

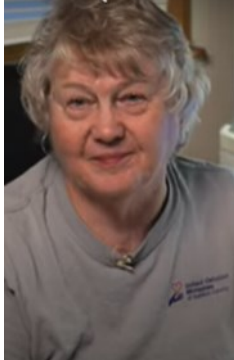
**United Christian Ministries
of Jackson County, Inc.**

You Are Changing Lives



2021 Annual Report

A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



2021 was a year worth remembering. There was no normal day, week or month. As usual, UCM fed people (over 75,000 pounds of food); however, with the pandemic continuing in full force, we also paid utility bills, rent deposits and past due rent. We also dealt with people who were caught up in the eviction moratorium - both tenants and landlords.

These are challenging times and I believe that UCM can maintain the assistance to our clients because of our longevity and our ability to adjust to different economic climates. The support UCM receives from Jackson County residents, grants, businesses and churches sustains us every day and makes it possible for us to do the work United Christian Ministries has done for over 30 years.

In the pages that follow, you will read more about our past year and what we were able to accomplish. Hopefully, as we work together, we can provide the needed support for our community for 2022.

On behalf of all of those whose lives have been touched, thank you.

Blessings,

Karen Johnson

HOW WE WORK



When someone needs help, all they have to do is to come to our building on Skyland Drive. Current Covid protocol is that one of our volunteers meets the clients outside the building and talks to them about their needs. Once their needs are ascertained, volunteers gather needed food, personal items, and household items and deliver them to the client's car. We invite clients to come for food as often as every two weeks.

For those in need of financial assistance, they are asked to provide a photo ID and a bill, and then they speak with one of the staff members or a trained volunteer. We clearly explain what we can (or can't) do, and that we provide financial assistance once every twelve months.

UCM works with many local agencies to help residents in need. We are their second stop after the Department of Social Services or HERE in Jackson County. We provide assistance that they can offer, then refer them on to other agencies for needs we cannot meet, such as Jackson Neighbors in Need, the Department on Aging, Center for Domestic Peace, Circles of Jackson, Community Table, Jackson County Transit, Mountain Projects, local thrift stores, and more. UCM is able to respond to many needs that no one else can fill locally – thanks to the support of our donors and grantors.

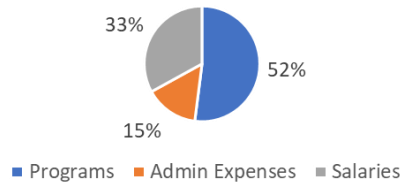


Our Vision

- ... to continue serving Jackson County residents in need, treating them with kindness, dignity, and respect
- ... to partner with more local farms to provide nutritious food year-round to our community
- ... to increase food assistance to Jackson County residents by locating underserved areas and working to serve them
- ... to begin operating a mobile pantry
- ... to complete digitization of our records to improve service and efficiency



2021 Financial Report



	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
INCOME			
Donations: businesses, churches, individ-	\$ 159,240.14		\$ 159,240.14
Grants	\$ 20,900.00	\$ 103,250	\$ 124,150
Other Income			\$ 28,741.17
Noncash Support	3000+ lbs. food rec'd in store donation carts & can	Thousands of lbs. food donated by individuals,	
INCOME			\$ 312,131.31
EXPENSES			
Food & Financial			\$ 78,388.83
Pantry Expansion	\$ 7,604.43	\$ 103,250.00	\$ 110,852.43
General/			\$ 22,177.10
Salaries			\$ 49,881.38
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 154,804.21	\$ 106,495.53	\$ 261,299.74
Net Income			\$ 50,831.57

How You Can Help

United Christian Ministries receives support in the form of food, funds, and participation. Donations carts are set up inside Food Lion and Harold's Groceries, where you can easily drop in nonperishable foods, toiletries, and household items. You may also bring donations directly to our building during our open hours. Many churches also collect items for the pantry.

UCM's financial support comes from many sources: churches, businesses, local groups, individuals, grants, and more. UCM is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, so donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Donations may be made online at www.ucmhelp.com, by mail, or in person.

Participation in the work of UCM is both fun and rewarding. We rely on our dozens of volunteers to run the pantry and front desk, to help with special events, and to do projects for community service. More information is available on our website. The rewards of volunteering are priceless.

From Our Clients

Thank you for all the times you were there for me! May it all come back to you!
-Woman, age 64

You all have gone above and beyond to help me. I was terrified of losing sight in my eye. Thank you so much for paying my doctor's bill.
-Woman, age 66

Y'all are a blessing for all of us that are in need and we thank God for y'all's kind hearts! God bless you.
-Male, age 41

Thank you so much for all of your help, it's been a life-saver! We really needed the propane.
-Woman, age 55



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