



## **ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

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### **HOW WE HELP**



United Christian Ministries was founded in 1989 in order to provide a central location for Jackson County residents in crisis to get help. We use a three-pronged approach to assist our neighbors: food support, financial support, and referrals.

The food pantry offers fresh fruits and vegetables, shelf-stable foods, frozen meats, and bakery items. We also provide personal and household items, such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, diapers, and more. Client may visit the pantry every two weeks.

Financial assistance is provided once per year for families facing eviction, loss of utilities, or other critical issues. We work closely with local utilities, gas companies, landlords, and pharmacies to help our clients. Funds are paid directly to the Jackson County service provider.

### **ASSISTANCE HIGHLIGHTS**

2022 was a year of continued growth in food and housing insecurity. UCM assisted 58% more residents in 2022 than 2021, including an 80% growth in assistance to children. As prices rose, it became more difficult for Jackson County residents to make ends meet. More people came to us for the first time than ever before. In 2022 we saw 387 new clients - a 108% increase over 2021.



### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wow! What a couple of years we have experienced. UCM plowed through Covid while continuing to serve the folks of Jackson County with food and financial help. Our volunteers stayed strong and resilient throughout and were there each day, providing the same services and care UCM has a reputation for.

2022 broke all records for the amount of food items we provided to those in need. Monies given to help with utilities, rent and other needs also surpassed those previously given in any year of record. Looking on to 2023, we will surely be breaking those records again. The number of folks looking for assistance continues to expand daily, as does the need for that assistance.

Only through the generous donations from Jackson County Churches, residents, civic groups, and others are we able to keep the doors open. Both financial donations and donations of food items allow us to continually be able to meet our goals and fulfill our mission: ministering to the needs of our Jackson County neighbors according to the call of Jesus Christ.

We have been truly blessed by the fact that other financial resources have been made available to us from private companies, Jackson County Government, and other grantors. Grants funding allows UCM to continue to grow to keep up with the needs of our clients.

Volunteers are the backbone of UCM. Like most non-profits, we rely on our volunteers to be the hands that provide assistance to our clients. They take this personal calling seriously, and along with offering food, they daily offer comfort, hope and grace to those visiting us. We are growing, and so is the need for more good people to offer their time and skills every day. Please give serious consideration to volunteering. If you would like to join our team, we will find a spot for you.

Thank you for your support! Thank you for including UCM in how you give back to our community. And thank you for your continuing prayers for UCM and for all the folks who benefit from the care we have to give.

Frank Royce, Chairman, UCM Board of Directors

## **OUR VISION AND MISSION**

#### **VISION**

Our vision is to eliminate food and housing insecurity in Jackson County The backbone of our ministry is to provide nutritious food to Jackson County families. UCM is a MANNA Partner, but we receive tons of pounds of donated food from Walmart, Food Lion, Starbucks, Pizza Hut, and from generous donors. UCM also partners with local farmers in order to offer local fresh foods in our pantry.



**MISSION** 



The mission of United Christian Ministries is to "Unite Jackson County, according to the call of Jesus Christ, to minister to the needs of our neighbors." We accomplish this mission by working closely with over 50 local churches and over 20 local agencies and nonprofits to assist our neighbors in need. Our goal is to help residents move toward relative independence by addressing their immediate needs, referring them to other helpful resources, and advocating for issues important to them.

### SUPPORT

The work of United Christian Ministries is made possible by the gifts of the community. We are blessed by the time, talent, and treasure that are shared with us.

Donations of time are critical to our success. Volunteers are the heart of our ministry. UCM has 3 paid staff members and over 40 active volunteers who make our work possible. Volunteers work at the front desk, answer the phones, greet clients, work in the pantry, bring in food donations, and more.

UCM has been the grateful recipient of the talents of local residents and students, including food drives, data entry, house painting, creating nutrition brochures, special event support, social media interns, and more. If you have a talent to share, we can probably use it!

Financial support of UCM comes from churches, grants, individual giving, corporate gifts, and fundraising. Financial support comes in the form of monetary donations as well as donations of pantry items. We are grateful to the many churches that collect pantry items year-round and to all the donors who put donations in the UCM carts inside Food Lion and Harolds or bring donations to our building.









Learn more at www.ucmhelp.com

# 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

#### Revenues

Contributions	
Churches	53,298.27
Church Related Groups	1,213.12
Individuals	74,688.55
Business	31,024.14
Other	9,385.00
Civic / Non Profits	11,934.74
Fundraising	<u>9,559.19</u>
Total Contributions	\$ 191,103.01
Grants	
Restricted Grants	37,750.00
<b>Unrestricted Grants</b>	<u>29,503.00</u>
Total Grants	\$ 67,253.00
Investments	(29,142.51)
Refunds - & Rebates	<u>2,095.30</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 231,308.80

#### **Expenses**

Miscellaneous	18,199.80
Buildings & Grounds	3,982.37
Utilities	6,352.93
Outreach Expense	5,964.12
Professional Fees	1,648.00
Office	6,009.78
Vehicle	<u>984.35</u>
Total Administration	\$ 43,141.35
Personnel	60,000.33
Ministry Expenses	
Food - Clients	29,936.03
Utilities - Clients	54,214.46
Household & Personal	5,198.06
Lodging - Client	12,011.59
Maintenance & Repairs	1,065.79
Medical - Client	1,369.56
Rent - Clients	29,302.90
Transportation - Client	7,072.38
Total Ministry Expenses	\$ <u>140,170.77</u>
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