



2021 Annual Report

MISSION STATEMENT:

Helping Neighbors - Improving Lives - Spreading Blessings

VALUE STATEMENTS:

We are called to feed and clothe God's people in need.

We believe nutritious food contributes to good health.

We value people with love, hope, compassion and dignity.

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Executive Report

This past year was a year of stabilization for both our clients and our services. Staff, volunteers, and clients have established routines for providing and receiving services from the nonprofit organizations in Omaha, including at Project Hope. Many people were back at work when conditions allowed including their health and stayed home when necessary. We saw this not only with our staff and volunteers but also with the number of clients that received services throughout the year.

Our client numbers decreased when families were healthy and able to be actively working and increased when family members were suffering from health concerns. This becomes a challenge when our staff and volunteers are experiencing health concerns at the same time that our client numbers increase. We decided that it was best to continue with the practice of having our clients complete pantry registration forms in their vehicle and we prepared the food according to their identified needs.

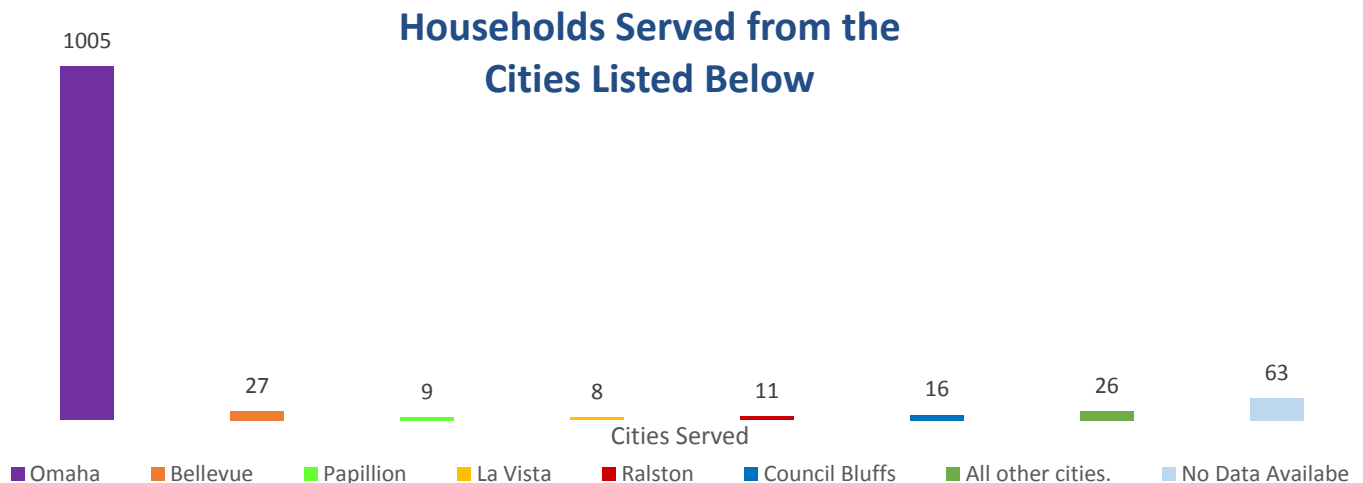
It appears that we are in line with other food service businesses such as grocery stores and restaurants by serving clients outside of the building. We are decreasing the amount of chaos and stress they are experiencing, increasing their feeling of safety and security, and providing them with nutritious food.

Client Services Food Pantry

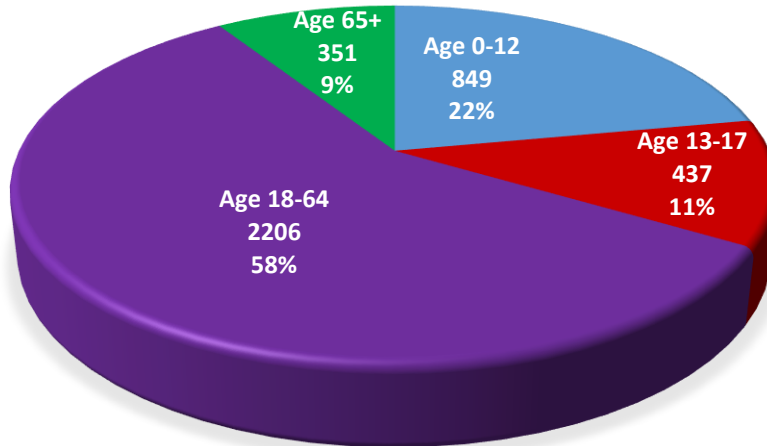
- *Food Pantry is open weekly on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 11:00 am – 2:45 pm.
- *We provided a choice pantry service to our clients every 30 days.
- *Household paper products, laundry and cleaning products, personal hygiene items, and diapers are provided to our food pantry clients as available.
- *We served 3,015 families including 7,665 individuals at our main pantry and the satellite pantry at St. Matthew Lutheran Church.
- *We provided Thanksgiving Pantries to 224 households.

Client Information

Data is available for 1165 households totaling 3381 individual clients unduplicated.



Age Group Summary



Provisions

We serve our clients with food provided by the Foodbank for the Heartland, local organizations and churches, individual food donations, and the items we purchase from several local grocery stores in Omaha.

- *We spent \$13,443 at the local grocery stores purchasing food items needed for the pantry.
- *Local businesses and church organizations delivered food, personal hygiene items, laundry and cleaning products, and clothing to Project Hope over 275 times in 2021.
- *Local churches provided fresh produce in the summer and fall from their gardens.
- *During October and November, eleven local churches donated the food we needed for our Thanksgiving program.
- *Food Bank of the Heartland provided free food items weekly. During 2021 we received 39,000 pounds of food from the Food Bank.
- *The Saving Grace organization made 135 deliveries to Project Hope with food from local restaurants, grocery and convenience stores.

Clothing Pantry

The Project Hope Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers decided it was time to reopen the clothing pantry this year after closing in March of 2020. The dilemma however was, "Where to put the clothing pantry?" We were now using the space previously used by the clothing pantry for the produce boxes being provided to our food pantry clients and we did not want clients in the food distribution area due to the continued health concerns. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church offered a large room on their upper level to be converted into the clothing pantry. Over the summer months we cleaned the area, moved the clothing racks and shelving units into the space, recruited volunteers and started accepting clothing. In September, we opened the clothing pantry up for our clients.

- *Clothing pantry is open two days a week on Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm.
- *Clean, gently used, and in season clothing are accepted for donations.
- *Clients may shop weekly for free clothing items for their household.
- *All clothing in the pantry has been donated.

Time & Talent Donations ~ Our Volunteers

Our volunteers checked clients into our Pantry Soft program, made the food selections for our clients according to what the client needed, sacked all the food, and delivered all the items to the vehicles loading them into the backseat or trunk, picked up food from the Food Bank for the Heartland, processed food and clothing donations, as well as cleaned and organized the facility.

*Project Hope had 45 volunteers serving in the pantry during 2021.

*Volunteers served a total of 3,357.25 hours in 2021 for an average of 280 hours per month. This was an increase of 175.5 hours over 2020.

*It would have cost us \$30,215.25 in wages if we needed to pay part-time staff minimum wages to do the jobs our volunteers complete.

Financial Gifts Grants Received

One of our goals during 2021 was to raise money through grants to help Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church upgrade the lower drive entrance and parking lot that our clients, staff, volunteers, donors, and suppliers use to get to the pantry location. We received a grant from the St. Matthew Endowment Fund for \$4,500 to be used for the drive and parking lot project. Shepherd of the Hills has approved a contractor for this project and has now been approved for the first stage of the project by the City of Omaha. Our Board of Director's have approved for additional Special Fund money to be used towards this effort. Shepherd of the Hills has raised funds through their members and friends and was approved by the Immanuel Community Vision Foundation to receive a \$20,000 grant for these upgrades to help our mission. This project will be completed in 2022.

Shepherd of the Hills Endowment Fund gave us a grant for \$1,250 and Farm Credit Service of America gave us a grant for \$2,000 to be used for our Dairy program.

Project Hope was successful in obtaining some very significant grants for our operating budget this year. The Immanuel Community Vision Foundation awarded us with a \$20,000 grant. The Scott Foundation provided us with a \$15,000 Omaha Award. We received \$5,000 from the Vining Charitable Fund Grant and a \$1,000 grant from both LMJ Foundation and SpartanNash. Several smaller grants were received from Vanguard Charitable Fund, Boyer Charitable Fund, the Soener Foundation, Omaha Community Foundation, Benevity Organization, Network for Good Organization, PayPal Giving Fund, and The Blackbaud Giving Fund.

Monetary Donors

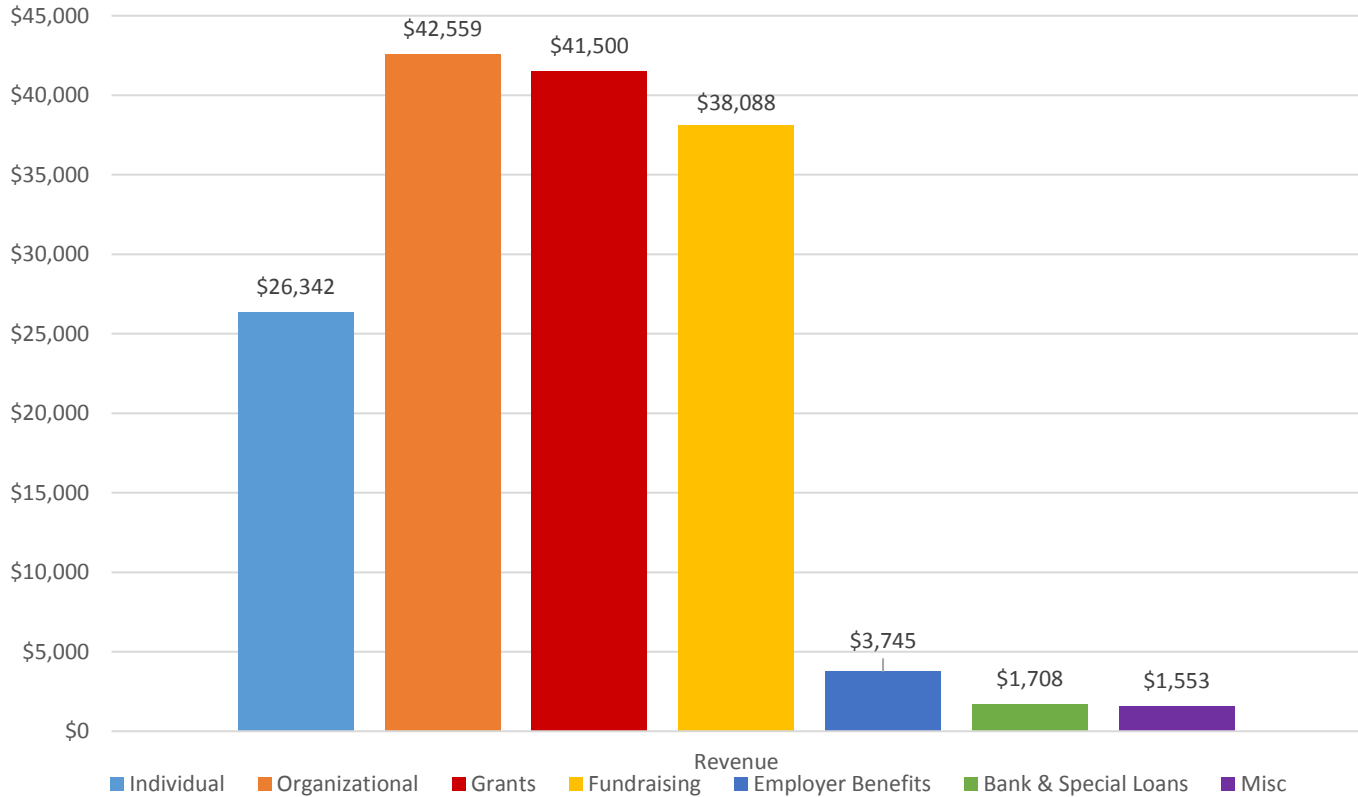
We received monetary donations from over 250 individuals and organizations. Individuals provided us with over \$56,500 of financial support for our general fund, this includes donations made in association with our fundraisers. Churches and other business organizations provided over \$42,500 in monetary gifts. A new TD Ameritrade account was set up to receive and invest donor funds with over \$2,000 transferred into this account.

Fundraisers & Campaigns

We organized and raised funds through two fundraisers and two campaigns during 2021. The Omaha Gives Campaign was replaced by the "Do Good Week" this year and held during the month of April. Project Hope raised over \$6,000. On September 26th we held our third "Bread for Life" brunch fundraiser. The Bread for Life event raised over \$22,000. In October staff, volunteers, and board members promoted and worked at the

Hot Cider Hustle Half Marathon and was the official charity for this event. We received over \$2,000 from the event organizers in recognition of our participation. We ended the year with our end of the year campaign starting with Giving Tuesday the week following Thanksgiving and raised over \$14,000. Remember, some of these funds raised throughout the year are included in the monetary donors noted earlier.

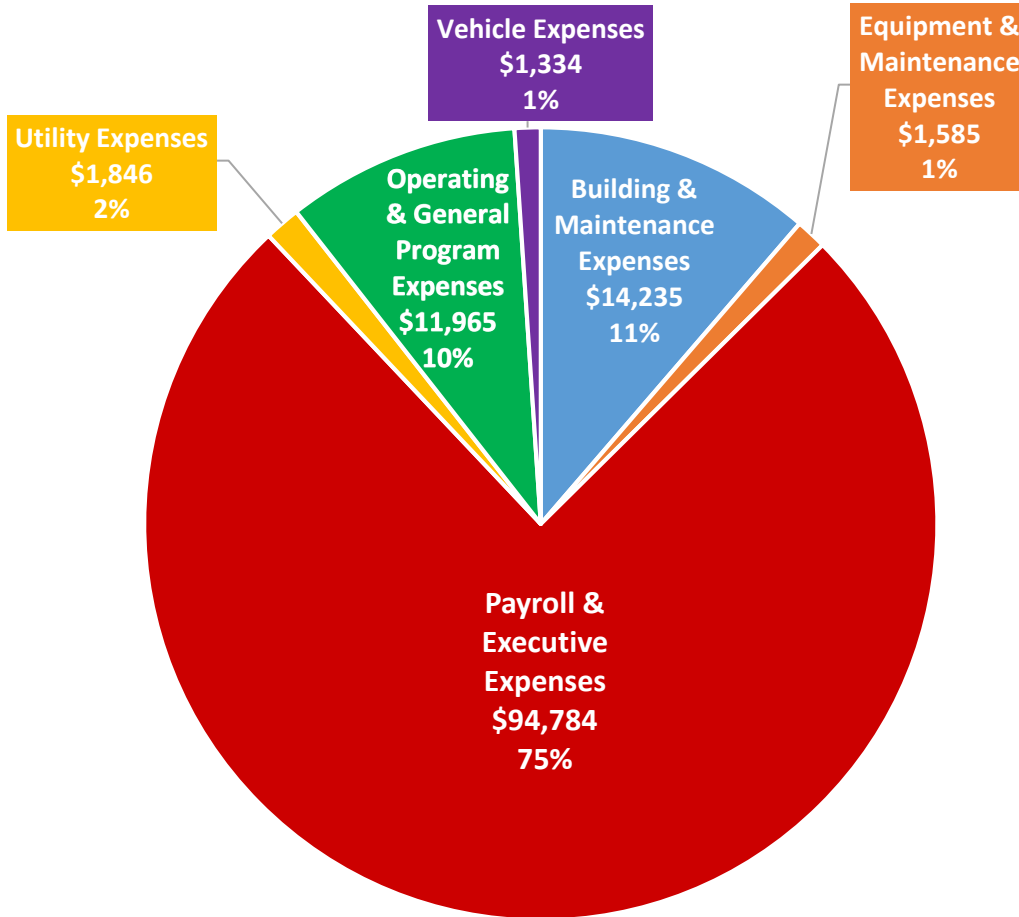
2021 Revenue



2021 Revenue Budget

Individual Contributions	\$26,342
Organizational Contributions	\$42,559
Grants	\$41,500
Fundraising Income	\$38,088
Employer & Benefits Income	\$ 3,745
Bank & Special Loan Income	\$ 1,708
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 1,553
Total Revenue Budget	\$138,800
Actual Total Revenue	\$155,494

2021 Expenses



2021 Expenditures Budget

Building & Maintenance Expenses	\$14,235
Equipment & Maintenance Expenses	\$ 1,585
Operating & General Program Expenses	\$11,965
Payroll & Executive Expenses	\$94,784
Utilities Expenses	\$ 1,846
Vehicle Expenses	\$ 1,334
Total Expenditures Budget	\$150,785
Actual Total Expenses	\$125,750

End of Year Account Balances

December 31, 2021

Business Checking Account	\$171,100.40
Investment Accounts	<u>\$ 86,000.00</u>
Total Funds	\$257,100.40

Donations of Food, Clothing, Paper Products or Personal Hygiene Items From Churches, Businesses, and Organizations in 2021

Anytime Fitness, Omaha NE
Augustana Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
BAHA' I' Faith Community; Omaha, NE
Benson Baptist Church; Omaha, NE
Bethel Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Boy Scout Troop #380; Omaha, NE
Calvary Lighthouse Church; Omaha, NE
Emergency Dental W Dodge St; Omaha, NE
Family Fare Supermarket North 30th St.; Omaha, NE
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church; Gretna, NE
Immanuel Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Legacy Creators Group; Omaha, NE
Liberty Church; Omaha, NE
Life Care Center; Omaha, NE
Lord of Love Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Lutheran Church of the Master; Omaha, NE
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Mount Olive Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
National Insurance Services; Omaha, NE
Omaha Westerners; Omaha, NE
Phil's Cash Saver; Omaha, NE
Rejoice! Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Resurrection Lutheran Church; Gretna, NE
Saving Grace Perishable Food Rescue, Inc.; Omaha, NE
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. James Catholic Church; Omaha, NE
St. John Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. John's A.M.E. Church; Omaha, NE
St. Mark Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. Matthew Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. Michael Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. Thomas Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Tenaska Corporation; Omaha, NE
Tracks Lounge; Omaha, NE
Trinity Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Zion Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE

Monetary Donations from Individuals In 2021

David & Robin Adams; Manilla, IA
Douglas & Cathy Aden; Omaha, NE \$500
Tim & Karen Adkins; Plattsmouth, NE \$100
Scott & Debbie Albright; Omaha, NE \$150
Laura Alexander; Omaha, NE \$250
Winston & Karen Anderson; Bennington, NE \$100
Rod Arant; Omaha, NE
Delores Armstrong; Omaha, NE
Barry & Teresa Arnold; Omaha, NE
Linda Ashley; Omaha, NE
James & Leann Austin; Omaha, NE
Richard & Nancy Ayer; Elkhorn, NE \$225
Galen & Marsha Behr; Omaha, NE \$430
Marilyn Beig; Omaha, NE \$2,000
Robert Bennett; Bellevue, NE
Ann Benson; Omaha, NE
Peter & Linda Bertoncini; Oak Park, IL \$150
Rodge Bickers; Bellevue, NE
Mark & Renee Boyer Charitable Fund; Omaha NE \$500
Jimmy & Helen Brasch; Omaha, NE \$500
Elisabeth Bruscano; Omaha, NE
Sarah Cavanaugh; Omaha, NE
Susan Chavez; Omaha, NE
Jim & Deborah Ciurej; Omaha, NE
Ladonna A Clary Trust; Omaha, NE \$200
Paul & Jill Clausen; Omaha, NE \$400
Dave & Karen Coker; Ashland, NE \$500
Paul & Kim Coleman; Omaha, NE \$500
Vernon & Dorothy Cornish; Omaha, NE \$500
Kay Drain; Omaha, NE \$125
Suzanne DuRee; Omaha, NE
Katherine Duggan; Omaha, NE
Kristy Dunlap; Cambria, CA
Johnnie & Jayne Dunn; Omaha, NE \$220
Kyle & Connie Eichhorn; Omaha, NE \$200
Jim Eichner; Omaha, NE
Susan Fisher; Omaha, NE
Brenda Fleck; Omaha, NE
Mark & Janet Flemmer; Omaha, NE
Kenneth Fortney; Omaha, NE \$650
Amanda Fredricks; Omaha, NE \$650
Cindy Frieling; Omaha, NE
Brett & Jenny Fuller; Omaha, NE \$200
Angela Galloway; Omaha, NE \$100
Charles & Veronica Galloway; Omaha, NE
Delores Galloway; Omaha, NE
Anthony Steven & Lori Gedwillo; Omaha, NE \$100

Monetary Donations from Individuals In 2021

John & Cindy Gengel; Bellevue, NE \$130
Ivan & Kay Gerard; Omaha, NE \$100
Alvin & JoAnn Glasshoff; Gretna, NE \$100
Rosanne Glock; Omaha, NE
Denise Gray; Bellevue, NE
Lynn & Cindy Gray; Omaha, NE \$200
Linda Hammer; Omaha, NE \$1,200
Deanna Hansen; Omaha, NE
Lois Hanusa; Council Bluffs, IA \$200
Andrea Hargus; Omaha, NE \$170
Jann Harrington; Omaha, NE \$500
William & Sondra Harrold; Springfield, NE
Norma Harrow; Omaha, NE \$110
Hudson Havenhill
Stephen & Cherie Hays; Beatrice, NE \$500
Erica Heiden; Omaha, NE \$1,500
Brian & Kristin Herrera \$250
Barry & Cheri Higgins; Omaha, NE \$600
Caroline Hill; Omaha, NE \$600
JV Hodgson, Jr.; Omaha, NE
Robert Hoff; Omaha, NE \$475
John & Susan Hollenbeck; Omaha, NE \$500
Richard & Constance Hollenbeck; Omaha, NE \$850
Ronald & Judith Holling; La Vista, NE \$500
Katherine Hoppes
Dennis Hopple; Ashland, NE \$100
Tom & Bev Hornig; Omaha, NE \$300
Carla Horton; Omaha, NE \$250
Nathan & Linda Houfek; Omaha, NE \$360
Paul Houfek \$250
Sue Howard; Bellevue, NE
Rebecca Hurt; Omaha, NE
Gertrude Hutton; Blair, NE
Lanette Insinger; Omaha, NE
Keith & Chantelle Jackson \$250
Reverend Roland & Suzan Jank, Jr.; Omaha, NE \$2,000
Charlotte Jensen; La Vista, NE \$200
Danette Johns; Omaha, NE \$100
Janet Johnson; Omaha, NE
Lee & Jean Johnson; Omaha, NE \$250
Virgil & Ruth Johnson; Omaha, NE \$100
Curtis & Nanette Johnson; Omaha, NE
Rev. Robert & Mary Ann Johnson; Omaha, NE
Joanna Kathol; Omaha, NE
James & Darleen Kautz; Omaha, NE
Dorothy Keebler; Adams, NE \$100
John & Amber Keebler; Omaha, NE \$500
Terry & Shelley Keebler; Sterling, NE \$250

Monetary Donations from Individuals In 2021

Mark Klinkacek \$200
Debra Knight; Omaha, NE \$260
Kathryn Koslosky; Omaha, NE \$250
Gene & Clarice Krepela; Omaha, NE
Michael & Sandra Krick; Omaha, NE \$275
June Kroeger; Omaha, NE \$300
Reverend Diana & David Kuhl; Omaha, NE \$150
Larry & Kimberly Lahman; Omaha, NE \$200
Debbra Landolt
Milton & Lois Larson; Omaha, NE \$100
Sharon Larson; Omaha, NE
Anita Larson Andres; Omaha, NE \$600
Lois Lenz; Omaha, NE
Fern Letovsky; Omaha, NE
Christine Lund; Omaha NE \$100
Ernie Madison; Omaha, NE
Dennis & Margie Magnuson; Omaha, NE \$2,115
Ruth Manning; Omaha, NE
William Sukstorf & Debra Manning; Omaha, NE \$160
Cheryl Matthews; Omaha, NE \$100
Thomas & Gloria McDaniel; Omaha, NE \$100
Michael & Paula McDonald; Omaha, NE \$150
Timothy Meader; Omaha, NE
Reverend Rodney & Alice Meske; Bennington, NE \$450
Mary Meyer; Omaha, NE \$1,500
Steve & Nancy Meyer; Omaha, NE \$300
Garnet Miller; Omaha, NE \$100
Joseph & Linda Miller; Omaha, NE \$1,000
James & Mary Pat Moeller; Charlotte, NC \$175
Reverend Bill & Martha Moorhead; Omaha, NE \$2,500
Kimberly Nelson; Omaha, NE \$300
Nelson & Sharon Newman; Omaha, NE \$100
Keith & Sabina Nixen; Omaha, NE
Sharon Cleo Novotny; Omaha, NE \$100
Marion Oetter \$1,000
Gregory Oliver; Omaha, NE \$100
Beth Ostdiek Smith; Omaha, NE
Lois Ourada; Omaha, NE
Paula Owen; Omaha, NE \$100
Victor & Jody Wells Padron; Omaha, NE \$2,500
Leanne Perryman; Omaha, NE \$100
Carl & Mary Peters; Omaha, NE \$1,500
Noel & Ruby Petersen; Omaha, NE \$100
Carol Pinkall; Gretna, NE \$300
Clifford & Norma Pountney; Elkhorn, NE \$300
Judy Prenzler; Omaha, NE \$1,000
Michael & Laura Pribyl; Omaha, NE \$350
Thomas & Melissandra Prohaska; Omaha, NE \$250

Monetary Donations from Individuals In 2021

Glen & Ruth Rademacher; Omaha, NE \$550

Bryan & Jeanne Ralston; Gretna, NE
Gary, Christopher & David Ramsay; Omaha, NE
Paula Rasmuss; Omaha, NE
Lynne Ridner; Omaha, NE
Thomas & Debra Risinger; Omaha, NE
Donald & Linda Roark; Council Bluffs, IA
Thomas & Marlene Rohrbough; Omaha, NE
Everett Rokahr; Omaha, NE \$175
Kathleen Rummel; Omaha, NE
Keith Rummel \$100
JoAnne Sanders; Omaha, NE
Jolene Scalzo; Omaha, NE

Matthew & Jennifer Schell; Omaha, NE \$700

Susan Scherl; Omaha, NE
Sam & Ellen Schroeder; La Vista, NE \$250
Bonnie Seem; Omaha, NE \$100
Thomas & Roxanne Senne; Omaha, NE \$300
Marla Serflaten; Omaha, NE \$200

Tedd Serflaten; Omaha, NE \$1,000

Bruce & Suzanne Sharp; Omaha, NE
David & Laura Sherwin; Council Bluffs, IA \$100

James & Kim Simon; Omaha, NE \$850

Randy Mousel & Steve Smith; Omaha, NE \$525

Delores Snodgrass; Gretna, NE

The Soener Foundation; Omaha, NE \$500

Gloria & Stephen Sorensen; Omaha, NE \$300

Mark Sorensen; Omaha, NE \$350

Roger & Karen Southward; Pickerington, OH \$200

Shirley Splittgerber; Omaha, NE

Allan Stamler; Omaha, NE \$175

John & Mary Stanton; Gretna, NE \$200

Eugene & Beverly Steward; Omaha, NE

Mark & Karen Stiles; Gretna, NE \$500

Bonnie Stone; Eau Claire, WI

Greg & Valerie Stoj; Omaha, NE

Cynthia Strovers; Omaha, NE \$100

Ruth Stufft; Omaha, NE

Christine Swanson; Omaha, NE \$200

Janice Swanson; Omaha, NE

Ric & Veda Swanson; Council Bluffs, IA

Eric & Melissa Taylor \$100

Kumy & Ann Tharianj; Omaha, NE \$350

Andrew Rouillard & Brent Thomsen; Omaha, NE \$1,300

Donald Thomsen; Omaha, NE \$135

Kent & Susan Ties; Elkhorn, NE \$350

Mike & Connie Townsend, Sr.; Omaha, NE \$575

Mike & Kristi Townsend, Jr.; Omaha, NE \$100

Monetary Donations from Individuals In 2021

Bradley & Kara Trost; Praire Village, KS
Gregory & Karen Trost; Omaha, NE \$300
John & Gina Urbanski; Papillion, NE
Jodi Van Winkle
Robert & Vicky Vandervort; Omaha, NE \$1,000
Mary Vankat; Omaha, NE
Janet Voelker; Omaha, NE \$300
Bryon & Lois Vogt; Omaha, NE \$275
Nancy Vondrasek; Omaha, NE \$250
Douglas & Debra Wallace; Gretna, NE \$500
Phillip & Sharon Wandrey; Omaha, NE \$450
Jodi Wangsness; Omaha, NE \$100
Bonnie White; Omaha, NE \$11,525
Carol C Williams; Omaha, NE \$150
Cathy Williams \$2,000
D Max & Linda Williams; Omaha, NE \$1,000
Dwight & Carol Williams; Elkhorn, NE \$550
Doug & Jean Wilshusen; Omaha, NE \$200
Joseph & Jean Wreschnig; Omaha, NE \$1,100
Lawrence & Bernice Yates; Omaha, NE
John & Sara Young; Omaha, NE \$110
David Ziola \$200

Monetary Donations from Churches, Businesses, and Organizations In 2021

Augustana Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$900
Augustana Lutheran Church Jubilee Witness Fund; Omaha, NE \$600
The Blackbaud Giving Fund/Your Cause \$2,080
Benevity; Omaha, NE \$555
Bethel Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$555
Calvary Lighthouse Church Women; Omaha, NE \$345
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #1; Omaha, NE \$1,000
Florence Chapter AARP; Omaha, NE
Grace Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$500
Immanuel Lutheran Church Women; Omaha, NE
Immanuel Community Vision Foundation; Omaha, NE \$20,000
LMJ Foundation, Inc.; Omaha, NE \$1,000
Lord of Love Lutheran Church Men's Group; Omaha, NE \$500
Lord of Love Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church Women; Omaha, NE \$350
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$775
Lutheran Church of the Master; Omaha, NE \$3,200
Miloma Lodge #328; Omaha, NE \$300
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$661

Monetary Donations from Churches, Businesses, and Organizations In 2021

Mount Olive Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE	\$15,069
Network for Good	\$570
Omaha Community Foundation; Omaha, NE	\$500
Presbyterian Church; Schaller, IA	
Pacific Hills Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE	\$500
PayPal Giving Fund; Omaha, NE	\$851
ReRuns R Fun, Inc.; Omaha, NE	
Resurrection Lutheran Church; Gretna, NE	\$1,248
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church Christian Growth Endowment Fund; Omaha, NE	\$1,250
SpartanNash Company; Omaha, NE	\$1,000
St. John Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE	\$6,385
St. Matthew Lutheran Church Endowment Fund; Omaha, NE	\$4,500
St. Matthew Lutheran Church Women; Omaha, NE	\$100
St. Matthew Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE	
St. Thomas Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE	\$1,137
Suzanne & Walter Scott Foundation; Omaha, NE	\$15,000
Together A Greater Good; Omaha, NE	
Vanguard Charitable; Omaha, NE	\$500
Zion Lutheran Church Rebekah Circle; Omaha, NE	

God has truly blessed our ministry and provided the resources needed to serve our clients.

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