

2021-2022 IMPACT REPORT



Loving Our Neighbors



Venture
Compassionate
Ministries

DIRECTOR'S WORDS

PROVIDING HOPE AND LOVE DURING UNCERTAIN TIMES

Worldwide, the coronavirus continues to impact jobs, schools, and families. For our neighbors and community, the pandemic's effects are even more crippling. Job loss, food insecurity, medical issues, housing, safety, and education are all at risk for the people we serve.

March 16, 2022 will mark the two years since the COVID-19 Pandemic hit Rochester, New York. In many ways it is hard to fathom that it has been that long. But for many in our community it is a reminder of the pain, the heartache and the loss that continues.

Venture Compassionate Ministries, Inc. (VCM) volunteers and donors have poured out hope and love to anyone in need of assistance. As an organization that is only three years old, Venture has had to become fluid and flexible in the ways in which we serve. Many of our programs had to take a pause, re-evaluate, or discontinue due to gathering restrictions.

Other programs, such as our Food Pantry continues to serve families on a weekly basis.

As an organization, one of our main goals this coming year is to seek ways in which we can build meaningful connections and relationships with those that we serve. Additionally, we will be exploring programs and opportunities that will help families become more self-sufficient and stable. The effects of the pandemic will be felt for years to come. Now is the time for local organizations, nonprofits, and churches to fill the gap that other agencies are unable to fill.

Thank you for your dedication, your time, and your donations in assisting those in our community as we love our neighbors.

Blessings,

David Riddell

VCM

OUR MISSION

VENTURE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES ENGAGES OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH HOPE, OPPORTUNITIES, AND PARTNERSHIPS. WE SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST BY INSPIRING AND SERVING THE UNDERSERVED IN OUR COMMUNITY.

OUR VISION

VENTURE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES SERVES THE UNDERSERVED, STRENGTHENS FAMILIES, AND DEVELOPS RELATIONSHIPS BY SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, AND SPIRITUAL WAYS.

OUR PARTNERS

**CALVARY COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
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LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

FOOD PANTRY

740



HOUSEHOLDS

1,640



ADULTS

1,020



CHILDREN

2,660



TOTAL SERVED



92 days open this year



57 different volunteers served in various capacities this year



1,034 volunteer hours

Estimated value of volunteer time: \$29,510

PARTICIPANT TESTIMONY:

"We received apples. I haven't had an apple in 6 months. As I was peeling my fourth one, it dawned on me that this was the longest amount of time I was able to stand after my two surgeries and it gave me hope. This story reminds me of a neighbor I had a long time ago who would tell me that fruit is God's candy and it sure did indeed that day."

LYDIAS CLOSET

3 MOBILE DISTRIBUTIONS

48

FAMILIES SERVED

98

ADULTS

139

KIDS

110

WINTER COATS DISTRIBUTED

26

VOLUNTEERS

149

VOLUNTEER
HOURS

**Estimated value of
volunteer time: \$4,252**

EMBRACE GRACE

2

SESSIONS

21

WEEKLY MEETINGS

7

PARTICIPANTS COMPLETED
THE PROGRAM

28

DIFFERENT VOLUNTEERS
INVOLVED

PARTICIPANT TESTIMONY:

"I've not really ever encountered such a thoughtful, loving and generous group of people. Why are you guys kind and love to me I will never know. What an incredible blessing to my heart."

QUILTING MINISTRY

41

**QUILTS & HATS FOR HIGHLAND
HOSPITAL SPECIAL CARE
NURSERY**

20

**CROCHETED BLANKETS &
HATS HIGHLAND HOSPITAL
SPECIAL CARE NURSERY**

40

**DRESSES TO BE DELIVERED TO
AFRICA BY MISSIONARIES**

14

**7 CROSS QUILTS AND 7 HATS
FOR EMBRACE GRACE
PARTICIPANTS.**

88

**CROCHED CHILDREN & ADULT
WINTER HATS FOR THE
VENTURE CHRISTMAS STORE**

TESTIMONY:

"Thank you so much for the beautiful quilted blanket and hat that we received while we had the birth of our first daughter at Highland Hospital. It was an unexpected surprise and we were especially blessed to know that it came from volunteers in your organization."

VENTURE CHRISTMAS STORE

Giving the Gift of Hope at Christmas

45

FAMILIES

98 ADULTS

128 CHILDREN

226 TOTAL SERVED

37 VOLUNTEERS

101 VOLUNTEER HOURS

**ESTIMATED VALUE OF
VOLUNTEER TIME: \$2,882**

MEALS MINISTRY

17

FAMILIES

The meals ministry served 17 families, 71 total meals. 24 adults and 17 children for a total of 41 individuals served. Additionally, 1 funeral meal was planned, serving approximately 25 people. This program remains strong and is a true connection point to folks in our programs, such as Embrace Grace and within the Calvary Community.

PARTICIPANT TESTIMONY:

"My family and I are so blessed by this community. Finances are tough right now. I have never been in this situation before in my life. I appreciate all that you have done to be able to assist my family with food, prayers, and physical needs. I know I am not on this journey alone."

SPECIAL PROJECTS

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACKS

71

BACKPACKS DISTRIBUTED TO
CHILDREN AND TEENS

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

51

51 families were served Thanksgiving Food boxes. Included in the boxes were fresh produce and frozen turkeys. 108 adults and 72 children were provided food and 180 total individuals were served.

CRISIS CARE KITS

108

teaming up with Calvary's NYI and NMI, a total of 108 crisis care kits were put together and sent to the district to make its way to Fawn Grove Compassion Center in Maryland where they were loaded onto trucks to be shipped throughout the United States and other countries experiencing natural disasters.

PARTICIPANT TESTIMONY:

"I thought I was alone this week and I was feeling very frustrated and tired. I thought I would be alone for the holiday, and I haven't been alone by myself in a long time. But you all made me realize that I am not alone and that God is right here with me. Thank you so much. You do not know what this food means to me."



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