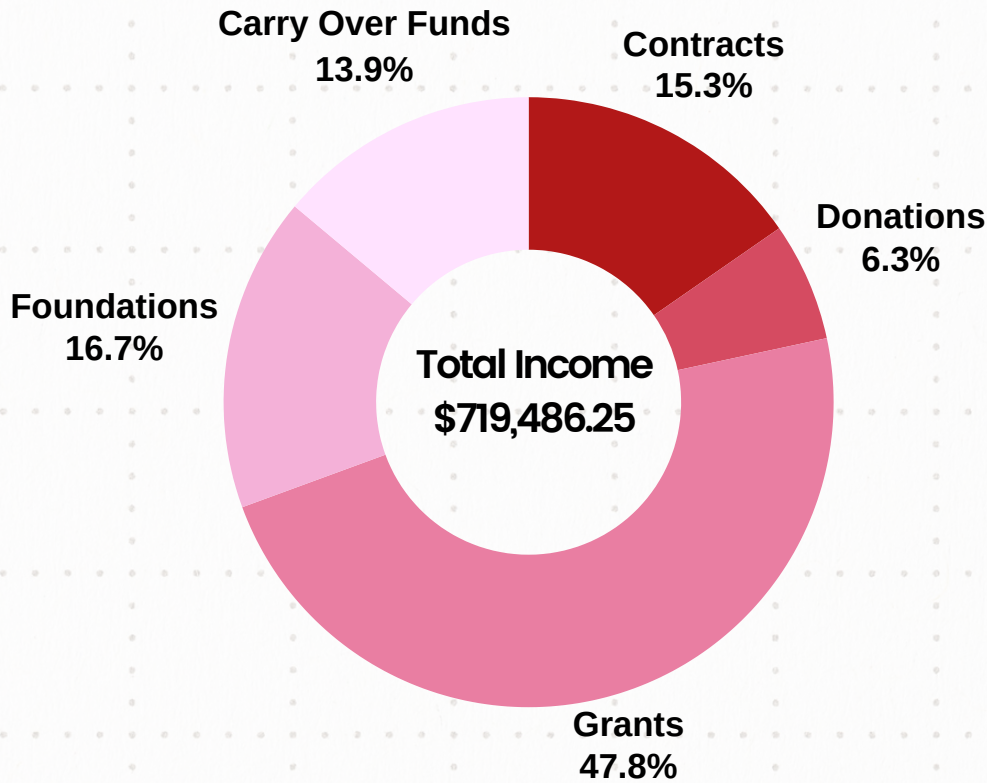
The Academy for Career Development assisted 33 returning citizens to secure full-time employment.

There are presently 125 individuals enrolled as Academy participants.

Job readiness classes for females are scheduled to begin in February of 2022 in Metro Jail.

Staff from the Academy continues to participate in leading the resume workshops and mock interview sessions for clients at the Ransom Re-Program job site.

# Income



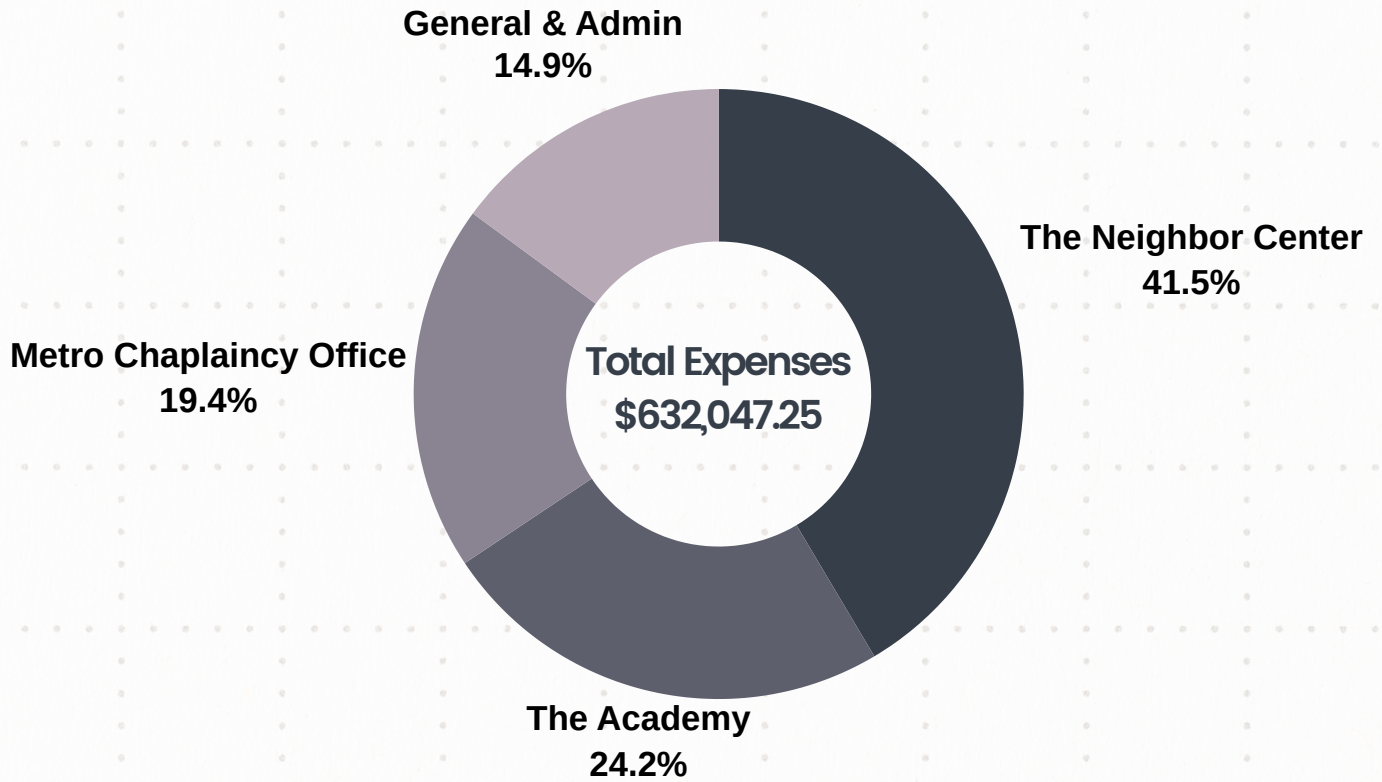
## Income Breakdown:

- Grants - \$343,738.32
- Foundations - \$120,082.00
- Contracts - \$110,400.00
- Donations - \$45,233.92
- Carry Over Funds - \$100,053.00



**Total Income - \$719,486.25**

# Expenses



## Expenses

- The Neighbor Center - \$262,134.63
- The Academy - \$152,780.06
- Metro Chaplaincy Office - \$122,855.55
- General & Administration - \$94,277.01

**Total Expenses - \$632,047.25**



# 2021 Summary

Staff continued to provide services for our returning neighbors throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Metro Chaplaincy continued to provide day-to-day services, including distributing personal hygiene items, praying for and with inmates, and providing death notices despite the jail being on lockdown due to Covid-19. The Annual Day of Ministry was held outside the jail due to Covid, fifty-five volunteers participated.

The Neighbor Center celebrated its fifth year of service to current and previously incarcerated neighbors. The successful housing programs continued even though there was a housing shortage, and 46 men, women, and children were placed into housing.

The Academy for Career Development began planning and addressing the program actions necessary to fulfill the Department of Justice Grant. Meetings began with Metro Jail Administration and Staff along with Goodwill Gulf Coast to begin preparations for the job readiness classes that will take place inside the Jail once the pandemic is over. The Academy staff interviewed clients and placed them into jobs by going out into the community and working with businesses to ensure employment.

The main office of the Mobile Area Interfaith Conference was relocated to 2754 Mauvilla Drive. New office spaces were needed to accommodate the growing demand for services.

Critical grants needed to continue the Mobile Area Interfaith Conference programs were renewed.

# Thank You

Thank you for your commitment and support of our returning citizens. Many overcame the barriers they faced and moved forward to a more productive and self-sufficient life because of you. We need your continued support to help others.

Join our family of supporters by donating just \$20 a month to help someone change their life forever.

- Help someone get their GED or higher education.
- Help someone find a place to sleep upon release.
- Help someone get a meal after their release.
- Help someone get their driver's license, social security card or birth certificate.
- Help someone find sustainable and fulfilling employment.