# **BCM GEORGIA**

# ANEW CHAPTER UNITED STATES

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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Love thy Neighbor



We keep people from becoming homeless and work to elevate their possibilities for economic empowerment.



We envision caring communities where everyone has a home and the opportunity to thrive.

# Letter from the President & CEO and Chairman of the Board









### **Dear Friends:**

Thank you for supporting BCM Georgia this past year – our 35<sup>th</sup>. Together, we prevented thousands of neighbors from losing their homes and improved economic opportunities for households across the region.

### This year was also marked by refinement in key areas:

- We updated our brand and focused efforts on programs that produced the most benefit for our clients
- We strengthened the board and staff to use our resources and govern our agency more effectively
- We identified and acted upon areas for improvement, like equity and inclusion, and streamlined programs
- We focused our mission and vision on measuring client outcomes and expanding our footprint

### BCM Georgia's fiscal highlights include:

- processing \$6 million in rental assistance through the United Way of Greater Atlanta, and
- receiving a \$12.7 million four-year grant from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

While the metro Atlanta region is making progress on preventing homelessness and economic empowerment, there is still much work ahead. There are more clients than we can serve, and we want to strive to reach as many of them as possible. Together, we are on our way.

Most of all, we are grateful. Grateful to work together for a common and good cause. Grateful for this loving and compassionate community. Grateful to God for the assurances of our faith made plain in this work.

In this annual report you will find stories of hope and success accomplished by a best-in-class staff. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated, professional, and effective team. This work, however, is fueled by your support, and we could not do it without you.

Thank you for 35 years of service.

With appreciation,

GREG WELLER
Chairman

KEEVA KASE President & CEO

# BCM Georgia Marks Its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Refreshes Its Brand



In 1987, Buckhead Christian Community Ministries (BCCM) opened its doors with Matthew 2:37-40 as its guiding principle. BCCM focused on providing assistance and counseling in a caring manner that maintained an individual's dignity and safeguarded their independence.

As the organization grew, it evolved its brand from Buckhead Christian Ministry (BCM), and in the spring of 2022, BCM refreshed its brand to "BCM Georgia". The tag line "Love Thy Neighbor" was added to more accurately depict the geographic scale and programmatic scope of the ministry.

**Today**, a diverse network of churches, foundations, civic groups, corporations, local governments, and donors support BCM Georgia's vision & mission.



# BCM and the Ichthys

The Ichthys (Christian fish symbol) is now in the B (for Buckhead) to acknowledge how we began —Buckhead churches serving together. Building on this strong foundation, BCM Georgia now serves beyond our historic geographic boundaries reaching more people in need and carrying forward our values.

# Georgia

BCM Georgia serves people in Metro Atlanta and across the state. We are proud of our growth and embrace the opportunity to serve people beyond our historic geographic footprint.

# **Love Thy Neighbor**

The greatest commandment: To love God and to love our neighbors. Anyone who has ever served or been served by BCM Georgia knows that we are called to this mission, and we want people for years to come to recognize this unifying imperative as who we are and whose we are.



ANTHONY
JAYESINGHA
Chief Operations Officer

# **Incoming Executive**

Anthony Jayesingha Anthony Jayesingha serves as the Chief Operation Officer (COO) for BCM Georgia. Anthony has worked with multinational and startup organizations in sales, marketing, and operations throughout Southeast Asia and the South Pacific. Originally from the small island nation of Sri Lanka, Anthony received his Executive MBA from the J. Mack Robinson program at Georgia State University. Anthony, his wife, and two daughters attend Buckhead Church, where he works as a volunteer in the children's ministries, and in his spare time he is an avid off-roader.

"BCM Georgia is reaching more individuals across the state through operational efficiencies, resulting in savings and capacity for growth across the agency."



MICHELLE
RAMIREZ
Director of Financial
Education

### **Annual Feature**

Michelle Ramirez serves as the Director of Financial Education for BCM Georgia, leading the standout program, Budget for Life™. Michelle has been with the agency since 2014, serving in a variety of roles including Emergency Assistance. She has a bachelor's degree in Sociology from University of San Antonio at Texas (UTSA) and has worked with various nonprofits. Michelle enjoys spending time with her two dogs, Oso and Brownie, and helps her community with language translations.

"By enhancing participants' financial wellbeing, Budget for Life™ sows seeds that bloom into a thriving community."

# **BCM Georgia Board of Directors**

**BCM Georgia's Board of Directors** is comprised of diverse individuals who contribute talent, time, and treasure to the mission. The Board's chief responsibilities are to establish policy, protect assets, ensure legal accountability, ensure adequate financial resources, and provide competent leadership.



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# Public Support for BCM Georgia's Mission Continues to Grow

# BCM Georgia has been awarded a \$12.7 million

grant from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget



On May 17<sup>th</sup> 2022 BCM Georgia announced it has been awarded a \$12.7 million Federal COVID-19 relief grant which enables sustainability and expansion of its three core programs: Emergency Assistance, Supportive Housing, and Financial Education, and aligns with its mission of helping to keep people from becoming homeless and working to elevate their possibilities for economic empowerment.

This grant enables BCM Georgia to form new partnerships and extend its geographical footprint, thus serving more neighbors in crisis.

The funds for the grant are part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and extend into 2026.

# United Way Continues to Partner with BCM Georgia



Since August 2020, BCM Georgia and the United Way of Greater Atlanta (UWGA) have partnered to discharge federal relief funds to City of Atlanta residents at risk of losing their homes due to a financial crisis. Through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), BCM Georgia assisted the UWGA in distributing close to \$6 million in ERAP funding, contributing to the successful citywide effort to disperse over \$50 million in rental assistance to over 11,000 households. Protip Biswas, Vice

President of Homelessness for the UWGA says, "the BCM Georgia Team has shown real leadership in our work and has been a collaborative partner helping families address their barriers and keeping them stable." BCM Georgia's President and CEO, Keeva Kase, is "very proud of this relationship and the results we achieved together. We look forward to working with key partners like the United Way into the future."

# **BCM Georgia Programs**



# **Emergency Assistance**

### **Immediate Intervention**

BCM Georgia prevents people from losing their homes by providing financial assistance for:

- Rent
- Mortgage
- Utility bills



# Foundation $3^{TM}$

# **Supportive Housing**

Serving working families experiencing homelessness by providing:

- Safe housing
- · Stable employment
- Education



# Budget for Life<sup>TM</sup>

# Financial Education

This program provides one-on-one coaching and education to help people achieve financial strength through:

- Debt reduction
- Budgeting
- Savings

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4,074
Total People
Served

# **Emergency Assistance**



3,938
People Served

Foundation  $3^{TM}$ 



48
People Served

# **Budget for Life**™



88
People Served

# Seeds of Change Society Celebrates Its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon



BCM Georgia's Seeds of Change Society, founded in 2011, is a women's giving group which raises support for women and families to achieve a lifetime of financial security. Its members are committed to BCM Georgia's mission to keep people from becoming homeless and work to elevate their possibilities for economic empowerment.



After a two-year break due to the pandemic, the Seeds of Change Society hosted its 10<sup>th</sup> annual luncheon at Cherokee Town & Country club on April 27<sup>th</sup>. One hundred and seventy members and guests came together to raise over \$112,000 - the largest amount raised in the Society's history!

# **Seeds of Change Society 2022 Members and Sponsors**



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## **Junior Member**

Elizabeth Gerringer Abby Sheppard

\*Host Committee

# Tee It Up Celebrates Its 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament



For the past 24 years Tee It Up sponsors and their guests have helped bring life-changing assistance and opportunities to individuals and families in Atlanta facing financial crisis. Sponsorships and ticket sales support our mission of preventing homelessness and elevating economic empowerment for individuals across Atlanta. This fun event on 15th September 2022 was held at Peachtree Golf Club, an exclusive course ranked as a U.S. Top 100 Golf Course.

# Thank You to Our Tee It Up Sponsors!



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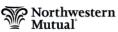




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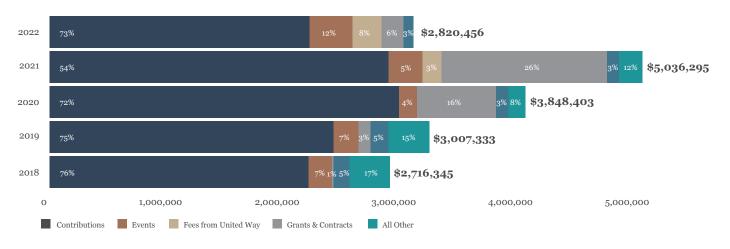
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# **Fiscal Report**

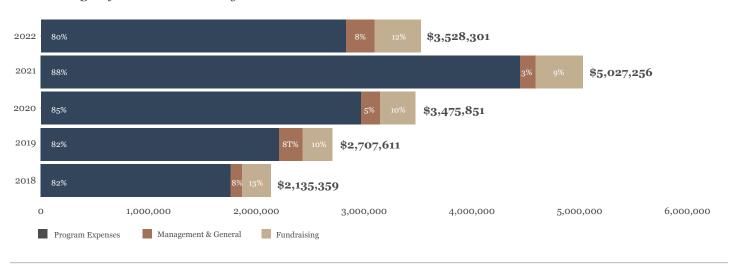
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BCM Georgia - for Fiscal Year Ending



# **Overall Expenses**

BCM Georgia - for Fiscal Year Ending



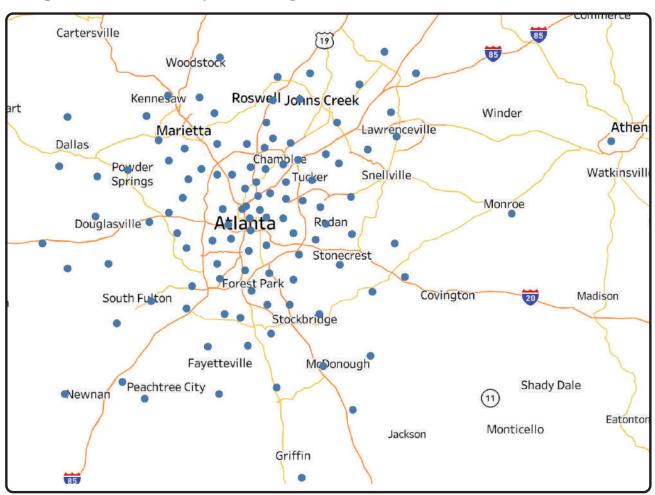
### Notes:

 $Other\ Income = Investments (Loss), Disposal\ of\ Assets,\ Thrift\ Store,\ In-Kind,\ Program\ Fees$ 

Fees from United Way of Greater Atlanta for Emergency Rental Asssitance Program FY22 of \$231K managing \$2,972K and FY21 of \$153K managing \$425K Please see details in annual audit for FY22

Financial statement based off 06/30/2022

117 Zip Codes were Served by BCM Georgia







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