



METRO
LUTHERAN
MINISTRY

2024
GRATITUDE REPORT

WITH THANKS

Dear MLM Family,

Thank you for supporting us through another great year in 2024. As you know, we are ever growing our efforts to make a difference in the lives of those in need in the Greater Kansas City Area. I am proud that the following pages show how we lifted up over 34,000 people again this year. Not too bad for 25 staff members.

2024 saw us expand our affordable housing case management services to an additional four properties. We now help families living at: Eileen's Place, Brookwood at Antioch, Pendleton Flats, Pendleton ArtsBlock, Quinlan Place, and Quinlan Row for a total of 273 households.

We also expanded our services to include Street Outreach and have been actively involved in offering folks on the street, those living in tents,

and those in make shift shelters resources so that they can continue to improve. This need has only increased as pressure to remove the homeless increases.

Of course, we continued operating all of our food programs, emergency assistance, a continuum of housing programs, and educational programs for self-sufficiency. As one of our new volunteers said, "I had no idea MLM was doing so much for so many! You all are like 10 nonprofits rolled into one!"

Thank you for allowing us to impact so many lives!

Blessings



Scott Cooper
Executive Director
Metro Lutheran Ministry

BE INSPIRED, SHARE OUR PASSION, GET INVOLVED

For 54 years, MLM has had the joy of helping replace the pain, stress, and sadness of those suffering in poverty with a new sense of hope, peace, and wellness. This joy is not MLM's alone; it is shared with a large network of community partners who share our vision of seeking justice and extending kindness to those in need.

Unfortunately, the cost of poverty will always outpace our capacity to serve. MLM's network of community partners must continue to grow in order for us to implement new programs, expand services, and dream big for the future. You can help make a difference. Please contact us at 816.931.0027 to learn more about how to volunteer or make a gift in support of MLM's life-changing programs.

Our Mission

With dignity and respect, Metro Lutheran Ministry helps families and individuals break the cycle of poverty, supporting them in achieving housing and personal stability, food security, and self-sufficiency.

Our Vision

To be a community that acts justly, loves mercy and walks humbly with God. *(Inspired by Micah 6:8)*

Learn more at www.mlmc.org



How You Helped in 2024



34,518 At-risk and homeless individuals received assistance this year



MLM believes that every person should have a life of dignity and a hope for the future. Poverty makes that right seem like a far-fetched dream for far too many people throughout the metro area.

choices every day. One participant commented, "If I pay the rent and bills, I have no money for food." Basic needs must be sacrificed for other basic needs.

The root causes of poverty are complex; it may be triggered by a job loss, divorce, unexpected family crisis, illness, or underemployment. For those suffering its effects, poverty presents many impossible

Thankfully, you have helped stand in the gap for thousands of individuals and families in the greater Kansas City area and helped to diminish their fear, reveal their strength, and restore their hope.



25,720 Individuals received food assistance from our pantries in KCMO, KCK, and NKC



134 Individuals received financial and employment coaching through the Financial Opportunity Center program



1,805 Senior Commodity Boxes given to elderly individuals



282 Homeless individuals exited homelessness, moving into their own apartments through Rapid Re-Housing and Eileen's Place.



8,000+ Pounds of fresh produce provided to our neighbors through the MLM Orchard & Garden



108 Children received childcare assistance



\$3.9M+ Was provided in emergency rent, mortgage, utility, and hotel assistance



10,079 Breakfast meals served through the Saturday Breakfast Program



9,460 Sack lunches given to hungry people who visit MLM



2,916 Individuals received gifts from the MLM Christmas Store



539 Projects on homes needing weatherization, wheelchair ramps, or repairs through the Minor Home Repair program



706 Children received back to school supplies and backpacks



58 Seniors received Older Adult Care Management services



2,580 Bed nights were provided to 86 homeless families through emergency hotel vouchers



13,408 Hours of service provided by 1,079 volunteers



227 Individuals received assistance obtaining a birth certificate or ID



607 Individuals received emergency transportation assistance to get to school and work safely



108 Formerly homeless individuals received furniture vouchers, providing furniture for their new rental housing



31,000+ Hours of case management provided to homeless and at-risk households



163 Individuals who were experiencing homelessness served through street outreach and housing assessment services



17 Different counties across MO and KS served through MLM



91 Individuals received medical and dental assistance

Metro Lutheran Ministry - 2024 Financial Impact



17% Unrestricted

17% In-Kind

13% Restricted

51% Government

2% Special Events

100% Revenue 2024

93% Program Expenses

4% Administration

3% Fundraising

100% Expenses 2024



Our Partners



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