Dear Supporters,

Many of the needs in our community that surfaced in 2021 – including homelessness or the risk of homelessness – appear to have been directly related to the stresses of living amidst a pandemic and the challenges associated with poverty and mental illness. No matter what the crises facing the members of our society, adequate shelter is central to a satisfactory standard of living for all people.

Addressing the needs of our neighbors who do not have shelter requires a shift in values, a commitment to equity, and a corresponding reorientation of many of our community’s policies, goals and programs. As the Continuum of Care program for Autauga, Bullock, Elmore, Lowndes, and Montgomery counties, MACH works to ensure that everyone in need has equitable access to resources to address homelessness and housing instability. MACH regularly brings concerned citizens around one table to deliberate and respond to the needs of people experiencing homelessness and poverty in our area. Your participation can make a difference. Please join us – either at a MACH General Membership meeting (open to the public) or at one of our Advisory Committee meetings – in order to share your voice in 2022 and beyond.

Thank you for your support and for all you do to build a vibrant community in the River Region!

Acquannetta Knight
Board President
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The past two years have held both challenges and victories for MACH, and we began 2022 much stronger as a result of our experiences. Like many of you, we faced our trials with a determination to overcome and continue. Yes, there has been a lot of weariness, but nevertheless, we (all of us) still stand! We recognize and appreciate your tenacity.

Among our notable moments in 2021 was our Not-A-Bed Sleepout held in November during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. On that night, participants met at one designated location and slept in their vehicles, in tents, in stairways, or in the elements in order to live the reality of someone experiencing homelessness during a winter night in Montgomery. We were pleased with the success of the event, grateful to the Southern Poverty Law Center for sponsoring it, and optimistic about building upon it to increase public awareness in years to come.

In addition to engaging the public in a new way, we increased our program staff in order to serve the growing population of people in need in the River Region. This year, our Board is implementing a strategic plan to sustain our momentum and enhance our ability to see and face our region’s realities more comprehensively. We thank our dedicated staff, Board, and all those who have supported MACH and our partners who are working to forge solutions to homelessness.

Best regards,

Lydia C. Pierott
Executive Director

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**On Any Given Night**

Hundreds of people in our area are experiencing homelessness.

Many of them are:

- Veterans
- In shelters
- Unsheltered
- Families with children
- Senior citizens
- Mentally ill
- Victims of domestic violence
The Blanket Drive

The Blanket Drive was held on Saturday, November 6, 13, and 20 at locations across Montgomery to collect crucial winter items for residents experiencing homelessness. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we collected:

- 1,010 new & gently used blankets & sleeping bags
- 1,027 coats & jackets
- 1,011 hats, scarves & gloves
- 1,590 pairs of socks

items with an in-kind donation value of $56,153

The Continuum of Care Competition

MACH is the HUD-designated Continuum of Care (CoC) program for a five-county region in central Alabama. A CoC is HUD’s local planning process that requires each community to use a single comprehensive plan when applying for funding. Each year, our CoC Project Review Committee rates project applications and makes recommendations for funding resulting in approximately $1.2 million annually from HUD for distribution to agencies in our region whose projects are approved by HUD.

The Point-in-Time Count

Usually conducted during the last ten days of January, there was no 2021 PIT Count due to pandemic concerns. During a PIT Count, volunteer teams talk with people experiencing unsheltered/street homelessness to collect data and information to address immediate needs. Volunteers also distribute food, hygiene kits, blankets, and winter wear during the Count.

Not-A-Bed Sleepout

MACH hosted its inaugural “Not-a-Bed” Sleepout during National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week at an outside location in downtown Montgomery on Friday, November 19. Participants slept outdoors overnight in tents, vehicles, doorways, or on benches. The evening began with prayer and a short candlelight walk to the event site. Representatives from MACH and area service providers spoke with those gathered in efforts to raise awareness and change misconceptions about the local need.

Our Impact

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River Region Connects

Our homeless resources fair, River Region Connects, was held on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at River City Church. Participants received:

- State I.D. cards
- Legal consultation
- Health care enrollment
- Clothing
- SNAP enrollment
- HIV testing
- Behavioral health counseling
- COVID-19 testing and vaccines
- Information about housing and community services
Increased Outreach Activities
By employing an additional Outreach and Intake Worker, MACH will be able to intensify street outreach efforts in Montgomery while also giving attention to meeting the needs of people living in Autauga, Bullock, Elmore, and Lowndes counties.

River Region Connects
A return to the full version of MACH’s annual homeless resource fair on August 4 at the City of Montgomery’s Multiplex.

Blanket Drive
The drive will be conducted in November, as usual, but there will be a new format and timeline.

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week (November 12–20)
MACH will plan educational and awareness events to build upon the success of 2021’s Not-A-Bed Sleepout and build support for MACH and our community partners.

Task Force on Homelessness
Newly organized by the City of Montgomery, the Task Force will give voice to MACH and its stakeholders in planning an intensive response to those in need.

Partnership with Public Schools
By enhancing relationships with McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaisons in public school systems, MACH and its partner organizations will be able to serve more families with school-aged children who are experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

Expanded Mental Health Services
Widened opportunities to collaborate with Carastar Health (formerly Montgomery Area Mental Health Authority) due to the opening of their Crisis Diversion Center at 5915 Carmichael Road in Montgomery.

Virtual Resource Hours
To keep MACH members and the community up to date on the availability of and access to resources, MACH is instituting a virtual Resource Hour series on the third Wednesday of every other month.

New Locations for Shelter Providers
- Family Promise of Montgomery: renovations are underway at 430 Clanton Ave.
- Salvation Army: relocation expected by December 2022

Did You Know?
- At any given point, there are hundreds of people experiencing homelessness in the River Region.
- MACH provides Street Outreach, Rapid Rehousing, and Homelessness Prevention services for Montgomery, Autauga, Bullock, Lowndes, and Elmore counties.
- MACH’s bi-monthly meetings are open to the public. Visit MidALHomeless.org and enter your email to receive meeting announcements and our newsletter.
Meeting the Moment:
Given that 70% of low-income families are spending half their income on rent, and only 37 affordable and available homes exist for every 100 extremely low-income renter households, it doesn’t take much for people to suddenly find themselves without stable housing.

The Guardian, “John Oliver on Homelessness: It’s Not the Housed’s Comfort that Needs to Be Prioritized” (November 1, 2021)
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- Bisbee & Associates, LLC
- Capri Theatre
- Christ Community Church
- Common Cents Solutions
- County Line Baptist Church
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- First Baptist Church - Ripley Street
- First United Methodist Church
- Fountain of Hope Ministries
- Gal's Down the Street Café
- Grace Episcopal Church
- Hope Hull UMC Missions Committee
- Hutchinson Missionary Baptist Church Youth Group
- Iota Phi Lambda Sorority
- Jesus Cares Thrift Shop
- Krispy Kreme
- Ladies of Essence Civic Organization
- Maranatha Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Medical Advocacy and Outreach
- Millbrook Baptist Church
- Montgomery County Bar Association
- Montgomery Habitat for Humanity
- Moses and Moses Accounting
- Network for Good
- Newtown Church of Christ
- Pintlala Baptist Church
- Prevail Union Coffee Shop
- St. John AME Church
- St. Peter AME Church
- Tau Rho Mu Christian Sorority
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- World Intercessory Network
- Your Cause (BBVA)

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Join us in our mission to end homelessness.

Become a member at: MidAlHomeless.org/membership.
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In most cases, people become homeless because of unexpected life circumstances and a lack of a support system. Some have discovered the cruel reality that they were only one or two paychecks away from homelessness. Some have severe, often untreated mental health issues. Others are, or have become, chronic substance abusers.

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