

# FOCUS

✦ SAN FRANCISCO ✦

How can you serve your neighbors in need?





# Our Challenge

## Food Insecurity in San Francisco

The recent San Francisco DCYF (Dept of Children, Youth, and Their Families) RAPID-SF survey of over 600 households with children ages birth to 17 years revealed that 30% were food insecure.



Scale of  
Poverty

# 12%

According to sf.gov, an estimated 12% of San Francisco residents were in poverty in 2023.

Sources:

- [SF Food Security Task Force 2023 Recommendations](#)
- [Poverty in San Francisco](#)





# The Consequences of Food Insecurity

“Food insecurity is associated with various chronic conditions including cardiovascular disease, developmental delays, asthma, depressed immune function and increased hospitalizations, etc.”

**- BMC Public Health volume 23, Article 1323 (2023)**





# Our Challenge

## Homelessness in San Francisco

“As we grapple with the repercussions of the housing crisis, it is crucial that we continue to invest in the city’s homelessness response system that includes programs to problem solve and prevent people from ever having to experience homelessness.”

-San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) Executive Director, Shireen McSpadden



Scale of  
Homelessness

# 2,912

In the 2024 PIT Count, 2,912 people were found to be sleeping unsheltered on San Francisco’s streets, either in tents, structures, or on the street.

Source:

- [SF.gov](https://www.sf.gov)
- [KQED](https://www.kqed.org)





I was a stranger and  
you took me in.  
Matthew 25:35

# What We Can Do

A new FOCUS Center in San Francisco



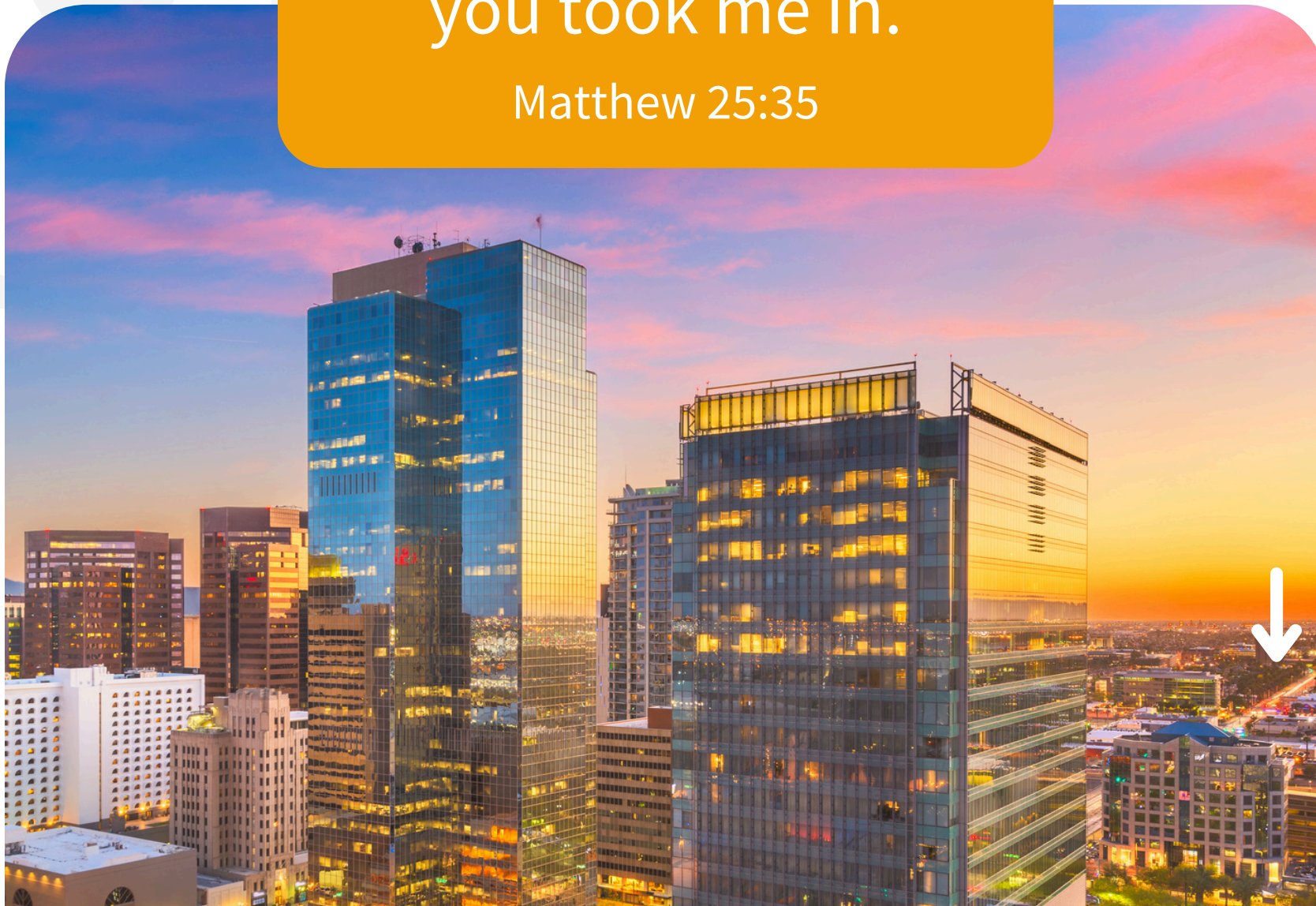
## Meals & Food Pantry

A place for our neighbors in need to receive a meal and food pantry items

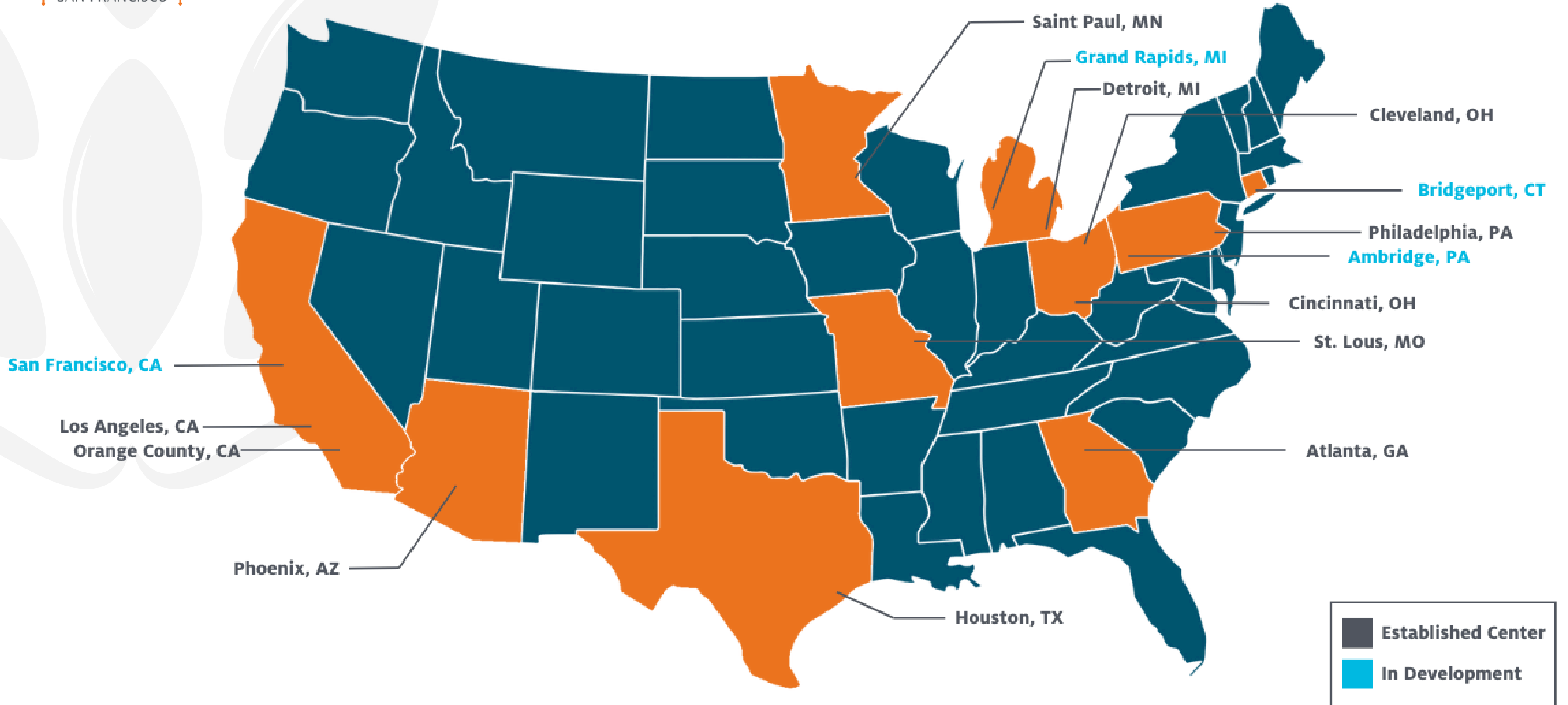


## Community & Shelter

A place for our neighbors in need to be part of a loving and supportive community.









# FOCUS Gateway City

Inspiration for our work in San Francisco



## Sunday Supper

Hot meals three Sundays a month, averaging 50-60 guests. 1,448 meals served in 2024.



## Food Pantry

Over 952 pounds of food distributed in 2024 (canned goods, pasta, etc).



## Clothing & Basic Needs

Over \$1,276 in clothing distributed in 2024, plus bus tokens and tickets.



## Haircuts

Free haircuts during Sunday Supper started in 2024.



# FOCUS Cleveland

Inspiration for our work in San Francisco



## Homeless Shelter

28 beds, hosting men for 11 months on average.



## Transitional House

12 beds, hosting men for 19 months on average.



## Meals & Basic Needs

61,619 meals, 5,752 pounds of food, and \$160,242 of clothing and essential items.



## Case Management

On-site support connecting men with counseling, health care, and other services. Plus job and life skills.



# What is a FOCUS Center?

## Basic Overview

**Staff**

Director, etc.

**Team**

Advisory Board

**Location**

Where we serve

**Donors**

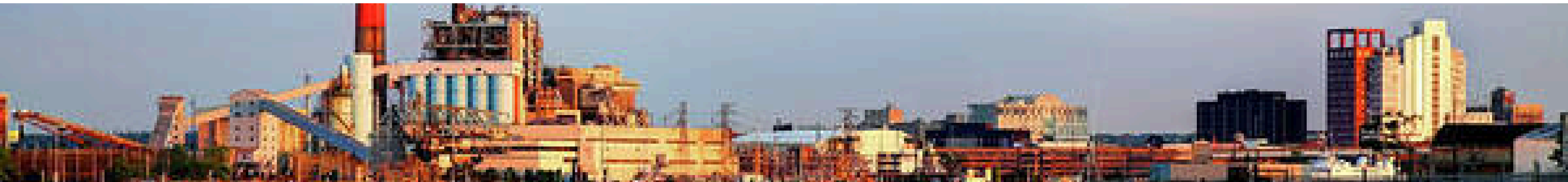
Wide range

**Partners**

Nonprofits, etc.

**Parishes**

Volunteers, etc.





# Why FOCUS?

The benefits of our team



01

## Assembly of Bishops

FOCUS is a ministry affiliated with the Assembly and blessed to do this work.

02

## Operational Support

Financial and auditing services, tech and communication support, etc.

03

## Growing Network

12 Centers and Programs across the country, with 4 new Centers in development this year.

04

## Risk Mitigation

A national office that steps in to keep operations afloat during difficult times.



# Why Now?

## God's Providence is at Work



### **Need**

Food insecurity and homelessness are major problems across San Francisco.



### **Team**

Faithful Orthodox Christians are ready to work together in service.



### **Funding**

\$45,000 in matching grants available to support our next steps.



# Calendar Overview

## Key Dates and Deliverables



**January**

### Kickoff Meeting

Initial meeting with the community and establishment of Exploratory Committee

**February-  
August**

### Exploratory Committee

Workings Groups meet every two weeks, fundraising begins, idea develops, etc.

**August**

### EC Phase Ends

Matching funds are raised, programs defined, etc. so FOCUS Board can declare a new Center

**October**

### Initial Staffing

First Center Director is hired and initial operations begin, Advisory Board established



# FOCUS San Francisco

The plan for this new Center.



## Build on Existing Ministry

Weekly drive-up food pantry at Holy Trinity (999 Brotherhood Way).



## Community Meals

Monthly meals for our neighbors in need, potentially growing to a weekly rhythm.



## Wrap-Around Services

Community meals can seed new services and lead to nonprofit partnerships.



## Continued Growth

Potential expansion across the Bay Area, given the amount of need in the area.



# Our Progress

## Work of Exploratory Committee

Twenty-four faithful from nine local parishes have been helping to shape the ministry and build support.



**\$3,867.65**

Parishes, families,  
businesses, etc. have  
been answering the call.

**Funds Raised**

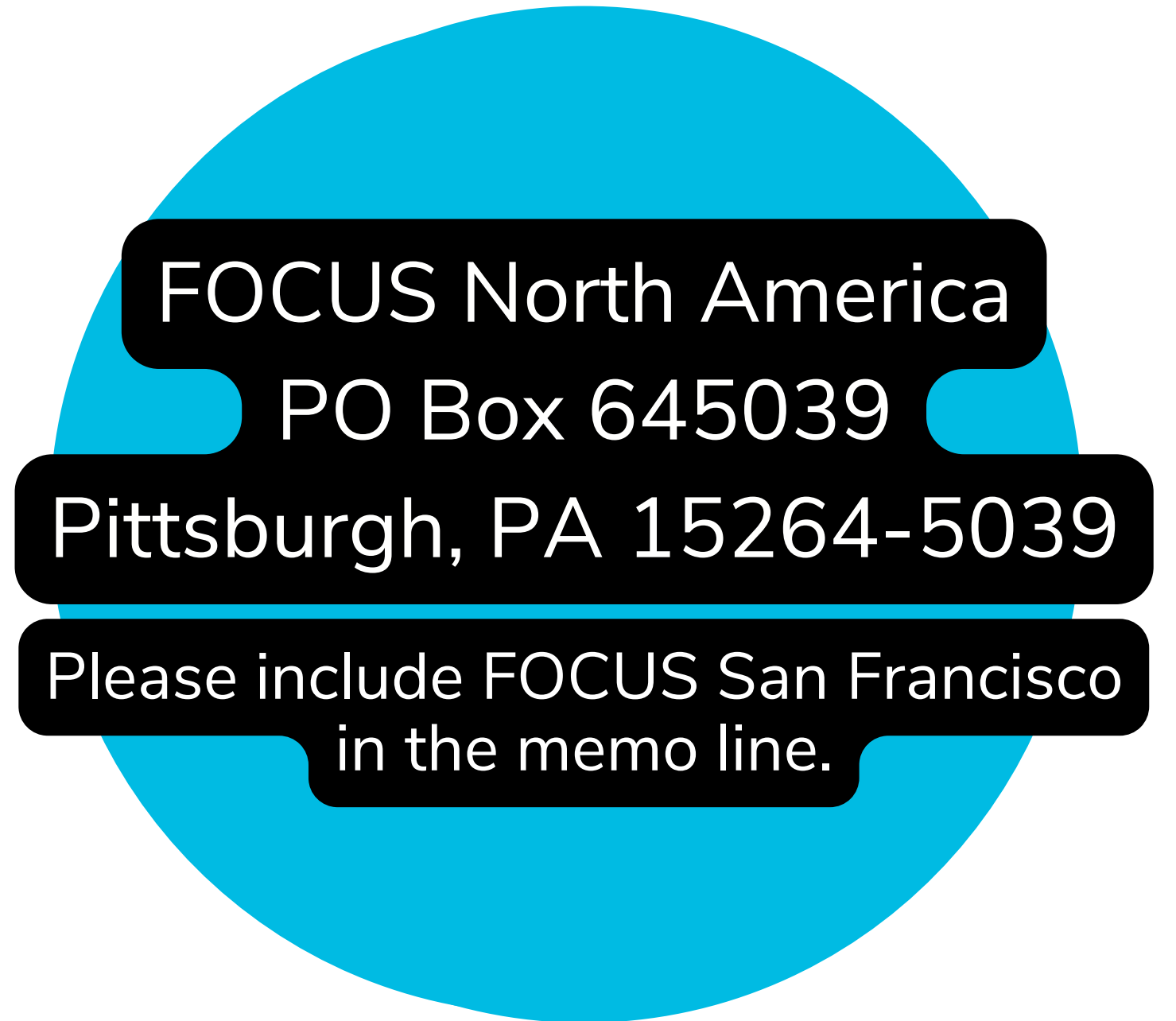


# How You Can Help!

All donations are doubled up to our \$45,000 goal



Scan to contribute.



Send a check.





Excel in the gifts  
that build up the  
Church.

1 Corinthians 14:12

# Stay In Touch

Our work is just beginning!



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as they develop.



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