

“We have relied on God as our ultimate source, and He has always supplied everything we need. He has brought so many wonderful donors, partners and volunteers around us to propel us to where He wants us to go.”

-Jacki Stevens, Joppa Cofounder

BUILDING ON OUR FOUNDATIONS

CASE FOR SUPPORT

Joppa 

CELEBRATING **15 YEARS**
Acts 9:36 NIV



“There’s a big difference, raising them in a tent and then raising them in their own home. We wouldn’t be here right now without all of you guys at Joppa.”

-Johnny & Lexi

HOMELESSNESS

Homelessness has been on the rise in central Iowa for the past four years. **The number of homeless individuals Joppa served more than doubled from 2021 to 2023, and continues to rise.** This trend emerged from the affordable housing crisis, worsened during the pandemic and has only increased due to inflation. Many of our neighbors have no options, home, or hope.

900+

PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS EACH DAY IN POLK COUNTY ¹

31%

OF IOWA’S HOMELESS POPULATION ARE FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ²

2,191

UNDUPLICATED HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WERE SERVED BY JOPPA IN 2023 ³

700+

PEOPLE ARE APPROVED BUT BACKLOGGED ON THE WAITING LIST FOR GOVERNMENT-FUNDED HOUSING IN POLK COUNTY ⁴

-58,377

SHORTAGE OF RENTAL HOMES AFFORDABLE AND AVAILABLE IN IOWA FOR EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME RENTERS ⁵

SERVICE THROUGH HOPE

On any given night, nearly 1,000 central Iowans have no place to call home. Many of our neighbors spend nights in their cars, under bridges and even in the woods as they try to muster up enough hope to carry them through the night. That's where Joppa comes in. We help homeless families and individuals survive, find housing and rebuild their lives and work to end homelessness by:

- Engaging volunteers and community partners in service
- Helping homeless families and individuals access government-funded resources and other assistance
- Filling gaps in homeless services, housing and education and mobilizing private donations from families, churches and organizations.

For over 800 consecutive weeks, we have offered love, support and hope through outreach with meals, water, supplies, transportation assistance and agency referrals.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to create communities of unconditional love, support and hope for the homeless, as we work together to prevent and ultimately end homelessness.

In 2023, Joppa completed:



8,178
OUTREACH VISITS



136,019
LBS. OF FOOD DELIVERED



3,407
AFTERCARE VISITS



17,583
MEALS SERVED



8,288
RESOURCE CENTER VISITS



14,581
REFERRALS TO PARTNERS



“We do not have the time, financial resources or knowledge to change everything in the world — but we have a part to play. What we do is a drop in the bucket, but we need to be that drop in the bucket... We aren't just serving people; we're serving friends.”

-Penny Schramm, Volunteer

HOPE



Joppa served 2.5 times more individuals in 2023 compared to 2021. However, donations have not kept pace with Des Moines' increase in homelessness. With additional resources, Joppa can sustain services and help more people find housing.

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Our donors, volunteers and partners are an integral part of Joppa, and our mission to “serve the least of these” every week of the year. Together, we can address the growing issue of homelessness in our communities and continue helping homeless families and individuals survive, find housing and rebuild their lives.



1. Create relationships through Outreach and the Homeless Resource Center



2. Help people survive, access resources, apply for jobs and find housing



3. Move families and individuals into housing and help them create homes



4. Continue to support their recovery through Aftercare and Circle-of-Friends



BUILDING ON OUR FOUNDATIONS

Since 2008, Joppa has evolved from a weekly day of service into an impactful, hope-filled ministry. As the number of people experiencing homelessness in Des Moines continues to grow, our donor and volunteer support base must keep pace to maintain and increase our level of impact. Joppa is lifting an average of one family or individual off the streets each week – more than 600 individuals total, with over 80% remaining in homes today!

The time is now to help us sustain our services and prepare to build the Joppa Village. **Will you answer the call?**

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Joppa is a faith-based organization that does not receive state or federal funding. Your generous contributions provide the critical funds that fill gaps in homeless outreach, survival, housing and aftercare services. However, the number of homeless people has rapidly grown, and we need your help to expand our support base of donors and volunteers.

IN 2023, WE LIFTED

65

PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS
THANKS TO YOUR
GENEROUS SUPPORT

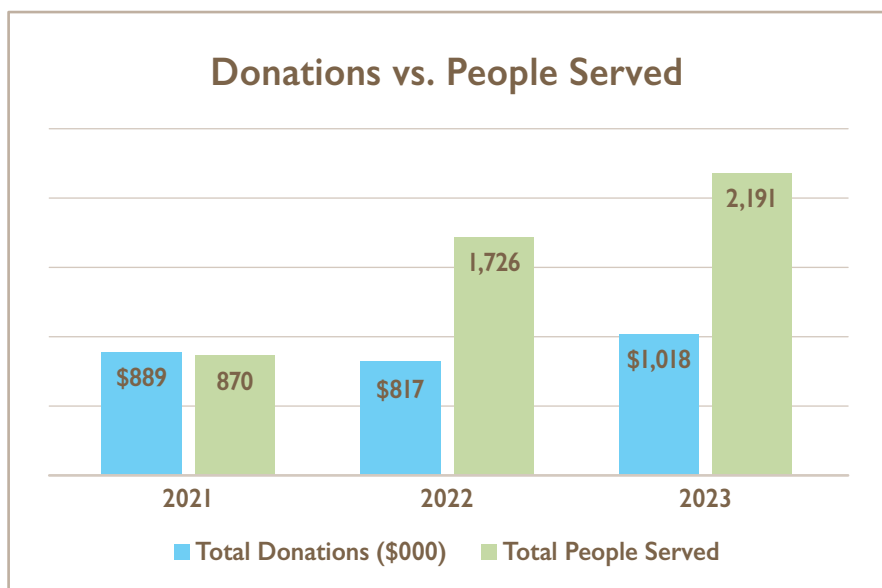
JOPPA SERVED

2.5x

MORE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS IN 2023
COMPARED TO 2021

NOW IS THE TIME

Nearly 33% of the people Joppa is serving are first-time homeless. We need your help to continue meeting the needs of the many homeless neighbors in our community.



DID YOU KNOW?

THE AVERAGE COST OF
SERVING ONE PERSON FOR
AN ENTIRE YEAR IS

\$500

ONE \$10,000 DONATION CAN...

- Serve 20 homeless lowans for a year
- Provide 4 weeks of outreach
- Lift 1 family into permanent housing

WAYS TO HELP

- Become an Everyday Angel monthly support partner
- Give a personally significant annual gift of any type*

HELP SPREAD THE WORD

1. Be a table host at our Gala Fundraiser in November
2. Host a Meet & Greet for friends and family at Joppa
3. Volunteer to help with our Annual Campaign

*Joppa accepts gifts in almost any form, including cash and matching gifts, donor-directed funds, stock transfers, cryptocurrency, gifts of appreciated assets, including securities, as well as non-cash gifts, including real estate, closely-held business assets, harvested crops and any illiquid asset.

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Joppa has been working to address homelessness in central Iowa for 15 years. As a trusted partner in the community, they provide lifesaving services and support to hundreds of families and individuals who experience homelessness each year - providing supplies, friendship and hope. Their extraordinary effectiveness, coupled with their faithfulness and dedicated volunteers, has helped more than 600 families and individuals get off the streets and into permanent housing since 2008.”

-Bill Mech, Joppa Board Chairman

Last year, Joppa supported 2,191 individuals experiencing homelessness by collaborating with partners and making 14,581 referrals, including:

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| Aetna | Hope Center for Women and Children |
| Agape Pregnancy Resource Center | Iowa Homeless Youth Centers |
| Bethel Mission | Iowa Legal Aid |
| Broadlawns Medical Center | Iowa Workforce Development |
| Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter | LSI Staffing |
| Catholic Worker House | MercyOne House of Mercy |
| Central Iowa Shelter & Services | Polk County General Assistance |
| Children & Families of Iowa | Primary Health Care |
| Cricket Wireless | Schott Mauss & Associates, PLLC |
| Exemplar Care | Veterans Administration |
| Eyerly-Ball Mental Health Services | Wellpoint |

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Transparency
2024

Candid.

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