







ANNUAL REPORT



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Executive Director's Report



*I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
Isaiah 43 18-19*

Another year has passed, and what a year it has been, providing opportunities for growth and renewal both within the ministry and within the lives of our staff.

I am happy to report that, thanks to the support from our board of directors, after 17 years of serving Isaiah 58 Ministries, I was finally able to step away for a 3-month long, much needed sabbatical.

My time away included a period in private retreat where I rested my body and my mind and spent time enjoying the beauty of God's earth. A small cabin in the mountains of

southern Colorado provided me with all I needed to reconnect with God and all of creation. Throughout my stay I was able to look out from my cabin porch and see the beauty and vastness of the wilderness, where on one day, bright, blue skies welcomed in the day, and heavy spring snow blanketed the ground the next.

It was a reminder to me to embrace each and every moment and know that what is, presently, can quickly melt away, making room for something new. It also reminds me that, as moisture from the snow nourishes new spring growth, **all** that has come before provides nourishment for what is yet to be.

During my sabbatical I also took time to visit other ministries across the Midwest. From Iowa, to Tennessee, to Kentucky and Michigan, I gleaned many wonderful ideas and "best practices" from other food pantries. I spent time visiting with directors and volunteers, all of them visionaries, who have worked hard to bring their dreams to life. I saw that their ministries, in all their varied models, nurture their communities and work to build a better world for everyone.

Finally, I closed my sabbatical with another retreat, hiking and creating art as I listened for God's call for what is next for me and for Isaiah 58 Ministries.

I am so grateful for our incredible board of directors and all of our volunteers who, while I was away from the ministry, willingly stepped up to ensure the ministry continued to serve our community with grace and compassion.

Upon my return from sabbatical, the rest of the year quickly passed. Within a month of my return, Meredith was on parental leave, leaning into her new role as mom and coparent. Again, our volunteers were indispensable, helping to make sure each day ran smoothly and without incident.

And then, soon after Meredith's return, the holidays rushed in, demanding all our time and attention, Food and gift collections, holiday food distributions and our holiday store filled our days with continuous reminders of how blessed we are to have so many incredible supporters.

With our targeted food and gift drives, supporting churches showered our ministry with holiday bounty, allowing us to provide our guests with joy and abundance during a season that can bring added stress and excessive burdens.

What an event-filled, bounty-filled, and joy-filled year!

To our many supporters, Thank you! Thank you for your ongoing support through food and clothing collections, financial donations, and volunteer hours. You have empowered us to stretch and grow in new directions.

So, while I remain in discernment about all that has happened during 2023, I do know this. God is calling us to be bold – to be courageous and to open our hearts and minds to the wonderful possibilities of what is to come.



Program Director's Report

2023 was a year of flexibility and stepping into the places where there are needs.

Our food pantry is an outstanding resource. We continue to offer guests the opportunity to shop twice a month, and we are listening and responding to our guest's specific requests. One of the greatest gifts of the guest-choice model is that we can focus on guest needs. We take the information about food that our guests prefer, and communicate those needs to our donors. This ensures that the food that is on the shelf is the food that is really needed by our folks.

In order to provide everyone with a food option, Fresh Food Friday is still open to all. Providing fresh, perishable items, guests leave with full bags. People can take advantage of this opportunity every week, and many do. Collecting, sorting, and distributing the fresh food takes care and time, and the consistent program offering is well worth the effort.

The clothing room experienced a popularity boom this year. There are few, if any, other places in the city where you can regularly receive free clothing. While the amounts may be limited, the room is busier than ever. This winter, coats have been flying out the door, and good shoes and socks are a constant request. We have an amazing group of behind the scenes clothing sorters, who keep working through donations and preparing items to go out on the racks.



Juneteenth, Back to School, Thanksgiving and Christmas were all successful community events this year. Our donors stepped up to provide necessary supplies and food, and together we were able to serve our community with tangible items of food, school supplies, and holiday gifts. We continue to search for ways to better serve our guests during special seasons of the year.

Overall, our program numbers increased from 2022. We are setting record high numbers in our food and clothing programs. We have adapted to accommodate more guests and run smoothly.

Teamwork was critical to success in 2023. Brenda took sabbatical in the spring, and I took parental leave in the late summer/fall. Staff and volunteers stepped up to ensure that operations ran smoothly, and we all came back together in time for the busy holiday season.

We could not do this work without a wide base of support. I am grateful for every guest, volunteer, donor and organization that supports this work with their whole hearts. Together, we can do great things.



2023 Regular Volunteers (weekly/bi-weekly)

Lynn A	Stacey C	Vicki H	Shari K	Kay R	Darryl S
Penny A	Peg C	Julie H	Glenn K	Amy R	Wendy S
Sharon A	Bruce C	Katherine H	Prudence K	Susan R	LaNita V
Dennis B	Mike D	Darrell H	Debbie L	Larry S	Kathy W
Jill B	Bryan D	Cathy H	Linda L	Patty S	Bob W
Bill B	Joyce E	Joan J	Steven M	Yvette S	Gail W
Julie B	Joe F	Dennis J	Kendra N	Deanna S	Kim W
Jerre B	Jim G	Lawrence J	Celia P	John S	Cathy W
Joyce B	Louise G	Joe K	Lisa P	Joyce S	Bernie W
Jan B	Mary H	Marshall K	Kitty Q	Jean S	Nan W
Greta B	Gene H	Suzy K	Betsy R	Kathy S	Deb Y
Matthew C	Randy H	Jacob K	Dave R	Kathy S	

Ministry by the Numbers



2023 Mission Groups

St. Margaret of Scotland School
Saint Louis, MO
St. Margaret of Scotland Parish
Saint Louis, MO
Hope UCC
Saint Louis, MO
St. John's Evangelical UCC
Saint Louis, MO
St. Thomas Holy Spirit
Saint Louis, MO
First Congregational UCC
Saint Louis, MO
Southminster PCUSA
Prairie Village, KS
First UMC
Libertyville, KS
St. Francis Xavier Social Justice Camp
Saint Louis, MO
St. Paul UCC
Waterloo, IL
Pine Ridge PCUSA
Kansas City, MO
Old St. Pat's Catholic Church
Chicago, IL
Webster Groves Presbyterian Church
Saint Louis, MO

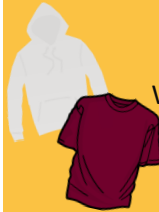


Food Pantry Visits

We average 24 visits each day to our food pantry. Canned goods, fresh produce, meat selections etc. are available to guests. We also average 43 visits to our Fresh Food Distribution on Fridays.



Clothing Room Visits



We average around 200 visits to the clothing room each month where guests are invited to choose from a variety of gently used clothing.

Holiday Food Shopping

410 Households shopped our holiday food distributions to select food for their holiday gatherings.



Holiday Store Shoppers



155 Households shopped for holiday gifts for their family at our holiday store.

Total People Served

27,546 Individuals received assistance through Isaiah 58 Ministries during the year.



Total Visits of All Services



During the year, 11,372 people visited our ministry seeking services.

Unique Households Served

2,097 Households were served during 2023 through our various services.



Unique Individuals Served



4,779 Individuals were assisted through the various services provided by our ministry.

Regular Weekly/Biweekly Volunteers

71 Volunteers serve at the ministry on a regular basis to ensure guests are cared for with love and compassion.



Special Event (one-time) Volunteers

244 Volunteers have assisted at our special events that occur throughout the year.

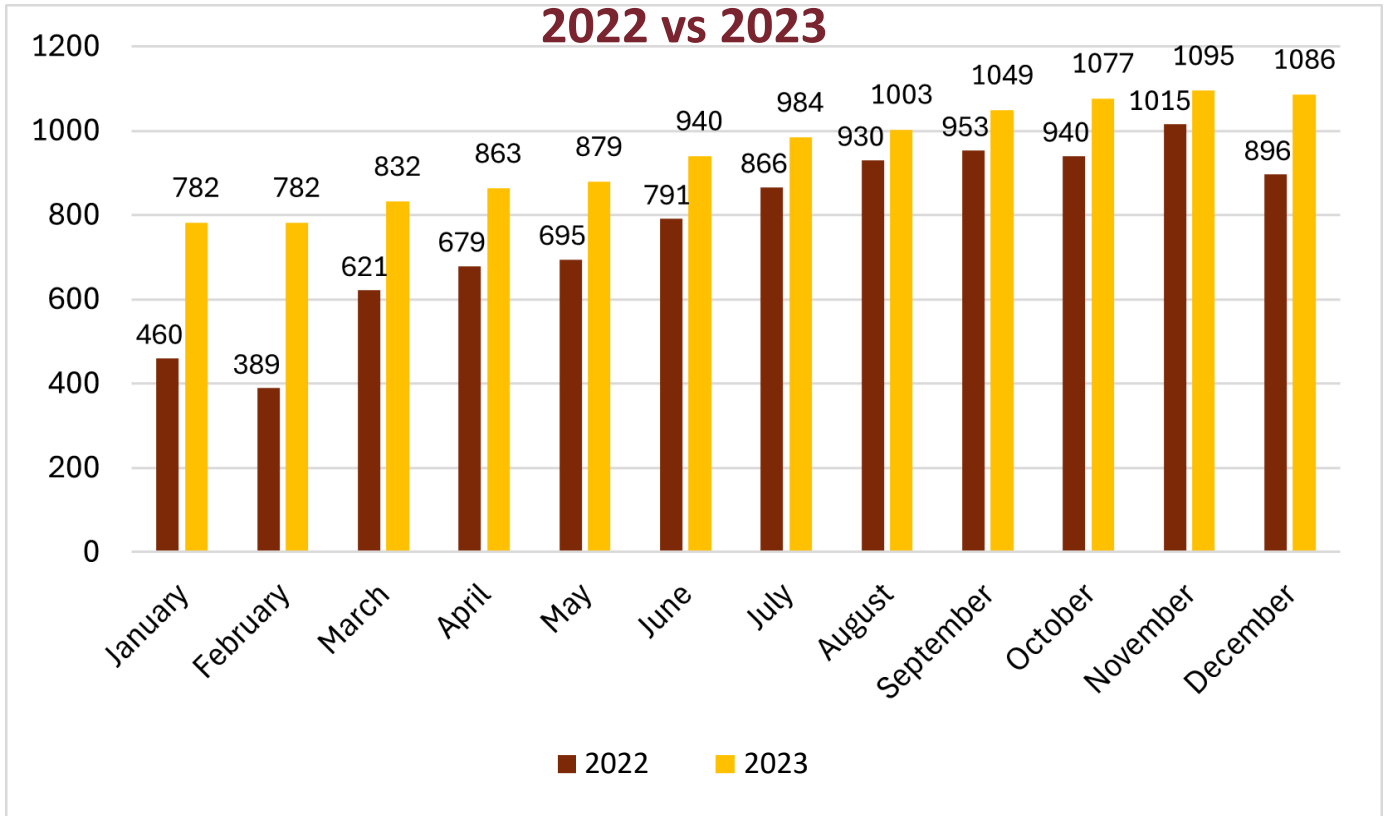


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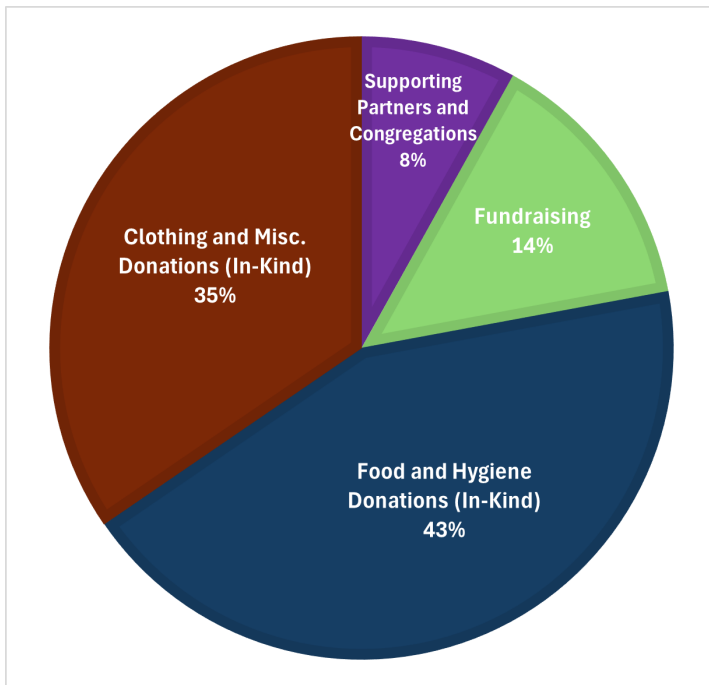
Income	2024	2023	2023
	Budget	Actual	Budget
Supporting Partners	\$83,500	\$104,481	\$79,500
Fundraising	\$255,000	\$181,289	\$215,000
Miscellaneous	\$3,050	\$9,644	\$1,000
In-Kind Donations			
Donated Food & Hygiene Received	\$550,000	\$561,108	\$500,000
Donated Clothing Received	\$250,000	\$401,700	\$200,000
Donated Special Project Items Received	\$50,000	\$45,400	\$30,000
Total In-Kind Donations Received	\$850,000	\$1,008,208	\$730,000
Total Cash Income	\$341,550	\$297,517	\$295,500
Total Income (Including In-Kind Donations)	\$1,191,550	\$1,305,725	\$1,025,500

Expenses	2024	2023	2023
	Budget	Actual	Budget
Ministry and Mission	\$72,600	\$64,513	\$56,550
Donated Food & Hygiene Distributed	\$550,000	\$561,108	\$500,000
Donated Clothing Distributed	\$250,000	\$401,700	\$200,000
Donated Special Project Items Distributed	\$50,000	\$45,400	\$30,000
Total In-Kind Donations Distributed	\$850,000	\$1,008,208	\$730,000
Compensation & Benefits	\$205,267	\$210,347	\$197,363
Administration	\$58,835	\$56,653	\$51,399
Total Cash Expenses	\$336,702	\$331,513	\$305,312
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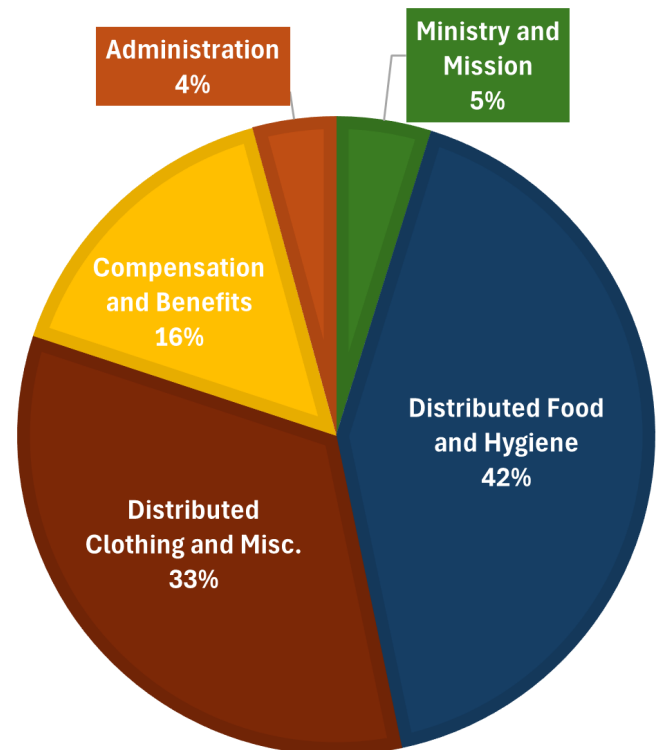
Ministry Visits



2023 MINISTRY REVENUE



2023 MINISTRY EXPENSES



Thanks to our 2023 Supporting Organizations!

AC Cleaners Management, Inc.
Affton Christian Church
Affton Presbyterian Church
Aldi Grocery Store
American Guild of Organists
Assistance League
Bonhomme Presbyterian Church
Cardinals Care
Carondelet United Church of Christ
Center for Divine Love
Charities Aid Foundation America
Chesterfield Presbyterian Church
Christian Church of Mid-America (ARPRJM Ministries)
Circle of Concern
Community Christian Church
Compton Heights Christian Church
Dragon fly Fitness
Eden Gleaners
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Epiphany United Church of Christ
First Congregational Church
Follow Lyn's Footsteps
Gethsemane Lutheran Church
Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri
Hope United Church of Christ
Ivy Chapel United Church of Christ
Jack and Jill
John Burroughs School
Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church
Ladue Chapel Women's Association
Lion's Choice Restaurants
Macjets Evans Family Foundation
Mann Elementary School
Mason Elementary School
Meals on Wheels of Greater St. Louis
Missouri Baptist Medical Center
National Benevolent Association
Network for Good
New Horizons Presbyterian Church
Oak Hill Presbyterian Church
Oak Hill Presbyterian Church Women
Operation Food Search
Overland Presbyterian Church
Parkway United Church of Christ
Prince of Peace United Church of Christ
Pyrene Fire Protection Company
Ruler Foods
St. Louis University Hospital
Schnucks
Shaw Art Fair
Southminster Presbyterian Church
Sports Medicine and Training
St. Anthony's Food Pantry
St. John's Episcopal Church
St. Johns Evangelical (Marys and Marthas)
St. Johns Evangelical United Church of Christ
St. Joseph's Church
St. Louis Association of the United Church of Christ
St. Louis Mennonite Fellowship
St. Lucas United Church of Christ
St. Luke's Hospital
St. Margaret of Scotland Parish
St. Margaret of Scotland School
St. Mark Presbyterian Church
St. Mark Presbyterian Church Women
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
St. Paul United Church of Christ
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
St. Peter's United Church of Christ
St. Philip's United Church of Christ
St. Thomas Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
Starbucks
STL Area Foodbank
Straub's
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Union Avenue Christian Church
Unity Christ Church
Washateria
Washington University
Webster Groves Christian Church
Webster Groves Presbyterian Church
Whole Foods Central West End

