



Isaiah 58  
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# 2018 Annual Report



## From the Director



This August, 2019 will mark my 13<sup>th</sup> year as the Executive Director of Isaiah 58 Ministries. It has been an incredible journey with a variety of changes along the way. Some of these changes have been cosmetic (I believe this January marked the fifth time we

have painted the ministry), but many of the other changes have been in an effort to better serve our community in one way or another.

Over these past 13 years we have moved our offices as well as our thrift store on multiple occasions, adjusting our space to maximize its use for storage and services. As the needs of the ministry and our community have grown from serving approximately 400 families a month to now serving between 600 and 900 families each month, we have commandeered more rooms at Compton Heights Christian Church in order to provide dedicated areas for food and hygiene storage.

We now also utilize the fellowship hall every Monday and Friday for our fresh food distributions as well as our holiday food giveaways and our holiday store. We have program supplies in nearly every nook and cranny throughout our ministry space and sometimes it feels as if we are bursting at the seams. And yet, through all this growth and all these changes, Compton Heights Christian Church has been both gracious and generous. Our ministry would not be possible without the use of this space, and for this we are eternally grateful.

Change is indeed important. It keeps our ministry exciting and filled with good, healthy energy. It keeps our ministry relevant as we seek to adjust to the ever-changing needs of our community. And it allows for growth in new ways that ensure we stay connected to one another.

Over the past year we have witnessed the power of change in our lives. As Meredith has settled into her role as Hunger Program Director, we have moved our food ministry to a choice model, allowing individuals to choose what items go into their monthly bags. People have expressed how

much they appreciate this change to choice and how they like the options we provide for them.

We have watched our Monday and Friday food distributions evolve and grow to a point where we are now providing fresh, perishable food to between 100 and 150 individuals every week. This program brings people from all walks of life into a room where we work together to unpack, sort and offer food for those in need. It is a time when everyone works together—employees, volunteers and patrons—right alongside one another. It is during this time that I most witness people truly caring for one another. There is conversation, there is laughter—it is community.

On these days, in the midst of the controlled chaos that is Mondays and Fridays, as we talk to one another, pray for one another, and help one another navigate through the many food options they have to choose from, I look around at everyone, and I realize, THIS is church. This is what God intended church to be. This is the beauty of true community. This is the beloved community.

The real work of ministry is hard. There are no easy answers, and when we must endure continuous change, it sometimes feels like we are simply spinning our wheels. But when we get a glimpse of true community, we realize that what we do really does make a difference, if even for just one.

I am blessed to be a part of this incredible community.

### A Franciscan Benediction

May God bless us with discomfort  
at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships  
so that we may live from deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger  
at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of God's creations  
so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless us with tears  
to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war,  
so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and  
to turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless us with just enough foolishness  
to believe that we can make a difference in the world,  
so that we can do what others claim cannot be done:  
to bring justice and kindness to all our children and all our  
neighbors who are poor. Amen

# Food Pantry

2018 was a great year for our food ministries at Isaiah 58 Ministries. In addition to serving people through our food pantry, we also saw increased participation in our fresh food giveaways. These giveaways, happening twice a week, invite clients to choose their food from a large variety of fresh, perishable items including meat, deli, bakery, dairy, produce, and bread. Getting this fresh food into the hands of people who can use it is an important step toward minimizing food insecurity and increasing the health of our community. We are grateful for the generosity of Schnucks Markets, Whole Foods, Operation Food Search, Ladue Chapel Food Bank and Peace Pantry Cedar Hill for ensuring that we can continue to offer this program.

In our food pantry, after a year of discernment and study, we decided to intentionally move toward a choice pantry. This model invites clients to choose the food that will be packed into bags for them. Each client is offered a shopping list, which lists our available non-perishable food. After clients choose, their bag is custom packed and clients are invited to choose additional condiments and hygiene items. The client choice model minimizes waste and increases the usefulness of food items. It also allows us to focus our request for donations to highlight items that are most often requested. As a part of the move to client choice, we took a week for a mini renovation of the food pantry, including new paint, lighting, and layout. We reopened with a new model and a new look!



We have continued our partnership with the St Louis Area Foodbank, increasing our capacity to distribute food. Seniors living near the poverty line are invited to apply to receive a USDA senior box with monthly supplemental food. This program, coordinated by the Foodbank, offered

additional food to 80 of our seniors. We also continued to offer our monthly Mobile Market, which distributes large amounts of fresh food to the community on a

monthly basis. We have begun to get the neighborhood involved in Mobile Market, ensuring that all of the food finds a good home.

Our holiday food distribution was successful, as always. 335 food bags were distributed over Thanksgiving and

Christmas. We continue to adapt our model and Christmas debuted our holiday choice shopping, where clients were invited to choose the food that they would like in their bag. In addition to food, both holidays included pantry staples such as flour and sugar, spices, and cleaning supplies. We already have people inquiring about the 2019 winter holidays.

We have also expanded our program options in 2018. We worked with Compton Heights Christian Church and Oak Hill Presbyterian Church to resource and staff an emergency winter shelter, located at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church and operated in cooperation with Winter Outreach. This shelter gave at-risk individuals a safe space to sleep during the coldest winter nights.

We also invited special guests to our fresh food giveaways to distribute information and teach us more about important subjects. Some of the subjects included a kidney screening, voter ID law information, voter registration, food stamp eligibility, IRS disputes, and sexual health.

All of this is only possible because of the dedication of our wonderful volunteers. We have an amazing crew of volunteers who help make our fresh food distribution a success, serving up to 80 people in a single morning. Our tireless food pantry volunteers have been exceptionally open to changes and are creating relationships with each person they serve. The thrift store, program office, and administrative volunteers are fabulously flexible in all that they do. Our volunteer groups help us with major projects and keep us moving forward. We are so grateful for our volunteers, and look forward to connecting more people and their passions with the projects and needs of Isaiah 58 Ministries.



# Food Pantry cont.

## Individual Volunteers

Laura A	Carol G	Kat L	Dale S
Joyce B	Louise G	Leslie L	Carol S
Janice B	Mary H	Bertha L	Steve S
Cheryl B	Eugene H	Linda L	Jean S
Ken B	Cathy H	Phoebe L	Darryl S
Christy B	Enid H	Kimberly M	Kathy S
Diann B	Vicki H	Kim M	Chris T
Bethamie B	Webster H	Ed N	Donna T
Laura B	Connie H	Jim O	Bill T
Sherri B	Ed H	Carol P	Don T
Peg C	Darrell H	Susan P	Mary T
Erin C	Marty H	Marsha R	Wendy T
Brian C	Dennis J	Amy R	Undray T
Martin D	Gene J	Linus R	LaNita V
Barbara D	Jim J	Susan R	Cathy W
Esther D	Suzy K	Sylvia S	Kelly W
Cartez F	Marshall K	Mary S	Sharon Y
Stella G	Mickey K		

## Volunteer Groups

Arvada Presbyterian  
 Brittany Woods Middle School  
 First Christian Church Topeka  
 First Christian Church Columbia  
 First Congregational United Church of Christ St Louis  
 First Presbyterian Defiance  
 First Presbyterian Galesburg  
 First Presbyterian Green Bay  
 Hope United Church of Christ  
 Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ Women's Group  
 Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ Youth Group  
 John Burroughs School  
 Ladue Chapel Youth  
 Oak Grove Presbyterian  
 Parkway United Church of Christ  
 Southminster Presbyterian  
 St John's United Church of Christ  
 St. Margaret of Scotland School  
 St. Mark's Presbyterian Church  
 St Mark's Presbyterian Youth  
 Twin Oaks Christian School  
 UKirk University of Tennessee Chattanooga  
 Urban Mission Experience  
 Wartburg College  
 Webster Groves Presbyterian Church  
 West Des Moines Christian Church  
 Wyman Center

## ISAIAH 58 MINISTRIES FOOD PROGRAMS



BY THE NUMBERS 2018

### PEOPLE SERVED



86 VISITS EACH WEEK TO FRESH FOOD GIVEAWAYS



51 PEOPLE SERVED EACH WEEK THROUGH THE FOOD PANTRY

We are seeing an increased demand for fresh, perishable food.

### PERSONAL CARE

2,994 HYGIENE KITS WERE DISTRIBUTED

Soap, shampoo, razors, deodorant, and other hygiene items are in high demand, not accessible with food stamps, and not often available at other food pantries.



### OUR SENIORS



920 USDA SENIOR BOXES DISTRIBUTED

For seniors age 60+, living at 130% of the federal poverty income guidelines, this monthly food box provides supplemental, nutritional food.

### COLLECTING FOOD

10 STORE AND WAREHOUSE FOOD COLLECTIONS WEEKLY

Partners such as Schnucks Markets, Whole Foods, Operation Food Search, STL Area Foodbank, and more are ongoing sources of fresh food.



### VOLUNTEERS = SUPERHEROES



67 INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERS



27 VOLUNTEER GROUPS

Weekly volunteers and special event volunteers help us get the people-power that we need to offer top-notch services to our community.

### POPULAR ITEMS



SPINACH



PORK + BEANS



SARDINES

These items are often requested, yet rarely donated.

### JOIN US IN THIS WORK!

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER, OR DONATE ONLINE, AT [158MINISTRIES.ORG](http://158MINISTRIES.ORG)

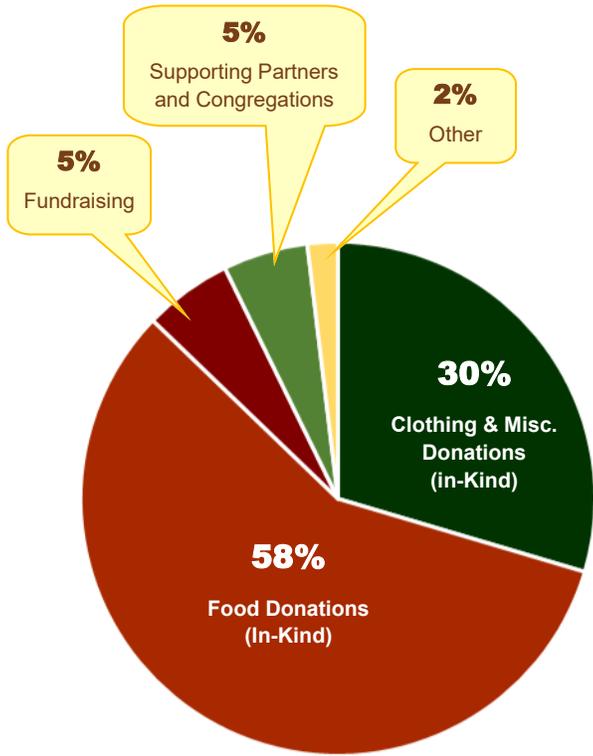
# Budget

Income	2019	2018	2018
	Budget	Actual	Budget
Supporting Partners	\$74,475	\$85,523	\$70,175
Fundraising	\$101,000	\$89,030	\$77,000
Family Crisis Gifts			
Donated Food Received	\$950,000	\$925,000	\$950,000
Donated Clothing Received	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$475,000
<b>Total Family Crisis Gifts</b>	<b>\$1,425,000</b>	<b>\$1,425,000</b>	<b>\$1,425,000</b>
Miscellaneous	\$1,100	\$30,687	\$26,600
Total Cash Income	\$176,575	\$205,240	\$173,775
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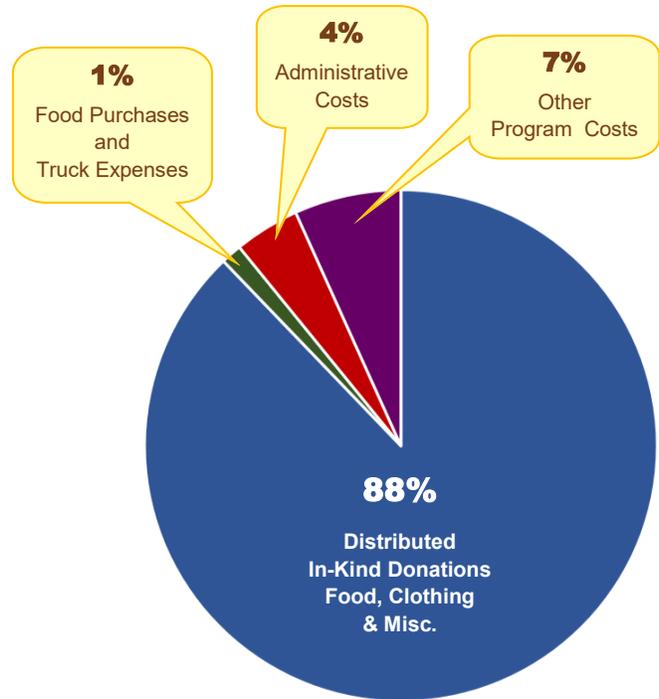
## Expenses

Ministry and Mission			
Donated Food Distributed	\$950,000	\$925,000	\$950,000
Donated Clothing Distributed	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$475,000
Other	\$28,300	\$21,353	\$23,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,435,300</b>	<b>\$1,421,353</b>	<b>\$1,448,600</b>
Compensation & Benefits	\$128,869	\$125,167	\$123,293
Administration	\$29,168	\$29,150	\$26,250
Total Cash Expenses	\$186,337	\$175,670	\$173,143
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## 2018 Ministry Revenue

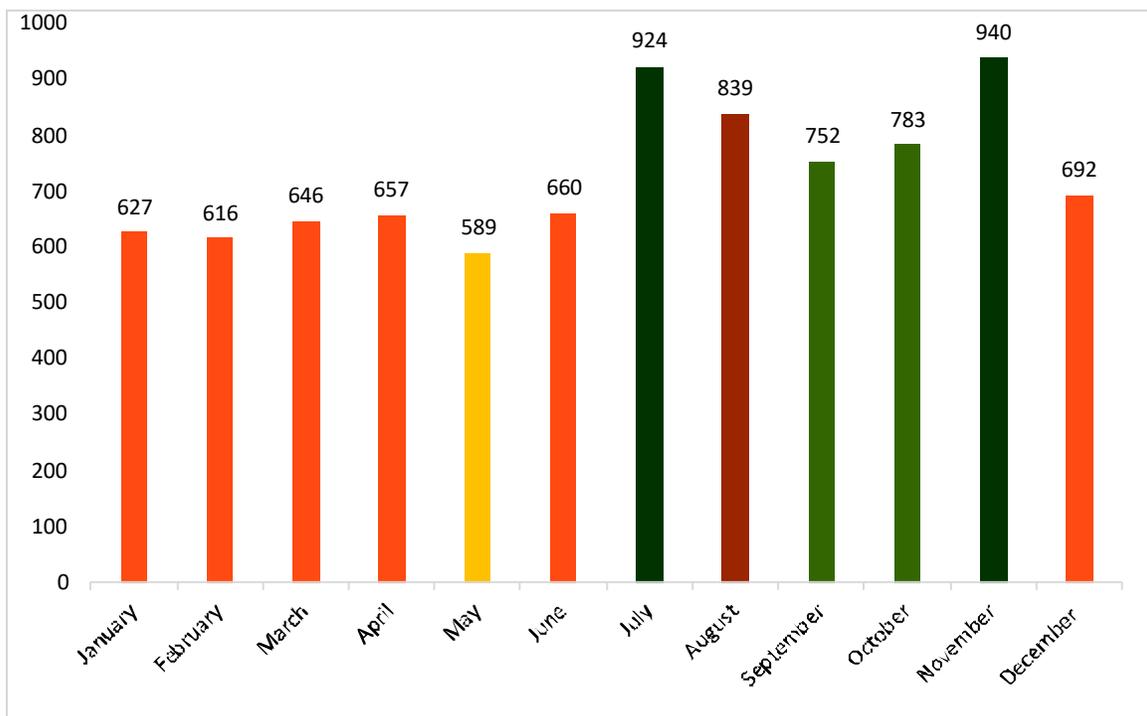


## 2018 Ministry Expenses



## Food Pantry

### 2018 Numbers of Families Served



# Thank you!

Thank you to the many churches and organizations that support Isaiah 58 Ministries. Through your generous financial support as well as your donations of food, clothing and time, we are able to serve over 800 families each month. With your help we continue striving to be “the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.”

Affton Christian Church	Schnucks
Affton Presbyterian Church	Shaw Art Fair
American Cleaners and Laundry	Shaw Neighborhood Improvement Association
Board of Religious Organizations	Southminster Presbyterian Church
Bonhomme Presbyterian Church	Southminster Presbyterian Church Women’s Assoc.
Calvary Presbyterian Church	St. Anthony’s Food Pantry
Cardinals Care	St. James United Church of Christ
Carondelet United Church of Christ	St. James United Church of Christ Women’s Fellowship
Cedar Hills Peace Pantry	St. John’s Episcopal Church
City Garden Montessori School	St. John’s Evangelical United Church of Christ
Community Christian Church	St. John’s Evangelical UCC—Marys and Marthas
Community Christian Church—Disciples Women	St. Louis Activity Center
Compton Heights Christian Church	St. Louis Area Food Bank
DynaLabs, LLC	St. Louis Association of the United Church of Christ
Emmanuel Episcopal Church	St. Louis Community Foundation—Charless Foundation
First Congregational Church	St. Louis Mennonite Fellowship
First Divine Science Church	St. Louis University Hospital
Gethsemane Lutheran Church	St. Lucas United Church of Christ
Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri	St. Lucas UCC Women’s Fellowship
Greater St. Louis Community Foundation	St. Luke’s Hospital
Hope United Church of Christ	St. Mark Presbyterian Church
Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ	St. Mark Presbyterian Church – Deacons Fund
John Burroughs School	St. Matthew Cemetery
Joint Neighborhood Ministry	St. Paul United Church of Christ
Kiwanis Club of Hampton/Midtown	St. Paul’s United Church of Christ
Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church	St. Peter’s United Church of Christ, Florissant
Meals on Wheels	Sycamore United Church of Christ
Messiah Lutheran Church	The Young Clergy Women’s Project
New Horizons Presbyterian Church	Watson Terrace Christian Church
Oak Hill Presbyterian Church	Webster Groves Christian Church
Oak Hill Presbyterian Church Women	Webster Groves Christian Church—Disciples Women
Operation Food Search	Webster Groves Presbyterian Church
Overland Christian Church	Whole Foods Market
Parkway United Church of Christ	Will Flores Foundation



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