

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



HELP YOU CAN COUNT ON
MID-COUNTY UNITED MINISTRIES, INC.

WITH MUM'S HELP, EVICTION TURNS TO NEW START

J.M. HAD WORKED since he was a teenager, sometimes holding two jobs to support himself and his family.

Then last year, the mid-level property manager lost his job. The bills piled up as he searched for new employment. Soon he was thousands of dollars behind on the rent of the Wheaton townhouse where he and his wife and three children had lived for more than a decade. The landlord's eviction notice came in January 2015.

J.M. visited the county's crisis services office. From there he was directed to Mid-County United Ministries, and he told his story to Executive Director Larry White.

"It was tough emotionally," J.M. recalled. "I thought I should be able to work through any challenge. It took a lot for me to ask for help."

MUM provided \$300, a typical amount for the nonprofit, which handles dozens of eviction cases annually. White also reached out to other organizations that could help, and he prepared referrals for funds from those organizations.

White and his staff provide more than financial assistance in these situations; they believe people in crisis also need a cordial welcome.

"The way we respect people who come in our office and treat them with dignity is not something they always get," White said. That guides the delivery of all MUM's services, which besides eviction help includes financial assistance for utility cutoffs and prescriptions and emergency groceries.

J.M. and his family have a new home in the county, and he's doing well in a new job.

"I really believe MUM helped keep my mind at ease as I was going through this process and as I was transitioning to new employment," he said. "Without your support this would have been a lot tougher."



Larry White



Nutrition classes at MUM



Taste of Wheaton



Stamp Out Hunger drive

THANKS TO YOU

OUR FUNDERS AND SUPPORTERS made good things possible at MUM in FY 2015. Here's some examples:

- Montgomery County government provided rent-free space to MUM for its office and pantry and provided partial funding for staff. The County Council awarded a grant for client assistance, and the county's Wheaton Urban District made MUM the beneficiary of its annual Taste of Wheaton event.
 - Area congregations, the driving force behind MUM's creation, continued extensive support with financial donations, food drives, and volunteers.
 - Local letter carriers provided thousands of pounds of donated items for MUM's pantry through their national Stamp Out Hunger food drive.
 - Nongovernmental organizations such as the Jewish Council for the Aging and the Emergency Assistance Coalition helped with MUM's client assistance and staffing needs.
 - Students at area schools held food drives and volunteered at MUM.
 - Businesses such as Acorn Self-Storage, IHOP Wheaton, Safeway and Bob's Discount Furniture supported MUM's operations.
 - Montgomery police raised funds and provided assistance for MUM's Hunger March.
 - Individual donors and volunteers like you kept county residents from going hungry, or sick, or falling into homelessness.
- Your generosity made a difference!



Young donor

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Executive Director

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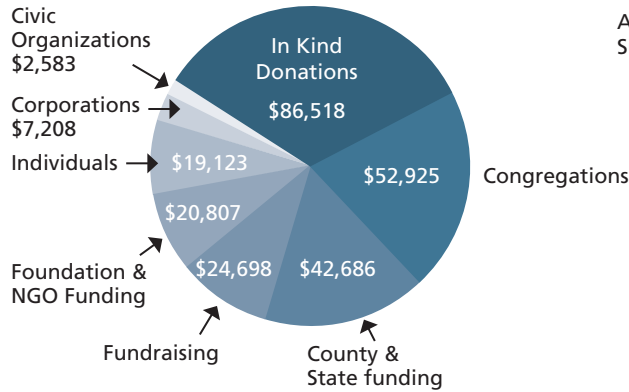
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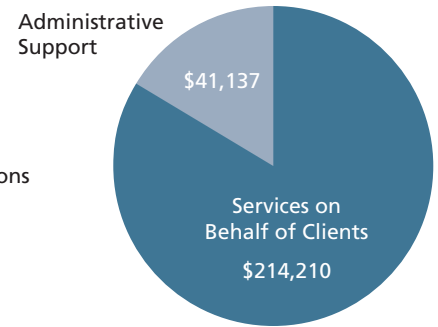
INCOME FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2015

TOTAL INCOME: \$256,548



EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2015

TOTAL EXPENSE: \$255,347



NET INCOME: \$1,201

DID YOU KNOW?

MUM serves an area with a significant concentration of people living in poverty, according to U.S. Census Bureau data covering the years 2008-2012. An estimated 15,000 people, or 24 percent of the 63,154 people living in poverty in Montgomery reside in MUM's service area of zip codes 20902, 20906, 20853, 20895 and 20896. A household of four people is determined to live in poverty if its annual income is less than \$23,850, according to federal poverty guidelines.

Sources: Montgomery County Planning Department, Research & Special Projects, U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Federal Register

Pantry Distribution

81,832 lbs. of food
Valued at \$92,061
3,535 client visits
1,292 households
21 lbs. of food per visit

Utility Assistance

\$32,177 helping
125 clients

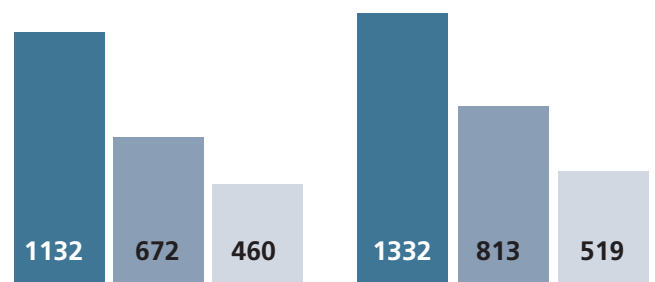
Eviction Assistance

\$26,589 helping
82 clients

Prescription Assistance

\$4,450 helping
29 clients

INCREASE IN HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING MUM ASSISTANCE



FY 2014

FY 2015

Households Families Individuals

Increase of 17.6 percent of households receiving assistance from MUM in FY 2015

Monetary Value of Assistance in FY 2014 = \$130,210
Monetary Value of Assistance in FY 2015 = \$155,277
Increase of 19 percent in FY 2015