

Project Hope



2023 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.

6201 North 60th Street
Omaha NE 68104
(402) 453-7649

Web Site: www.projecthopeomaha.org

Veda Keebler, Executive Director
E-Mail: projecthope.execdirector@gmail.com

Executive Report

Project Hope added a second food pantry satellite location called One14 Center pantry at the Lutheran Church of the Master (LCM) on the corner of 114th and Center streets. This location is offering a food pantry on the first Sunday of the month and the third Monday monthly with new clients monthly. We provide milk, cheese, and eggs to our satellite pantries at LCM and the Loaves & Fishes food pantry at St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

We hired an employee for our new part-time Pantry Specialist position. With the Pantry Specialist and our On-Site Coordinator, the food pantry operates efficiently with two regular part-time employees organizing and facilitating the day-to-day pantry routines. We are blessed that our employees and volunteers work together to feed and clothe God's people in need, providing nutritious food and clean gently used clothing to others with love, hope, compassion and dignity.

New equipment was purchased with grant money provided by the Suzanne & Walter Scott Foundation. Four shelf portable wire units are now used in the food pantry to transport, and store produce boxes and other items as needed. Wire shelving units were added to the clothing pantry to increase the amount of clothing we are able to display, and they also make it easier to keep the clothing pantry clean and organized.

With the generosity of our donors including individuals, church organizations, grant providers, and local businesses we are able to help our neighbors and improve their lives by spreading God's blessings. We appreciate our donors, volunteers, staff, board members, and organizational partners who make us successful in our mission.

Client Services

Food Pantries

The Project Hope Food Pantry was open weekly on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 11:00 am until 2:45 pm. The Loaves & Fishes pantry at 60th and Walnut streets was open on the third Saturday morning monthly from 10:00 am – noon. The One14 Center pantry was open the first Sunday of the month from noon until 2:00 pm and the third Monday evening from 5:00 – 7:00 pm monthly.

*We provided a choice pantry service to our clients as needed every 30 days.

*Household paper products, laundry and cleaning products, personal hygiene items, and diapers are provided to our food pantry clients as available. Unfortunately, due to a lack of donations, these items were not available for several weeks this past year.

*We served 5,149 families including 17,117 individuals between our main pantry and our satellite pantries at St. Matthew Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church of the Master.

*We served 9.5% more families and 20% more individuals in 2023 than 2022.

Clothing Pantry

Clothing Pantry located in the upper level of Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church was open two days a week on Tuesday and Thursday from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm.

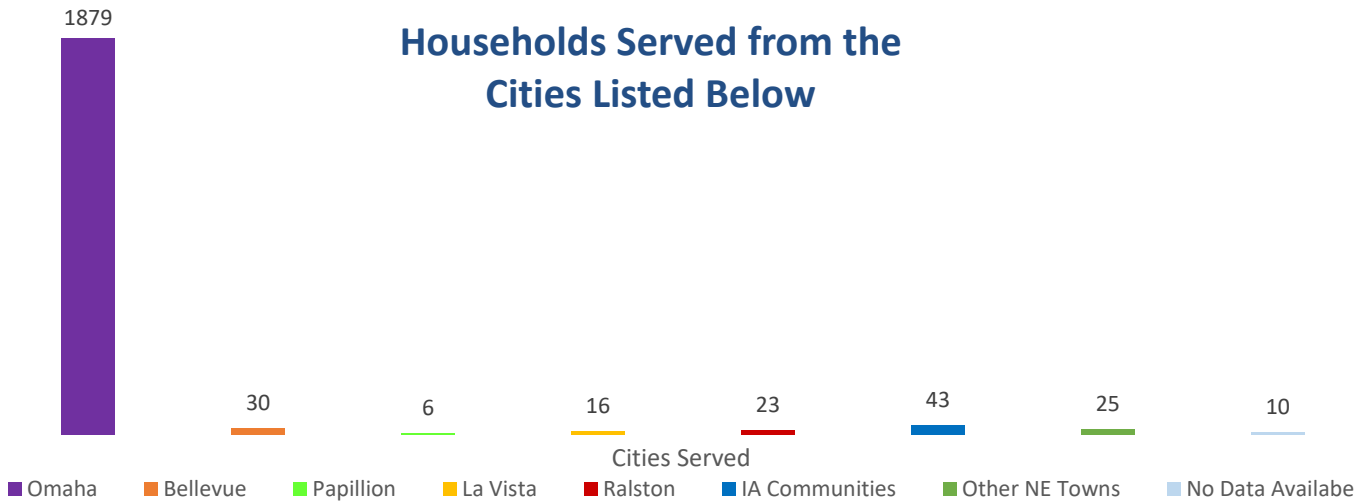
*Children's clothing was moved to another room due to the amount of clothing donations received.

*We served 1,509 individuals in the clothing pantry during 2023. This is a 61% increase over 2022.

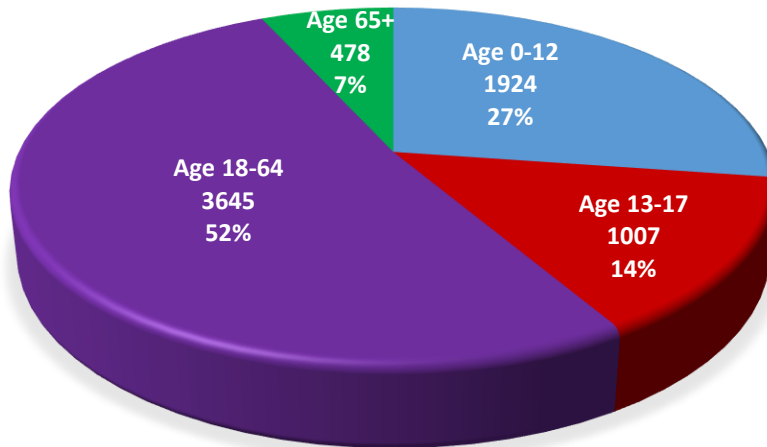
*Clients may shop weekly for free clothing items for their household.

Client Information

The data below reflects unduplicated information for 2,032 households totaling 6,801 individual clients served at Project Hope during 2023.



Age Group Summary



Provisions

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

- *We spent \$63,188 at the local grocery stores purchasing food items needed for the pantry. This was a 9% increase over the amount spent in 2022.
- *43 local businesses and church organizations delivered food, personal hygiene items, laundry and cleaning products, and clothing to Project Hope over 472 times in 2023. This is a 15% increase in the number of deliveries to Project Hope over 2022.
- *Local churches and individuals provided fresh produce in the summer and fall from their gardens.

- *Food Bank of the Heartland provided free food items weekly. During 2023 we received 46,929 pounds of food from the Food Bank at no cost. This was a 25% increase over 2022.
- *The Saving Grace organization made over 90 deliveries to Project Hope with food from local restaurants, grocery and convenience stores on Tuesday and Thursdays.
- *The Whispering Roots organization provided us with donations of food at least 43 weeks this year including our produce boxes weekly except during July, August, and September.
- *Lord of Love Lutheran Church supplied our clients with fresh produce from their parish gardens during the months of July, August, and September.
- *Liberty Church delivered bread and frozen food from local fast-food restaurants weekly.

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 44 volunteers serving in the pantry during 2023.
- *Volunteers served a total of 5,147.5 hours in 2023 for an average of 429 hours per month. This was an increase of 377.75 hours over 2022.
- *It would have cost us \$77,212.50 in wages if we needed to pay part-time staff \$15 per hour to do the jobs our volunteers complete.

Financial Gifts Grants Received

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 \$30,000 grant. The Suzanne & Walter Scott Foundation provided us with a \$25,000 Omaha Award including \$5,000 to purchase new equipment. Both grant funders made on-site visits this year. The Scott Foundation visited Project Hope on June 20th and the Immanuel Vision Foundation completed their visit on November 21st.

Individual grants were received to help purchase food for our clients. Grace Lutheran Church Endowment Fund and St. Matthew Lutheran Church Endowment Fund provided \$5,000 each. The Lutheran Church of the Master Foundation and the William E & Rose Marie Davis Foundation provided \$10,000 grants. The Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment Fund provided a \$1,000 grant and the Lord of Love Endowment Fund provided a \$500 grant.

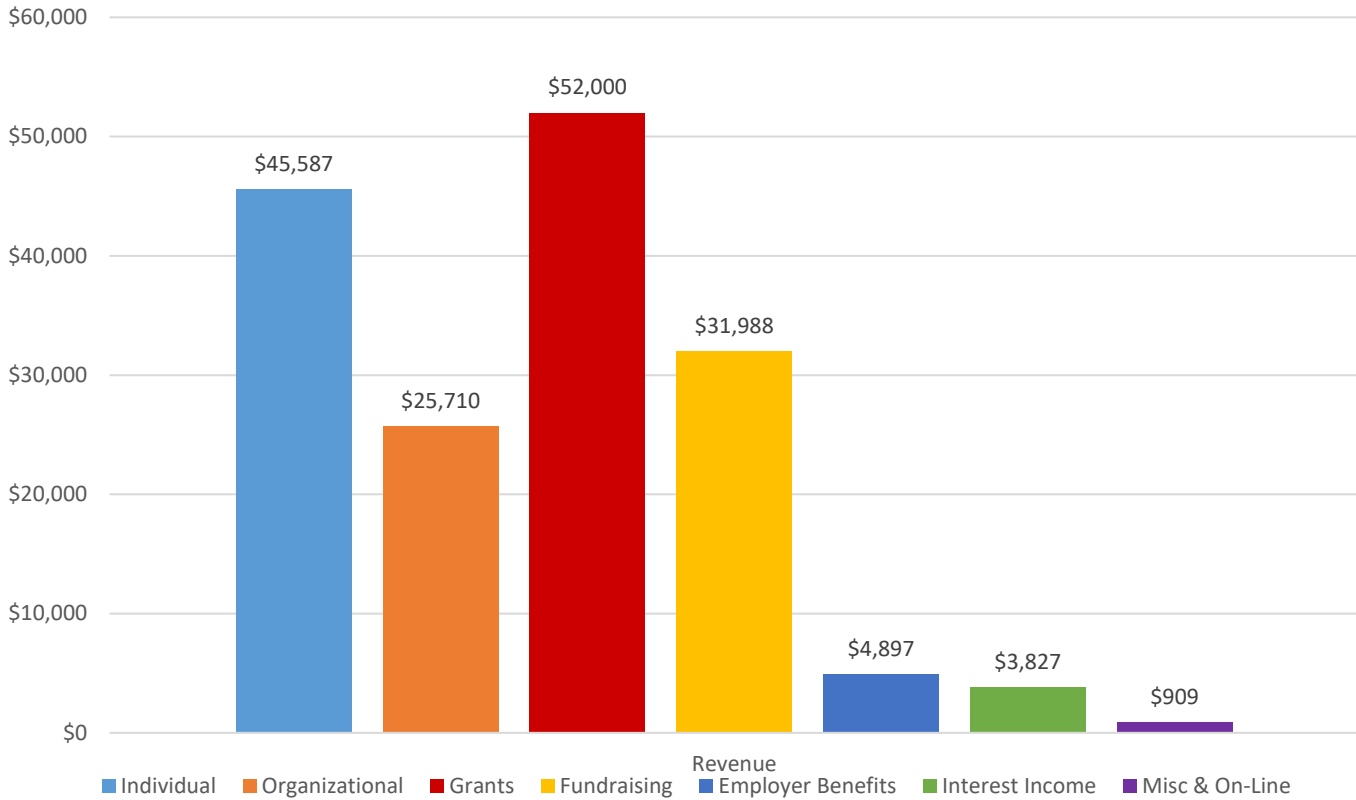
Monetary Donors

We received monetary donations from over 200 individuals and 46 organizations. Individuals provided us with over \$117,000 of financial support, this includes donations made in association with our fundraisers and designated funds. This is an increase of 25% over 2022. Individuals also donated money through AmazonSmile, the Kroger Corporation, Together A Greater Good (TAGG), American Online Giving, Benevity, Network for Good, and Thrivent National. Churches and other business organizations provided over \$42,000 in monetary gifts. In addition to cash and checks, donations can be made with debit or credit cards via our website and with investment transfers to our new TD Ameritrade account.

Fundraisers & Campaigns

We organized and raised funds through three fundraisers and campaigns during 2023. Project Hope raised \$6,300 with the “Do Good Week” campaign in April. On September 24th we held our fifth “Bread for Life” fundraiser and raised over \$20,000 gross income. We ended the year with our End of the Year campaign starting with Giving Tuesday the week following Thanksgiving and raised \$22,000.

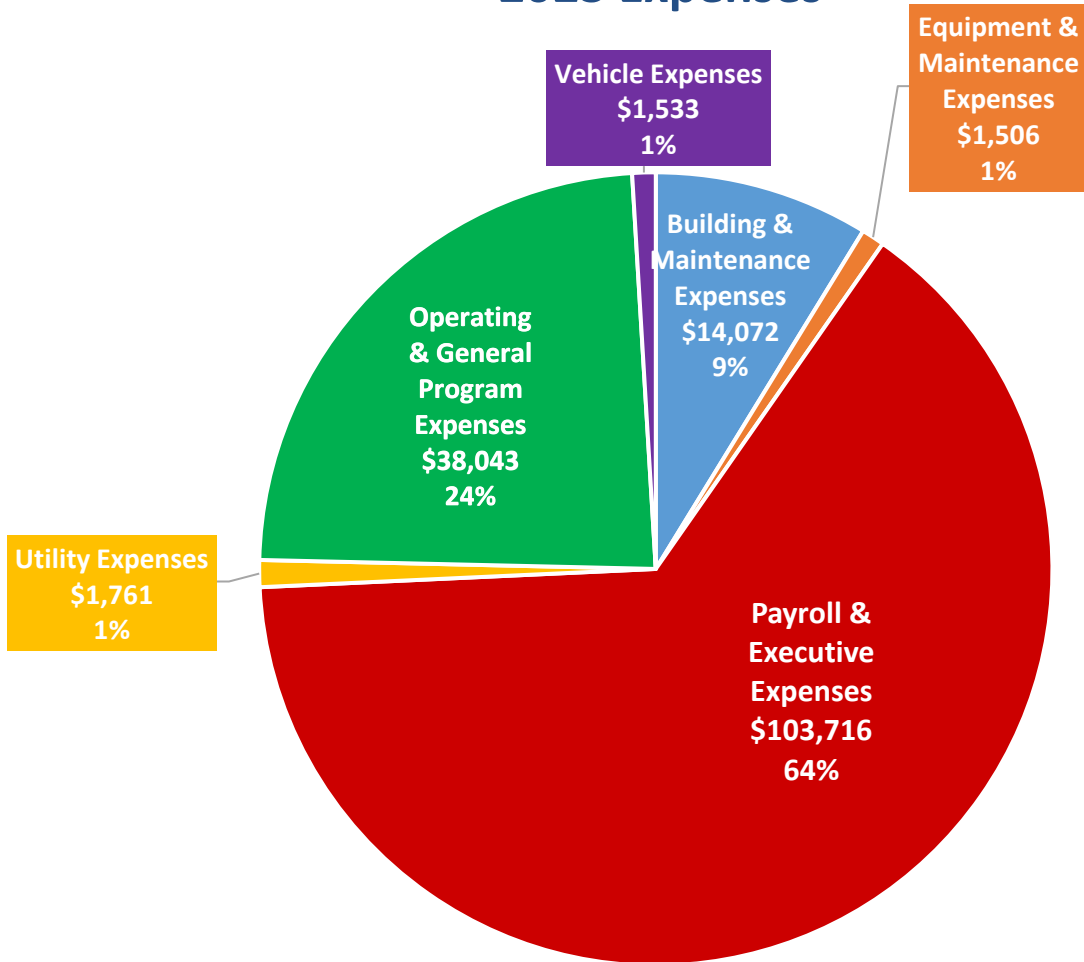
2023 Revenue



2023 Revenue Budget

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Individual Contributions | \$35,000 |
| Organizational Contributions | \$30,000 |
| Grants | \$50,000 |
| Fundraising Income | \$35,000 |
| Employer & Benefits Income | \$ 3,000 |
| Interest Income | \$ 1,200 |
| Misc. & On-Line Sales Generated Income | \$ 250 |
| Total Revenue Budget | \$154,450 |
| Actual Total Revenue | \$164,918 |

2023 Expenses



2023 Expenditures Budget

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Building & Maintenance Expenses | \$14,060 |
| Equipment & Maintenance Expenses | \$ 1,750 |
| Operating & General Program Expenses | \$34,050 |
| Payroll & Executive Expenses | \$120,573 |
| Utilities Expenses | \$ 1,872 |
| Vehicle Expenses | \$ 2,760 |
| Total Expenditures Budget | \$175,065 |
| Actual Total Expenses | \$160,631 |

End of Year Account Balances

December 31, 2023

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Business Checking Account | \$180,047.76 |
| Investment Accounts | <u>\$ 87,692.04</u> |
| Total Funds | \$267,739.80 |

Donations of Food, Clothing, Paper Products or Personal Hygiene Items From Churches, Businesses, and Organizations in 2023

Abide Network; Omaha, NE
Augustana Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church; LaVista, NE
Bethel Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Calvary Lighthouse Church; Omaha, NE
Family First Chiropractic; Omaha, NE
Google; Council Bluffs, IA
GraceHill Lutheran Church; Elkhorn, NE
Hope Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Immanuel Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Immanuel Pathways; Omaha, NE
Immanuel Village; Omaha, NE
Immanuel Vision Foundation; Omaha, NE
Kate Spade Store; Gretna, NE
Kiewit Corporation; Omaha, NE
Leidos Corporation; 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
Miloma Lodge No. 328; Omaha, NE
Morning Star Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Mount Olive Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Parkwood Terrace Apartment Complex; Omaha, NE
Phil's Cash Saver; Omaha, NE
Resurrection Lutheran Church; Gretna, NE
Rohwer Elementary School; Omaha, NE
Saving Grace Perishable Food Rescue; Omaha, NE
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. John's Lutheran Church; Bennington, NE
St. John Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. Mark Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. Matthew Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. Michael Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. Thomas Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Tenaska; Omaha, NE
Travelex Insurance Services; Omaha, NE
Trinity Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Whispering Roots; Omaha, NE
Zion Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE

Monetary Donations from Individuals In 2023

Douglas & Cathy Aden; Omaha, NE \$700
Tim & Karen Adkins; Plattsmouth, NE \$200
Paul Albers; Omaha, NE \$100
Scott & Debbie Albright; Omaha, NE \$150
Winston & Karen Anderson; Bennington, NE
Barry & Teresa Arnold; Omaha, NE \$200
Courtney Bailey \$100
Judy Beasley
Benjamin Beavers \$300
Marilyn Beig; Omaha, NE \$3,000
Ann Benson; Omaha, NE \$100
Marjorie J Bock Estate \$25,000
Darlene Boehnke; Omaha, NE
Amelia Bowen; Omaha, NE
Daniel & Julie Brandt; Omaha, NE \$190
William & Joanne Breitinger; Omaha, NE
Jeanine Brown
Kristy Carlson \$100
Debra Carson \$150
Renee Casteel
Susan Chavez; Omaha, NE
Christine Chubb; La Vista, NE \$100
Jim & Deborah Ciurej; Omaha, NE
Ladonna A Clary Trust; Omaha, NE \$200
Jill Clausen; Omaha, NE \$150
Susan Geist & Becky Cockerill; Omaha, NE
Dave & Karen Coker; Ashland, NE \$1,250
Paul & Kim Coleman; Omaha, NE \$600
John & Jackie Combes; Omaha, NE
Vernon & Dorothy Cornish; Omaha, NE \$500
Pamela Cummings
John Deang; Bellevue, NE
Steven Dedert \$300
Theresa Dein
Trudy DeKeuster \$250
Ted Dlouhy \$310
Doneta Doehling; Omaha, NE \$100
Kay Drain; Omaha, NE \$100
Nancy Drawbaugh, Omaha, NE
Scott & Kimberly Drvol; Omaha, NE
Kim & Valerie Duncan; Omaha, NE \$200
Katherine Duggan; Omaha, NE
Johnnie & Jayne Dunn; Omaha, NE \$150
Mary & Gary Ehlers; Gretna, NE \$300
Jim Eichner; Omaha, NE
Curtis Englund; Omaha, NE \$350
Lisa Erickson; Omaha, NE \$150
Amy Finkhouse; Denver, CO \$100

Monetary Donations from Individuals In 2023

Kenneth Fortney; Omaha, NE \$100
Rogene Foy; Omaha, NE
Amanda Fredricks; Omaha, NE \$530
Brett & Jenny Fuller; Omaha, NE \$500
LaCoda Gallagher
Brian & Angela Galloway; Omaha, NE \$350
Charles & Veronica Galloway; Omaha, NE
Delores Galloway; Omaha, NE \$100
Scott Glaser; Omaha, NE
Alvin & JoAnn Glasshoff; Gretna, NE \$150
Lynn & Cindy Gray; Omaha, NE \$200
David & Darlene Greer; Plattsmouth, NE \$100
Susan Haataja
Linda Hammer; Omaha, NE \$3,950
Deanna Hansen; Omaha, NE \$235
Lois Hanusa; Council Bluffs, IA \$600
Nancy Harms; Elkhorn, NE \$100
Jann Harrington; Omaha, NE \$500
Norma Harrow; Omaha, NE
Erica Heiden; Omaha, NE \$440
Gail & Sally Hennings; Papillion, NE \$600
Joseph & Elizabeth Willis Heskew; Council Bluffs, IA
Leslie Heydorn; Omaha, NE \$310
Lisa Hickey \$100
Barry & Cheri Higgins; Omaha, NE \$525
Ingrid Johnson & Thomas Hilgendorf ; Omaha, NE \$800
Caroline Hill; Omaha, NE \$1,300
JV Hodgson, Jr.; Omaha, NE
Robert Hoff; Omaha, NE \$1,125
John & Susan Hollenbeck; Omaha, NE \$300
Richard & Constance Hollenbeck; Omaha, NE \$200
Ronald & Judith Holling; La Vista, NE \$150
Dennis Hopple; Ashland, NE \$200
Tom & Bev Hornig; Omaha, NE \$600
Tamala Houser-Hanson \$150
Pamela Humphrey; Omaha, NE
Annette Hurt; Omaha, NE \$200
Rebecca Hurt; Omaha, NE \$105
Gertrude Hutton; Blair, NE
Lanette Insinger; Omaha, NE
Reverend Roland & Suzan Jank, Jr.; Omaha, NE \$1,100
Charlotte Jensen; La Vista, NE \$100
Danette Johns; Omaha, NE
Janet Johnson; Omaha, NE \$150
Lee & Jean Johnson; Omaha, NE \$450
Lee K & Jean D Johnson; Omaha, NE \$1,001
Nancy Johnson; Omaha, NE
Virgil & Ruth Johnson; Omaha, NE \$200

Monetary Donations from Individuals In 2023

Michelle Kalin; Springfield, NE
James & Darleen Kautz; Omaha, NE \$100
Spencer Kearney \$1,500
John & Amber Keebler; Omaha, NE \$2,000
Debra Knight; Omaha, NE \$500
Frank & Connie Kompare; Ralston, NE
Kathryn Koslosky; Omaha, NE \$750
Gene & Clarice Krepela; Omaha, NE
Michael & Sandra Krick; Omaha, NE \$250
June Kroeger; Omaha, NE \$1,040
Mary Joan Kubik; Omaha, NE \$500
Diana Kuhl; Omaha, NE \$520
Mary Larsen; Omaha, NE \$100
Anita Larson Andres; Omaha, NE \$450
Marcy Lillethorup; Omaha, NE \$500
Derek & Angi Locke; Leawood, KS \$100
Katherine Lonergan
Dave & Susan Lueders \$250
Patricia Lundahl; Omaha, NE \$300
Linda Madgett; Omaha, NE \$250
Michael Makar & Elisa Velez-Makar \$600
Cheryl Matthews; Omaha, NE \$200
Gloria McCauley
Kevin & Janine McCauley; Omaha, NE
Thomas & Gloria McDaniel; Omaha, NE \$203
Michael & Paula McDonald; Omaha, NE \$120
Reverend Rodney & Alice Meske; Bennington, NE \$200
Mary Meyer; Omaha, NE \$2,600
Steve & Nancy Meyer; Omaha, NE \$1,000
Garnet Miller; Omaha, NE \$200
James & Mary Pat Moeller; Charlotte, NC \$200
Reverend Bill & Martha Moorhead; Omaha, NE \$750
Dale & Kathy Nelson; Omaha, NE \$250
Keith & Ann Nelson
Kimberly Nelson; Omaha, NE \$875
Nelson & Sharon Newman; Omaha, NE
Joan Nordstrom; Fremont, NE
Janice Novicki; Omaha, NE \$100
Sharon Cleo Novotny; Omaha, NE \$100
Victor & Jody Wells Padron; Omaha, NE \$775
Carl & Mary Peters; Omaha, NE \$5,000
Jane Petersen; Omaha, NE \$300
Janelle Petersen & Sandra Joons; Omaha, NE
Lukas Petersen \$100
Amber Polak \$300
Clifford & Norma Pountney; Elkhorn, NE
Thomas & Melissandra Prohaska; Omaha, NE \$200
Larry & Joyce Raabe; Omaha, NE \$500

Monetary Donations from Individuals In 2023

Glen & Ruth Rademacher; Omaha, NE \$550
Gary Ramsay; Omaha, NE
Paula Rasmuss; Omaha, NE
Judith Rath \$100
Dixie Rohlfs; Elkhorn, NE \$100
Everett Rokahr; Omaha, NE \$120
Keith Rummel \$350
Jolene Scalzo; Omaha, NE
Matthew & Jennifer Schell; Omaha, NE \$275
Ardyce Schoonover; Minnetonka, MN \$100
Sam & Ellen Schroeder; La Vista, NE \$150
Bonnie Seem; Omaha, NE \$200
Sharon Semler; Omaha, NE \$200
Thomas & Roxanne Senne; Omaha, NE \$200
Marla Serflaten; Omaha, NE
Bruce & Suzanne Sharp; Omaha, NE
James & Kim Simon; Omaha, NE \$300
Randy Mousel & Steve Smith; Omaha, NE \$100
Delores Snodgrass; Gretna, NE \$1,125
Gloria & Stephen Sorensen; Omaha, NE \$500
Roger & Karen Southward; Pickerington, OH \$100
Barbara Stacy; Omaha, NE \$100
Sandra Steele \$500
Mark & Karen Stiles; Gretna, NE \$500
David & Cynthia Strovers; Omaha, NE \$100
Kumy & Ann Thariani; Omaha, NE \$500
Jacqueline Thirlkel; Omaha, NE \$100
Dennis & Sherry Thompson; Omaha, NE \$200
Donald Thomsen; Omaha, NE \$160
Ok K Tierney; Omaha, NE \$100
Kent & Susan Ties; Elkhorn, NE \$100
Susan Toelle; Elkhorn, NE \$200
Gregory & Karen Trost; Elkhorn, NE \$750
Arlen Ullrich; Council Bluffs, IA \$100
James & Bonnie Vandenberg; Omaha, NE \$150
Robert & Vicky Vandervort; Omaha, NE \$1,500
Mary Vankat; Omaha, NE
Janet Voelker; Omaha, NE
Phillip Wandrey; Omaha, NE \$200
Calvin Webster; Omaha, NE \$150
Michael & Susan Westcott \$100
Alexandra Wetering
Bonnie White; Omaha, NE \$850
Carol C Williams; Omaha, NE \$100
D Max & Linda Williams; Omaha, NE \$1,000
Joseph & Jean Wreschnig; Omaha, NE \$500
Lawrence & Bernice Yates; Omaha, NE \$350
Sandra Ziemer; Papillion, NE \$100

Monetary Donations from Churches, Businesses, and Organizations In 2023

AmazonSmile Foundation
Augustana Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$1,620
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
Bethany Lutheran Church Women; Omaha, NE
Bethel Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$686
Bethel Lutheran Church Women; Omaha, NE \$750
Calvary Lighthouse Church Women; Omaha, NE
Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha, Inc.; Omaha, NE \$288
Conagra Brands Foundation Matching Gifts \$1,000
Grace Lutheran Church Endowment Fund; Omaha, NE \$5,000
GraceHill Lutheran Church; Elkhorn, NE \$2,000
Hope Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$750
Immanuel Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$1,265
Immanuel Lutheran Church Women; Omaha, NE \$355
Immanuel Community Vision Foundation; Omaha, NE \$30,000
Immanuel Village; Omaha, NE \$3,000
Kroger Corporation \$300
Lord of Love Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$500
Lord of Love Lutheran Church Men's Group; Omaha, NE \$950
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$1,552
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church Women; Omaha, NE \$305
Lutheran Church of the Master; Omaha, NE \$4,182
Lutheran Church of the Master Foundation; Omaha, NE \$10,000
Lutheran Women of Omaha; Omaha, NE \$205
Miloma Lodge #328; Omaha, NE \$300
Mount Calvary Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$600
Mount Olive Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$7,419
Network for Good \$253
Omaha Community Foundation; Omaha, NE \$2,108
PayPal Giving Fund; Omaha, NE
Pacific Hills Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$533
Pilgrim Lutheran Church Women; Omaha, NE \$847
Resurrection Lutheran Church; Gretna, NE \$947
St. John Lutheran Church; Bennington, NE \$291
St. John's Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$3,750
St. Matthew Lutheran Church Endowment Fund; Omaha, NE \$5,000
St. Matthew Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. Matthew Lutheran Church Women; Omaha, NE
St. Michael Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$1,074
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE
St. Thomas Lutheran Church; Omaha, NE \$1,291
Suzanne & Walter Scott Foundation; Omaha, NE \$30,000
The Soener Foundation; Omaha, NE \$500
Thrivent National \$500
Together A Greater Good; Omaha, NE

Monetary Donations from Churches, Businesses, and Organizations In 2023

Travelex Insurance Services; Omaha, NE \$500
Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment Fund; Omaha, NE \$1,000
William E & Rose Marie Davis Foundation; Omaha, NE \$10,000
Zion Lutheran Church Rebekah Circle; Omaha, NE

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

Veda Keebler, Executive Director

Board of Directors 2023

Victor Padron, President
Dennis Magnuson, Vice President
Michael McDonald, Treasurer
Amy Bowen, Secretary
Reverend Paul Albers
Reverend Chris Andersen
Angela Galloway
Cheri Higgins
Ingrid Johnson
Anita Larson Andres
Reverend Diana Kuhl, Advisor
Reverend Roland Jank, Jr., Advisor