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WEST CHESTER • LIBERTY TOWNSHIP
FAITH ALLIANCE
ALLEVIATE LOCAL POVERTY • DEMONSTRATE CHRISTIAN LOVE

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BOARD PRESIDENT MESSAGE

What a year!

Life is getting back to a new “normal”, and the Faith Alliance Community is coming together like never before! We have a new church partner in Abundant Grace Church and, like all of the churches in our community, we are blessed by their generosity in time and financial resources. Additionally, our board continues to evolve and includes talented new members with backgrounds in educational services in Butler County, literacy, and banking and finance. If you have a passion for service in our community and a devotion to service as the “Hands and Feet of Christ” contact us to discuss joining on our journey!

We are blessed to report that because of the dedicated work of the board’s Grant Writer, Kathleen Miller, the Faith Alliance received full funding for the Summer Literacy Program! Because of this funding, we are able to move forward with a pilot program offering after-school tutoring!

We built upon our service to our neighbors via X-Days and one-on-one service at the Summer Lunch Program. And, because of you, community members were fully on-board to make an incredible difference for Reach Out Lakota’s Backpack Ministry and “Feed Our Neighbors In Need” food drive.

Finally, the Faith Alliance Community was a champion for Stepping Forward (Faith Community UMC) and West Chester Presbyterian’s Community Suppers. Your support and service make their missions possible.

Once again, if you, or your church would like to join us in our mission, please contact me, or any member of the board.

Thank you to all of you for helping our mission of “alleviating local poverty and demonstrating Christian love!”

God’s blessings to you and yours in 2023!

ELIZABETH SCHIRM

Faith Alliance Board President



OUR STORY

Imagine you are a parent with a loving family. You are working towards your college degree when you receive the shocking news your husband had been severely injured. The long and painful rehabilitation begins, and you soon learn he will be on permanent disability and unable to provide income for your family.

The bills begin to pile up. When you thought things could not get worse, your 13 year old son comes home from school and discovers his father on the floor, passing away from a heart attack. By his side, an eviction notice informing them they had 72 hours to move.

While grieving the loss of your husband, you swallow your pride and began a journey of asking for help from area churches. You soon discover that despite good intentions, many churches and agencies do not communicate with each other. So you repeat the painful story over and over...

This is a true story and the catalyst behind the creation of The Faith Alliance. It is our

belief that when churches come together for a common purpose, great things happen. In this tragic event, several congregations from the Upward Basketball league the son attended, rallied together to help this hurting family. As a result, they were able to keep their home, pay their bills, and the mom was able to go back to college, complete her degree and secure a good job.

The Faith Alliance of West Chester & Liberty Township is a collaborative network of Christian Churches and volunteers who see value in working side by side to serve the needs of our community. We collaborate, communicate, and share resources to help neighbors. We coordinate and support local outreach activities serving those in need. It doesn't matter why someone is in need. It is not our place to judge. It does matter how we as a Christian community respond to those in need. That is The Faith Alliance of West Chester & Liberty Township.

The Faith Alliance was established as a tax-exempt non-profit organization on March 24, 2011.

OUR MISSION

Alleviate local poverty,
demonstrate
Christian love.

OUR VISION

That all in our community
may experience God's
love, hope and joy.

2022 GOALS

- ✓ **NEW MARKETING MATERIALS**
SUMMER LUNCH & LITERACY INFO CARD
- ✓ **RETURN TO QUARTERLY CHRIST & COFFEE MEETINGS**
- ✓ **EXPLORE FEASIBILITY OF A YEAR-ROUND TUTORING LITERACY PROGRAM**
- ✓ **LAUNCH NEW OUTREACH PROGRAM**
ADOPT-A-CHILD CHRISTMAS DRIVE
- + **GROW OUR CHURCH PARTNERS**
1 NEW PARTNER
- + **EXPAND SUMMERY LITERACY PROGRAM TO 8 WEEKS & OBTAIN 1:1 TUTOR-STUDENT RATIO**
1:2 TUTOR-STUDENT RATIO REACHED
- + **INCREASE PARTICIPATION IN SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM**
ACCOMPLISHED AT HALF THE LUNCH SITES

2022 IMPACT



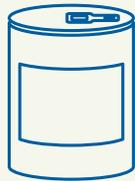
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church partners



8

outreach programs



13

area food pantries
replenished



11

local non-profits
supported



2898+

individuals in need
helped

2022 PROGRAMS



- NEW OUTREACH PROGRAM IN 2021
- SUPPORTS REACH OUT LAKOTA'S HOLIDAY PROGRAM & STEPPING FORWARD'S CHRISTMAS TOY SHOP
- TOYS & GIFT CARDS WERE COLLECTED FOR 1000 LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED
- 12 CHURCH PARTNERS PARTICIPATED



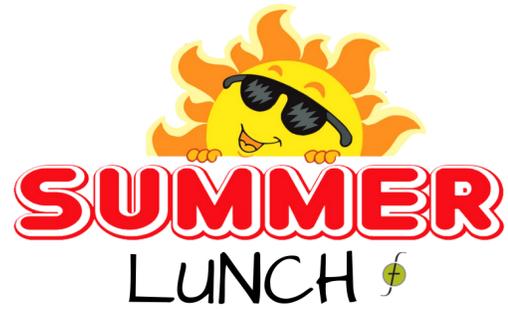
- COLLECTION HELD MARCH 6
- 16 CHURCH PARTNERS PARTICIPATED
- 22,047 LBS. OF FOOD & \$525 COLLECTED
- 13 AREA FOOD PANTRIES SERVED
- 172,000 LBS. OF FOOD COLLECTED SINCE 2013



- HELD APRIL 23, 30 & MAY 7
- 8 CHURCH PARTNERS PARTICIPATED
- 12 COMMUNITY PROJECTS BENEFITED 9 LOCAL NON-PROFITS
- 667 HOURS OF SERVICE COMPLETED BY 147 VOLUNTEERS

- HELD MAY 31 – JULY 29
- PARTNERSHIP WITH LAKOTA CHILD NUTRITION WHO DELIVERED 3,905 USDA MEALS TO 4 FA COMMUNITY LUNCH SITES
- 12 CHURCH PARTNERS PARTICIPATED
- 140 CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BY FA SITE COORDINATORS & VOLUNTEERS
- ADDITIONAL FOOD ORGANIZED FOR LAKOTA POINTE & HIGHLAND APTS.

Signature Program



- HELD JUNE 6 – JULY 28
- 53 LAKOTA STRUGGLING READERS IN GRADES K-6 PARTICIPATED IN EXPANDED 8-WEEK PHONICS LITERACY PROGRAM WITH 100% SHOWING IMPROVEMENT IN LITERACY SKILLS
- BUSING, TEACHING STAFF, HEALTHY SNACKS, BOOKS & PERSONAL CHROMEBOOK INCENTIVE PROVIDED FOR EACH STUDENT
- 280 CHILDREN HAVE COMPLETED PROGRAM SINCE ITS START IN 2015
- NEW AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM LAUNCHING FALL 2022 AT 1 LAKOTA SCHOOL





- COLLECTION ENDED AUGUST 7
- PARTNERSHIP WITH REACH OUT LAKOTA
- 13 CHURCH PARTNERS PARTICIPATED
- COLLECTED \$10,765 IN SCHOOL SUPPLIES & MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS
- HELPED PROVIDE 513 LAKOTA STUDENTS WITH NEEDED SUPPLIES

Signature Program



- YEAR ROUND PARTNERSHIP WITH STEPPING FORWARD AT FAITH UMC & WEST CHESTER PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY SUPPER PROGRAM
- 130 INDIVIDUALS SERVED WEEKLY AT STEPPING FOWARD
- 150-200 INDIVIDUALS SERVED WEEKLY AT WCPC
- 14 CHURCH PARTNERS PARTICIPATED



- QUARTERLY ZOOM MEETINGS IN 2022

Board Members & Staff

Elizabeth Schirm
FA Board President,
Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church

Sue Mahlock
FA Board Past President,
Crestview Presbyterian Church

Stephen Fogle
FA Board Vice President,
Abundant Grace Church

Lynne Hoover
FA Board Treasurer,
Crestview Presbyterian Church

Mike Lupidi
FA Board Partnership Officer, The Church
of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Kathleen Miller
Saint Anne Episcopal Church

Dr. Christina Williams
Mason Crossroads Church

Rachel Canepa
Mason Crossroads Church

Denise Chambers
Crestview Presbyterian Church

Joyce Eaton
First Baptist Church Hampton

Cathy Borders
FA Director of Outreach, The Church
of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Church Partners



2022 Community Partners



Meadow Ridge Lunch of Love
Church Partners
Community volunteers

THANK YOU



Don & Alice Ulmer Legacy Giving Fund
Church Partner grants & funds
Board pledges
And many other private & church donors

2022 Sponsors & Grantors

FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

Whole \$ Fav/(Unfav)	2022		
	Estimate	Budget	Variance
BEGINNING BANK BALANCE	33,453	33,453	-
REVENUE			
General Giving			
Church	6,500	8,700	(2,200)
Individual	809	1,000	(191)
Organizations & Grants	-	100	(100)
Board Contributions/Other	1,024	2,150	(1,126)
Restricted Giving			
Literacy/ESL	81,300	34,000	47,300
Summer Lunch	5,500	-	5,500
TOTAL REVENUE	95,133	45,950	49,183
EXPENSE			
General & Administrative			
FA Salaries *	9,186	12,000	(2,814)
Marketing Materials	1,048	800	248
Insurance	3,249	3,000	249
All Other	1,285	2,100	(815)
Program Costs			
Literacy/ESL *	36,154	33,350	2,804
After School Literacy	10,009	-	10,009
Summer Lunch *	5,451	5,500	(49)
All Other	1,000	1,200	(200)
TOTAL EXPENSE	67,382	57,950	9,432
OPERATING INCOME	27,751	(12,000)	39,751
ENDING BANK BALANCE	61,204	21,453	39,751

- General giving \$3.5k below target... total Revenue exceeded plan by \$46k from unplanned ODE Grant & Family Foundation Gift.
- NEW After School Literacy Program driving expenses to exceed plan by \$10k. Remaining costs on track in total.
- Operating Income & Bank Balance better than budget by \$40K and reflect unplanned revenue & NEW After School Program.

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