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MISSION ANNUAL REPORT

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Across our five campuses and online community, Church of the Resurrection continued to make a positive impact in Kansas City and the world through our Mission Ministries. The generosity of this congregation continues to transform lives and develop communities in so many ways. Here are just a few of the highlights from 2019 -

Local Impact Ministries

The [Partner Schools Ministry](#) continued to engage thousands of volunteers and donors as they provided for the needs at eight area partner schools in KCK, KCMO and Olathe. Over 48,000 “[Backpacks for Hunger](#)” (bags of nutritious, kid-friendly food for the weekend) were distributed to students. [The Bookmobile](#) served over 31,000 students, distributing 73,322 books at various locations throughout the KC area. Our [Beds Ministry](#) served more than 200 children in our partner schools, providing beds, bedding, and pajamas to those in need of a safe place to sleep. Our [tutoring team](#) invested 9,500+ hours of tutoring and classroom support at our partner



schools and at Grace Community Ministry’s after school program. Donors and volunteers also supported and served in our [two global partner schools](#) - the Juan Wesley School in Ciudad Espana, Honduras, and Ditshego Preschool & Open School - Centurion, South Africa.

The year also saw the formation of a Pre-K volunteer leadership team as part of Church of the Resurrection’s Vision 2030 – [Close the Opportunity Gap](#). With the goal of breaking the cycle of poverty for children in Kansas City, the team is working to ensure every four-year-old who will attend our partner schools has access to quality Pre-K education so they are prepared to succeed in elementary school.

Our [Hunger Stoppers Ministry](#) delivered 64 tons of food to 19 area food pantries throughout this city, serving over 6,000 people. In addition to the food that was donated and purchased, over \$84,000 in

monetary support was given to our partner pantries in the form of grants and funding supplements. Pantries were able to expand their purchasing power through Harvesters grants and used these funds for perishable foods, such as meat or vegetables.

Our Clothing & More team sorted and delivered over 667,000 pounds of donated clothing and household goods to our partners, including the clothing closet at East High School in KCMO. In addition to our local partners, our Hunger Stoppers Ministry supported the newly renovated Resurrection Overland Park Food Pantry, helping to bridge the food insecurity gap for those in Johnson County.



Throughout the year, volunteers of all ages enjoyed participating in a variety of serve events across all our campuses. Serve Saturdays, Martin Luther King, Jr. Serve Day, and Christmas in October offered great opportunities to try out serving during a one-day event. During our JOY in Serving season, donors and volunteers provided holiday meals for over 1000 people in the Kansas City area through our partner organizations, as well as hundreds of blankets, coats, winter care kits, and Christmas presents to those in need. At our

annual Bless the School event, volunteers painted and cleaned the building and spruced up the playground at The African-Centered College Prep Academy. Over 600 volunteers (including 389 first-timers) put in over 2,200 hours of work. In addition to our in-kind donations and serve events, and through the generosity of our donors we provided financial support to several local initiatives. These initiatives included suicide prevention programming through #ZeroReasonsWhy and our own congregational care team, and support for - Green Light Fund, a philanthropic organization focusing resources and expertise on Kansas City's most challenging needs. We continued our partnership with Avenue of Life, addressing the needs of homeless and in transition families in Wyandotte County, KS, and support for the Blue Valley School District's Community for Kids supplemental food program.

[Allies for Racial Justice](#), our partnership with St. James United Methodist Church, brought in racial justice educator and author of "Waking Up White", Debby Irving. Irving spoke at Resurrection's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day event, leading participants through a discussion of how we as a church can continue to unpack and address the systemic issues of racial discrimination that divide our community. In October 2019, she returned to Resurrection, keynoting a seminar on equity in education with over 100 educators from around the KC area. Dr. Tiffany Anderson, Superintendent of Topeka Public Schools, also presented on the equity and inclusion initiatives that are working to improve the learning environment for children and teachers in Topeka. In addition to these education events, ARJ sponsored several film screenings, discussions, and social events.



Global Impact Ministries



In 2019, 240 trip participants stepped outside of their comfort zone, and said “yes” to serve alongside others in another country. On these 22 serve trips, participants worked with [our partners in South Africa, Malawi, Honduras, Puerto Rico, and Haiti](#) to provide life-changing opportunities, education, disaster response, and economic development for communities. The serve trips took on a variety of forms – medical and dental, teaching English, supporting teachers or assisting with economic empowerment classes – but each trip continued Resurrection’s efforts to live out our call to serve Christ in the world through transformative partnerships.

Each trip plays a significant role in the longevity of our partnerships. By serving alongside the local community leaders and volunteers, praying together, and making a change together, an unbreakable tie forms between our church and their church. Our trip members and those in the host country end the week rejuvenated to each use the gifts and skills God has bestowed upon us to continue serving out our calling in our community and in our world.

Our [Disaster Response](#) teams also lived into the call of transformation by responding to flooding in Nebraska, tornado damage in Linwood and Lawrence, Kansas and Hurricane Harvey relief in South Texas. Volunteers participated in a variety of trainings. Some went through the Red Cross training to learn how to set up and run an emergency shelter at Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, should the need occur. Others participated in a health emergency scenario that was co-led by the Johnson County Health Department and the CDC where they tested their software against each other if the church were to become a center to dispense medications to thousands of people over a 36 hour period.



Through the generosity of donors, Church of the Resurrection continued our financial support of Syrian refugee children through Safe Spaces Lebanon and UNICEF, as well as our commitment to supporting Malawian orphan empowerment through ZOE. We continued to raise funds for clean water in Malawi through our Sacred Steps 5k, with over 700 participants enjoying the charitable run.

Thanks to the funds raised during our 2018 JOY In Serving campaign and Candlelight Christmas Eve Offering, our partners in Haiti received support for reforestation, food security and economic empowerment programs, and our partners in South Africa received support for education in the Mooiplaas community in South Africa. Our 2019 JOY in Serving campaign raised funds for Spanish language books to be purchased for our global partner school, the Juan Wesley School, and to provide Bibles in Chichewa and Swahili for vulnerable families in Malawi.

While our Mission Ministries have made a substantial impact in 2019, we know the work is far from done. We look forward to seeing what God is calling us to in the future, in Kansas City and beyond!

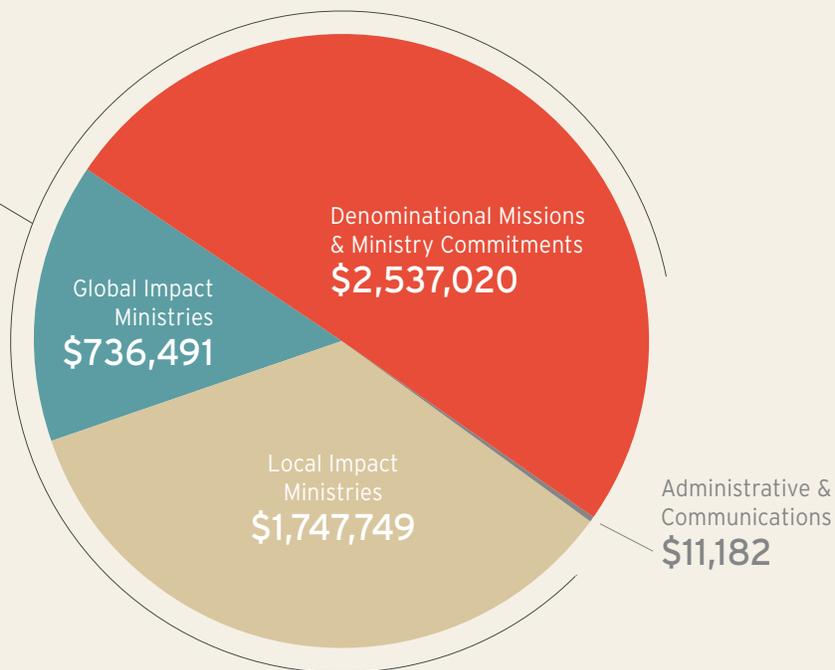
TOTAL \$5,032,442

Denominational Missions & Ministry Commitments
\$2,537,020

Administrative & Communications
\$11,182

Local Impact Ministries
\$1,747,749

Global Impact Ministries
\$736,491



SPECIAL OFFERING + OTHER GIVING

LOCAL IMPACT MINISTRIES

Christmas Eve 2019	\$ 745,580
› Community Care Assistance	\$ 100,000
› Literacy/Backpacks for Hunger	\$ 250,000
Hunger Drives	\$ 265,265
Backpacks for Hunger	\$ 126,655
Easter 2019 (Suicide Prevention)	\$ 100,000
Furnishings	\$ 99,385
Disaster Relief and Response	\$ 98,242
Education/Life Skills/Literacy	\$ 69,216
JOY In Serving – Holiday Meals	\$ 28,309
KC Poverty Initiatives – GreenLight Fund	\$ 25,000
School Supplies and Uniforms	\$ 18,218
A Child’s Hope/Foster and Adopt	\$ 7,940
Beds	\$ 6,365
Collections (Clothing, Computer, Cars)	\$ 6,071
TOTAL	\$ 1,596,247

GLOBAL IMPACT MINISTRIES

Christmas Eve 2019	\$ 745,580
› Refugee Children (Safe Spaces Lebanon, UNICEF)	\$ 100,000
› ZOE (3 Yr Commitment)	\$ 120,000
Global Education and Scholarships	\$ 92,084
Sacred Steps 5K	\$ 24,435
Global Health	\$ 23,747
Clean Water Initiatives	\$ 8,747
JOY in Serving – Malawi and Honduras Books and Bibles	\$ 6,585
Other Global Initiatives	\$ 4,800
TOTAL	\$ 905,979

MISSIONS SPENDING

LOCAL IMPACT MINISTRIES

Avenue of Life	\$ 315,000
Backpacks for Hunger	\$ 263,390
Furnishings	\$ 173,218
Hunger Ministry	\$ 138,307
Community Care Assistance	\$ 100,000
Easter Grant (Suicide Prevention)	\$ 100,000
Education & Life Skills/Literacy	\$ 80,268
Disaster Response	\$ 80,110
Resurrection Mission Center (RMC)	\$ 71,368
Foster & Adopt	\$ 57,406
JOY in Serving	\$ 57,103
KC Poverty (GreenLight Fund, OB, BVSD)	\$ 54,000
Bless the School	\$ 41,406
Mission Vehicles	\$ 39,403
Justice (Prison, Allies for Racial Justice, MLK Community Event)	\$ 24,231
Beds	\$ 23,833
Christmas in October	\$ 21,777
RezWest Mission Center	\$ 21,200
Strategic Initiatives	\$ 11,592
TOTAL	\$ 1,747,749

GLOBAL IMPACT MINISTRIES

ZOE	\$ 112,000
Refugee Children (Safe Spaces Lebanon, UNICEF)	\$ 120,000
Malawi Partnership	\$ 96,299
Global Partner Scholarships	\$ 94,249
Honduras Partnership	\$ 74,524
Clean water Initiatives/Boreholes	\$ 64,950
Haiti Partnership	\$ 51,645
Haiti Relief & Reconstruction	\$ 35,334
Eurasia Partnership	\$ 29,500
Trip Training & Supplies	\$ 26,627
JOY in Serving - Haiti/South Africa	\$ 13,149
> Denominational Collaborations	\$ 10,000
> South Africa/DRC Partnership	\$ 5,835
> Domestic Partnerships	\$ 2,379
TOTAL	\$ 736,491

ADMINISTRATIVE & COMMUNICATIONS

TOTAL	\$ 11,182
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