

FOCUS

NORTH + AMERICA

How can you serve your neighbors in need?





Our Challenge

Food Insecurity in the DMV

“36% of households experienced food insecurity within the past year—nearly unchanged from 37% in 2024, but notably higher than the 32% reported in 2023.”



**Scale of
Poverty**

36%

According to Capital Area Food Bank, 36% of DMV residents experienced food insecurity in the past year.

Sources:

- [Capital Area Food Bank](#)



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 the DMV

“ A total of 9,774 people are experiencing homelessness in the region in 2024, according to a report by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) highlighting results from the annual Point-in-Time (PIT) count conducted by area jurisdictions and homeless services providers in January 2024. This is a twelve percent increase, or an additional 1,078 people experiencing homelessness, over the 2023 enumeration.”



**Scale of
Homelessness**

1 in 3

“Personal Experiences with homelessness are widespread in DC: Nearly 1 in 3 personally know someone who has experienced homelessness or who is at risk of becoming homeless”

Source:

- [Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments](#)
- [Greater Washington Community Foundation](#)



I was a stranger and
you took me in.

Matthew 25:35

What We Can Do

A new FOCUS Center in the DMV



Meals & Food Pantry

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



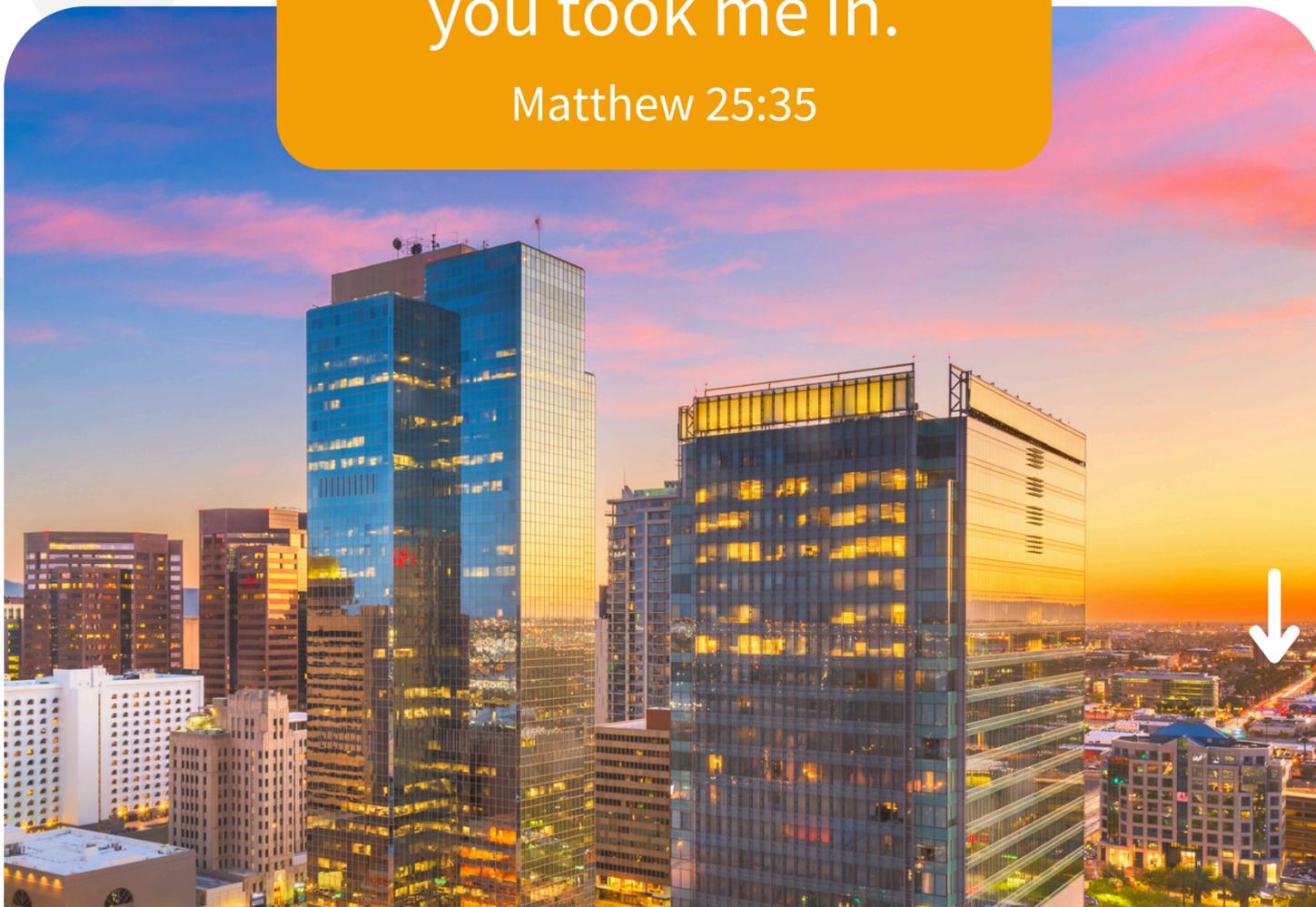
Community & Shelter

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



Mobile Ministry or Multi-Campus Approach

Consider how best to operate within the DMV for our volunteers and guests.



FOCUS Gateway City

Inspiration for our work in the DMV



Sunday Supper

Hot meals served three Sundays a month averaging 60 guests per meal.



Food Pantry

Over \$40,000 of food distributed in 2025.



Clothing & Basic Needs

Over \$32,000 in clothing and hygiene items distributed in 2025.



Haircuts

Free haircuts during Sunday Supper started in 2024.

FOCUS Cleveland

Inspiration for our work in the DMV



Homeless Shelter & Transitional House

Shelter is 28 beds, hosting men for 11 months on average. Transitional House is 12 beds, hosting men for 19 months on average.



Additional Property

Recently acquired a 3rd building on the same block with an additional 10 bed capacity.



Meals & Basic Needs

About 56,000 hot meals served in 2025.
Distribution of clothing, hygiene items, etc.



Case Management

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

FOCUS Philadelphia

Inspiration for our work in the DMV



Meal Service

130 meals per week served in Aviator Park in Philadelphia and The Upper Room in Norristown. Leftover food is donated to a local hospice in Philadelphia.



Clothing & Basic Needs

From new and gently used coats, blankets and gloves to hand knit hats and scarves (produced by a local Parish Knitting Guild run primarily by grandmothers).



Growth

Designated in 2024 with a part time Center Director, serving 30 hot meals per week in 1 location. Expanded to full time Center Director, 150 meals per week in 2 locations, and acquiring a bus for food delivery and mobile ministry. Goal of growing to 300 meals per week by the end of 2026.

What is a FOCUS Center?

Basic Overview

Staff

Director, etc.

Team

Advisory Committee

Location

Where we serve

Donors

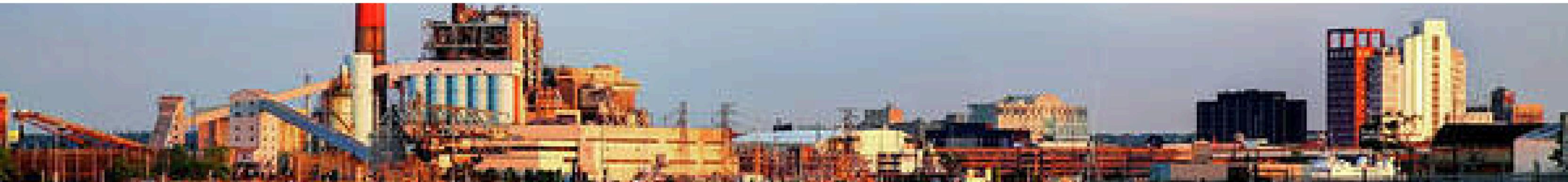
Wide range

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

14 Centers and Programs across the country, with 3 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 the DMV.



Team

Faithful Orthodox Christians are ready to work together in service.



Funding

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

Next Steps

Creating our Exploratory Committee



Our Team

- Twice monthly meetings
- Research and project development

3 Big Questions

1. What are we doing?
2. Where will we do it?
3. How will we pay for it?

Raising Funds

- Small monthly donors
- Benefactors
- Institutional support
- Parishes

Calendar Overview

Key Dates and Deliverables



January

Kickoff Meeting

Initial meeting with the community and establishment of Exploratory Committee

February-
August

Exploratory Committee

Committee meets 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

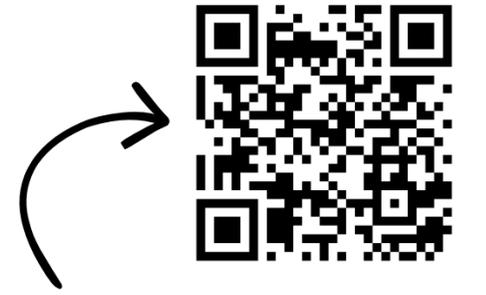
October

Initial Staffing

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

Let's Get Going!

God's Providence is at Work



If you forgot to RSVP!



Make your contribution!



Email me to join the team!

