Mission Statement
Back Bay Mission meets the urgent needs of those suffering from poverty and its effects while building pathways to social justice. We lead the way in delivering services, creating collaborative solutions, and transforming lives through mission immersion experiences.

Vision Statement
To eradicate the sting of poverty and its effects on individuals and communities.

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Charles E. Brown,
Interim Executive Director
2013 was an interesting and challenging year for Back Bay Mission (BBM)

The long time, 13 years on the job, Executive Director Shari Prestemon left to become Conference Minister in Minnesota; Kenny Washington, Director of Client Services stepped in as acting director and I was hired as interim Executive Director starting January 1, 2014 and a new director has been hired and will begin July 1, 2014.

What this has shown is that BBM is and continues to be very limber and flexible as a 92 year old.

Financially we ended 2013 in the black and continue to work to maintain a balanced budget. However the farther we get from Hurricane Katrina and August 2005 the more difficult funding becomes. Too many feel that the devastation and damage wrought by Katrina has been fixed and the time now is to move on to other projects; this is far from the truth.

There is a need here for the homeless, for veterans, for food and shelter, for housing, for emergency assistance, for a warm place to sit for a few hours out of the elements, to shower and do laundry; the needs of our guests continue to grow in spite of our distance from the ravages of Katrina.

In 2013 we provided emergency assistance for 4,337 people; 381 of those were veterans and 299 were persons with disabilities.

In our Day Center for the Homeless we served 2964 guests, provided laundry service to 1693 guests. 3114 guests took showers and 416 guests got haircuts. There was a need and there continues to be a need on the Gulf Coast and BBM plans to continue to serve those in need.

I could go on and on but I think you get the picture. There is a need here and we need your support. Thank you for all you’ve done in the past and pray your support will continue on into the future.

Doing Christ’s work,

Charles E. Brown
Charles E Brown, Interim Executive Director.

Home At Last

Home At Last is Back Bay Mission’s permanent supportive housing ministry for the general population. In partnership with landlords and social service agencies on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, the Mission provides homeless and disabled individuals and families with a stable, decent place to live while they work on the issues underlying their homelessness.

While we hope that all of our Home At Last clients will graduate from the program and move on to other housing situations, we also recognize that it may take years for some of our clients to become self-sufficient. For that reason, there is no limit on the amount of time clients can stay in a Home At Last apartment. As long as they follow the rules of the program and make progress on their goals, they are welcome to stay.

One of these clients was Mr. Jesse Chambers. Mr. Chambers served in the United States Army and received an honorable discharge. Unfortunately, he also became homeless, and had been homeless for over a year when he came to Back Bay Mission. After entering our Home At Last Program in 2011, he began working on paying off his debt and meeting other goals. He graduated from the program in September of 2013 and has been doing very well since then. He has a stable life in his own apartment and volunteers at a local soup kitchen.

Through Home At Last, we help people make the transition from homelessness to safe, decent and affordable housing.

Number of People Served

| Total Number of Individuals: | 30 |
| Adults: | 24 |
| Children: | 6 |

Outcomes

| Graduated from Program: | 5 |
| Dismissed: | 2 |
| Passed Away: | 1 |
Emergency Services

Eddie first came to Back Bay Mission as a referral from our friends at Coastal Family Health. Eddie had been approved for Supplemental Security Income benefits, but he needed some help bridging the gap between being approved and actually receiving the benefits, as well as some additional financial assistance through the first few months.

Jill Cartledge, our emergency assistance caseworker, was just the person to help. Jill was with Mary Dees – a volunteer from Appleton, Wisconsin – when Eddie arrived at the Mission, his head low. While Jill began working with Eddie on getting financial assistance, Mary gave him something he hadn’t had in a long time: a hug.

Eddie is living with HIV. According to him, this illness had led to him being shut out of everyone’s lives and treated like a leper; no one would touch him or come close to him. At Back Bay Mission, he experienced real welcome and support. Jill got Eddie his checks and some food. But Jill and Mary both gave him something just as important: they treated him as a fellow human being. The material assistance we offer is critical to our clients. The dignity and self-respect we help them recover are just as vital.

They are, in fact, transformative. As Jill puts it, “He was just a different person when he left here… he walked out with his head high.”

Thanks to Jill and our emergency assistance program, Eddie will have the financial and material help that he needs to maintain stable housing. He will also know that there is a place he can go where he won’t be treated as a pariah, but as a beloved child of God.

Number of People Served

| Total Number of Individuals: ...................... | 4,337 |
| Adults: .................................................. | 3,901 |
| Children: ................................................ | 436 |

Number of Services

| Food Pantry: ............................................. | 3,272 |
| Utility Assistance: ................................... | 1,119 |
| Birth Certificates: ................................... | 70  |
| IDs and Driver’s Licenses: ......................... | 62  |
| Greyhound Tickets: ................................... | 34  |
| Rental Assistance: ................................... | 33  |
| Medication Assistance: ............................. | 19  |

Volunteers

| Total Number of Individuals: ...................... | 367 |
| Hours Volunteered: ................................... | 965 |
Housing Recovery & Volunteer Services

Project Statistics, January - December 2013

Major Rehabs – 4
Minor Rehabs – 15
Total number of projects undertaken – 21
Total number of projects completed – 19
Total funds expended on housing projects – $107,323.00

Involved in the volunteer hours and projects completed are 2 Acquisition Rehab projects (both major rehabs) that the HR program supported this year. 2 Fleetwood Dr was completed, 14 Fleetwood Dr was brought very close, but not completed in 2013. Although volunteers finished the interior work on Homeport in 2012, volunteers did return to the project in 2013 and built a fence around half the property. We look forward to being involved in the interior work on Homeport II when it is at that stage.

Volunteer Statistics for January-December 2013

Number of different churches/organizations represented by volunteers – 56 registered organizations
Number of volunteer work campers utilized – 764
Number of volunteer hours donated – 24,256
Dollar value of volunteer hours – $436,608 (@ $18/hr)
The Micah Day Center offers enriching daytime activities to the homeless and poor in a respectful environment. At the Center, people can bathe, get clothing laundered, email loved ones, work with case managers, and seek employment by using our address and phone number for essential communications. Efficient delivery of these multiple services in a single setting has enabled countless individuals to get a new start in life.

Just as important as the services that the Micah Center provides is the fact that every one of our guests is treated first and foremost as a child of God in a dignified atmosphere that feels like family. As one of our guests put it:

This place gives me a sense of home even though I’m homeless. It’s a safe place to come, where they welcome us in. You don’t know how important that is.

**Services Provided**

- Showers Taken: 3,114
- Loads of Laundry Done: 1,693
- Items of Mail Dispersed: 1,240
- Referrals Given: 575
- Personal Hygiene Kits Given Out: 528
- Benefits Applications Given Out: 494
- Haircuts Given: 416

**Number of People Served**

- Total Number of Individuals: 2,964
- New Guests: 783

**Revenue**

- Program Fees and Earnings: 11%
- Public Grants and Contracts: 30%
- Investments: 7%
- Miscellaneous: 0%
- Private Grants: 11%
- Gifts: 42%

**Total Amount**: $1,552,446.65

**Expenses**

- Program and Services: 70%
- Management and General: 14%
- Fundraising and Public Relations: 16%

**Total Amount**: $1,555,736.69

**Summary**

- Current Assets: $3,740,716.11
- Other Assets: $21,288.00
- Property and Equipment: $2,111,595.35

- Total Assets: $5,873,599.51
- Total Liabilities and Capital: $5,873,523.35
The above map represents the many locations across South Mississippi where Back Bay Mission held a variety of operations throughout 2013. Each marker is symbolic of our commitment to affordable housing, housing rehabilitation, veterans, and outreach services.

- **Green = Housing Recovery**
- **Blue = Home At Last**
- **Red = Affordable Housing/ Gulf Coast Housing Initiative**
- **Orange = Supportive Services for Veteran Families**

**Project: HomePort**

The Mission opened the doors of HomePort in 2013. HomePort is a duplex for homeless disabled veterans living in South Mississippi. HomePort II, the Mission’s newest home for homeless veterans, is scheduled to be completed by October 2014 and will house 6 previously homeless veterans.