2018 Program Highlights
**Children’s Program**

**Afterschool Program**— Renovations were completed in March 2018 allowing us to increase our capacity to 60 children in the fall of 2018. For four days a week, we participated in theatre, art, running, Engineering for Kids, robotics, choir, STEM with the Mayborn Museum, and bible study.

**King’s Club**— Seven housing sites reached: South Terrace, Brazos Village, Villages, Barron Branch Apartments, Kate Ross Apartments, Ashton Oaks, Waco Apartments, and Waco Historic Lofts. Local Waco volunteers and volunteer groups from Baylor came to serve. Mission Waco Youth committed to volunteering weekly at King’s Club.

**Summer Day Camp**— The children participated in STEM activities through the Mayborn Museum, swimming, and weekly field trips. Our 2nd-5th graders spent a week in June at Camp of the Hills, and our 4th-5th graders were able to spend a weekend touring the city of Houston.

**Youth**

**Youth Afterschool Enrichment**— 46 youth enrolled

- **High School activities:** Film Club, Art, VolunTeens, and CrossFit
- **Junior High activities:** Lego Robotics, reading club, STEM Club, African Rhythms, and various creative arts.

**Bear Adventures:** Youth enjoyed various outdoor activities. High school learned to fish; junior high learned camping skills.

**Bible Studies:** *Xplore the Bible* curriculum, completed a study of Galatians this fall. 6th grade girls reached memorization goal: saying their Bible verses 25 times.

Ten youth participated in the first Lego Robotics Team. With the theme *Into Orbit*, they did a project on gravity and took a field trip to TSTC for Challenge Academy Day to learn about engineering and space travel. In their first year, the team got 10th out of 20 teams, and completed several “missions” at the competition.

**Youth Summer Trip**— Twenty-one youth went to San Antonio where they learned about Texas history at the Alamo, the Missions, and Texas Institute of Culture. They toured the University of Texas at San Antonio and visited Sea World!

**VolunTeens** led King’s Club at the Barron’s Branch Apartments on Saturday mornings.

High School students led a weekly reading club on Monday afternoons, including summer at Barron’s Branch. They also served at a Mobile Food Bank at TSTC this summer on VolunTeens Day and volunteered at Central Texas Food Bank in Austin, Texas during Spring Break.

**Youth Summer Camp** participated in weekly entrepreneurship and marketing class at Dr. Pepper Museum, learned to make Aquaponics at Urban REAP and run a crafting business with Fair Trade, went paddle boarding weekly with Bear Adventures, and did art and science experiments.

**Friday Field Trips:** Cameron Park Zoo, Mayborn Museum, Waco Mammoth Site, and more.

**Number of Children**
- Spring 2018: 40
- Summer Day Camp: 40
- Fall 2018: 60
Visual & Performing Arts

Jubilee Theatre—In 2018, we had the following performances:

- Akeelah and the Bee
- Rasheeda Speaking
- Lion King, Jr
- Next to Normal
- My Son Pinocchio, Jr
- Clue: The Musical
- Every Christmas Story Ever Told

Two camps were held serving over 50 students in our community, and our after school programs served over 60. Our numbers have continued to increase in those auditioning for our shows as well as the size of our audience attending shows. It’s been an exciting year for the Jubilee Theatre, and 2019 is looking to be even better!

Urban Expressions, Movements, and Melodies—Empowering through arts by offering visual arts programming and training, accessible dance education, basic music principles, and private instrument lessons. We hope to help those entering our program understand themselves as creative beings who have the power to see and recognize overlooked areas of aesthetic interest and opportunities for inspiration within their world.

Community

Toy Store—564 parents (2112 children) shopped for gifts at 20% of retail cost. Three other charities shopped representing 47 parents; 87 children. We also packaged over 250 toys to send to Dallas reaching even more children this Christmas Season! 711 volunteers served a total of 1870 hours.

Back-to-School Backpack Store—Low income parents shopped for school supplies at 20% of retail cost. This year, we served 273 parents (843 children)! 204 volunteers served a total of 592 hours.

The Ark Apartments is a diverse Christian living community addressing affordable housing and social isolation. Those from various social, racial, and economic backgrounds live in its 18 units. In the summer, volunteers from Crestview Church of Christ updated the Community Room with new cabinets. Several Ark leaders presented a Christian Co-housing Workshop at No Need Among You. “Isolation is one of the most common health problems of our time... Social isolation, loneliness, and living alone raises mortality risk by up to 32%” (MNN.COM).

Friday Morning Breakfast—5300 meals served
1060 volunteers
3500 people fed

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Presentation, lunch, and discussion in the Jubilee Theatre. Approx. 350 volunteers sent into the community for various projects.

Walk for the Homeless included over 400 walkers and 12 speakers on how we can better serve the homeless. The walk ended at Church Under the Bridge to participate in the 26th anniversary service.

Thanksgiving Worship & Lunch with the Homeless—About 110 people were served by about 45 volunteers this Thanksgiving!
Jubilee Food Market— In March, Mission Waco hosted a community St. Patrick’s Day event that raised funds for the market. The health fair in September had about 100 attendees. Different health communities such as Care Net, the Meyer Center, and Alliance Club came to offer services to the community. The event was a great success.

November was our largest sales month since opening, and we are excited for more in the new year!

Fair Trade Market had a fun year starting with January’s crochet class using Fair Trade yarns. In October, we attended NNAY conference and Cultural Arts. We were one of 30 stores in the nation to host a Fair Trade Indian Block Printing party. We also won the social media contest for the national event, resulting in merchandise for the store. In November, we had a very successful third annual Nativity Open House. The holiday season was brisk and full of people from all over the nation. We look forward to 2019 with new items that empower the poor all over the world!

World Cup Café has continued to be a beloved place of gathering for the community. This past year we have enjoyed faithful regulars and locals coming into the cafe as well as visitors from all across the country and world drawn to Waco by Chip and Jo’s Magnolia Market. World Cup continues to be a favorite breakfast spot for many and keeps customers coming back for our Daily Lunch Specials. In addition, we have had many groups reserve our Fair Trade room for regular gatherings or special parties. To join our e-news list, contact wccfairtrade@gmail.com!

The Clothesline profits help support our alcohol and drug recovery programs and provides outlet for quality, affordable clothing. Overflow items are distributed through the Voucher Center for the poor to have access to a change of clothes.

Urban Edibles Food Truck— in 2018, we served food at different catering, church, and nonprofit events and weddings. We can cater your event in 2019! Contact cwillis@missionwaco.org for more info.

If people living in other areas of Waco shop for as few as 5/100 shopping trips to a low income area, it can make a difference!
Urban REAP (Renewable Energy and Agricultural Project)

Farm to Table – Aquaponics produce is fed by fish, uses solar power and harvested rainwater, travels to World Cup Café and D’s Mediterranean Grill (more restaurants to come), and sold at Jubilee Food Market. Special event orders are available as well.

Tours and Class Field Trips are given for many from around town, across the state, and out of state. Truett Seminary, Baylor, and MCC have come to explore as we examine how we can integrate more sustainable living practices into our lives. December was our first Waco ISD field trip with a TEKS aligned lesson for West Avenue Elementary.

Volunteers – We have been blessed with numerous volunteers: groups helping with our building projects, Jason with WISD Transition program, church groups, seminary and college students, Wacoans, and Tuesdays with Ralph and Suzie. We have operated thanks to the time invested freely by so many people.

Compost – Our compost transforms local food waste into a quality soil amendment. Collections from the Jubilee Food Market, World Cup Café, and homes across Waco allow individuals who might not be able to compost at home to participate in positively impacting our waste system. Compost bags are for sale onsite.

Rain Harvesting – With a rainfall this past year of over 35 inches, we’ve collected over 28,000 gallons of rainwater. This is used for our greenhouse plants, aquaponics, and grow beds.

Tools, Supplies, and Resources – Visit our general garden supply section selling compost, soil, mulch, seeds, tools, pots, etc. along with workshops by experts from Waco to help keep gardens going throughout Waco.

The Chapel at Meyer Center is an affordable, historic venue unique to Waco. In 2018, the chapel was used for weddings, rehearsal dinners, and graduation events!

Contact weddings@missionwaco.org to schedule a showing.

Colcord Office and Retail Development (C.O.R.D)—After 18 months of securing the old “Martha Jane’s Liquor Store,” fund-raising, and getting the initial architectural design permitted by the City of Waco, we had a brief ground-breaking ceremony and began construction on October 28. The first of three units has subcontractors working under the guidance of Ed Mazanec Contractors, while “B” and “C” units are still being drawn by our volunteer architect. With over 150 donors, we have raised almost all of the funds needed to create an economic center that will offer a variety of retail shops in the once blighted North Waco neighborhood that was abandoned by reputable businesses in the 1960’s. To have a healthy community, without liquor and convenience stores, vital businesses are crucial. Christian community development seeks to rebuild the whole fabric of neighborhoods through families, schools, programs, housing, and redevelopment of the economic engine that returns capital in the area. Over 26 years, we’ve been involved in all of these. The Colcord Center will offer outside retail stores and local entrepreneurs an attractive building to lease space and address some of the 24 “wishes” that the neighborhood community voted on last year when we first began the project.
Manna House has served 55 men (ten from the prodigal program) this past year (August 30, 2017 – September 1, 2018). Of those 55 participants, eighteen successfully completed the residential phase of the program. Of those eighteen, we know, at this moment, eight are still clean, sober, crime free, and employed. The residential phase of the program is very intense and requires focus and much prayer. Please continue to pray for the success of our participants. It is extremely difficult to manage the aftercare part of the program due to our population of men, and the confidentially laws that are in place to protect the privacy of the participants tremendously hinder our ability to keep records of the our clients after they have completely phased out of the program. I pray that in the future we can establish and maintain contact with our successful residents who have been gone for five or more years, but it is difficult to do so. However, since our first participant entered the door on August 15, 2001, 636 men have sought and received some type of help from the Manna House Program. Each of the men have been told about the love of Jesus Christ. Some men accept and some reject, but Jesus is shared with our men.

Manna House has been revitalized due to a much needed face lift on the inside. The Lord blessed us with about eight men who wanted to make the restoration so that future men would have an awesome place to renew their relationship with Christ and embark on a new journey in life. These men have united, put aside their issues of self-centeredness, and have gone above and beyond their call of duty. The kitchen, bedrooms, and bathrooms were given a brief touch up completely fabricated by a skillful participant. We have three other men who know how to remodel properly, one man who has flipped two houses already, and four others that were just willing to give back to the Manna House to say thank you “for what Manna House did for them.”

We also had an awesome Thanksgiving Alumni Dinner in which approximately 35 attendees consisting of former/current Manna House participants and friends and family members gathered together. We are so thankful for all of the delicious food that was prepared by a Manna House graduate, Donald Ray Evans.

Lighthouse — We have currently five men at the transitional facility. All seems to be well, and Manna House is so grateful for Lighthouse sharing their space with us during our season of lack. I [Vince] am so grateful as to how the Lighthouse guys open their hearts to our Manna House guys.

12:2 — Our outreach relapse prevention group meets every Thursday evening at the Meyer Center cafeteria at 6:30 pm. The groups are led by counselor, Sandy Ermoian, and our monitor/LCDC intern, Christopher Bartell. Both do an incredible job of dissecting the addiction cycle. This group is open to the public with a small fee of $10 a session.
M-Powerment: Adult Job Training—51 participants from My Brother’s Keeper and the surrounding community were served in the Adult Job Training program in 2018 with a successful job placement rate of 53%. Christian Men’s Job Corps has provided partnership and opportunities for our participants to pursue employment.

Y.E.S. I Can!—Mission Waco received a generous donation this summer to jump start Youth Employment Services. Y.E.S. I Can! is a revamped effort to equip justice-involved youth in our community with life skills, job readiness, supervised on-job training, and character development. These young men, 16-17, will also be paired with a Navigator to mentor them throughout this six month program. Our first cohort of youth will begin their classroom learning with us in January 2019 before transitioning into their job-training placement and then onto the pursuit of permanent employment.

Mission Waco Legal Services (MWLS) provides access to affordable legal services for those who are unable to afford the services of a private attorney. In 2018, about 45 people came to Mission Waco for help with a legal matter, received individual attention, and were able gain some clarity or resolution to a pending legal issue.

MWLS is grateful to have the support of local lawyers, Baylor Law students, Baylor undergrad students, and many others in the community who selflessly gave of their time, talents, and treasures to assist in bringing solutions to systemic problems. We are excited to see what God has in store for MWLS in 2019!

Extended Stay—Located at My Brother’s Keeper, success in this program is the ability to sign a lease. In this past year, there have been more job opportunities, thus folks are able to generate income faster and get out of emergency shelter quicker than previous recent years. Heart to Home Permanent Supportive Housing has helped to reduce some of the waiting and, as a result, the potential pool of people needing Extended Stay decreased. Below are our current numbers for the year compared to last year.

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My Brother’s Keeper Emergency Shelter and Meyer Center Services—MBK served 408 unduplicated people at the emergency shelter (Oct 2017-Sept 2018).
- 396 clothing vouchers given
- 1097 people visited benevolence
- 1584 received counseling/social services
- 163 hygiene kits given
- 1410 bus passes used
- 8324 showers taken
Mission Waco Health Clinic

*Designed to treat the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those without health insurance and serve as a bridge to obtain a permanent primary care provider.*

We are open twice weekly with volunteer medical providers and nurses.

Dentists screen/refer patients to our network of fifteen local partner dentists to provide free extractions. Family Health Center Dental offers low cost extractions to those with health insurance, but no dental insurance.

Fall of 2018, three local optometrists agreed to provide free eye examinations to patients who fail eye screenings offered once weekly.

In 2018, our orthopedic surgeon arranged five surgeries for those without medical insurance and non-surgically treated others. In spring, our services grew to nine physical therapists and two occupational therapists twice monthly!

Hypertension, diabetes, and mental illness are the most frequent diagnosis at our clinic. Our once monthly psychiatrist sees the most severe cases of schizophrenia, bipolar, etc. until they can get connected with a permanent solution such as MHMR.

In 2018, MWHC participated in three health fairs geared towards the homeless and/or uninsured offering information on Mission Waco resources, blood pressure and blood sugar checks, and eye screenings.

Treating the whole person (physical, emotional, and spiritual) is something MWHC has always done. In the population we serve, emotional needs might be worrying about basic survival such as food or shelter. Other times it is a mother with a mentally ill child who just got out of prison and ran out of medication or someone needing cataract surgery in order to keep their job. Our directors and medical providers listen to the story beyond the list of physical symptoms being presented. Offering prayer is important to us.

*We hope that every patient leaves the clinic having seen the love of Jesus through those they have come in contact with.*

Mobilization

**Individual volunteers**— Approximately 2500 people submitted volunteer hours totaling around 60,000 hours served.

**Interns**— Summer interns volunteered full or part-time for four weeks or eight weeks. Thank you to our 2018 interns: Elijah Tanner, Natalie Glen, Lilia Zertuche, Abu Kamara, Scotty Swingler, Laken Shelton, Cristina Aguilera, Jack Haseman.

Applications for summer 2019 available at [www.missionwaco.org/interns](http://www.missionwaco.org/interns). Academic interns assist with social services, counseling, public health, etc. while working on degrees ranging from bachelor’s to doctorate level.
**Service projects**— Opportunities include: MWMW programs, facility improvement and cleaning projects, sorting and organizing, landscaping, projects for neighboring nonprofits, lower income nursing home visitation, neighborhood and apartment complex cleanup projects, and running our Bookmobile.

**Group volunteers**— Approximately 60 groups came from a mixture of church, Baylor, business, and school groups. Some came several times in the course of the year, and some donated towards facility improvement projects and general donations (monetary, food, clothing, books, hygiene kits, and more).
- Approximate total of 2000 volunteers serving around 8000 hours
- Approximately 20 groups staying overnight in our dormitory and spending a series of days with us
- 20 Street Camps at 8 different apartment complexes with roughly 30 children from each complex participating in each camp

**Other Side of Waco Tour** is an excellent entry point for Christians and other community members wanting to more clearly understand the realities of poverty in our city. Participants on this 1.5 hour driving tour hear about and see many of Mission Waco’s program sites, sections of north/east/downtown Waco, and other sites to raise awareness on issues relating to poverty. In 2018, 20+ groups learned about poverty in Waco through this tour!

Visit our site for more: missionwaco.org/tours

**Poverty Simulation** is a weekend of experiential learning while living by the “rules” of poverty. This year, 281 individuals participated in our poverty simulation including individuals from 13 different school/church groups. Here are some of our favorite pieces of feedback from the simulation!
- "I learned that God lives among all people, including the poor. If we claim to be a part of the kingdom of God, we cannot afford to ignore people that are different from us."
- "I learned that God chose to come as Jesus and live with the poor, not to surround himself with the wealthy and powerful."
- "I learned that I have fallen into serving the Americanized Jesus."

Visit our site for more info: missionwaco.org/poverty-simulation
Mission World

It has been a full year for Mission World, and we are forever grateful for all that the Lord has given us. Here are our top eleven highlights from 2018!

11. The new Drilling Rig is purchased and on its way to Cap Haitien, Haiti.

10. The new BUV (Basic Utility Vehicle) built by Baylor’s Engineers with a Mission students was delivered to Cap Haitien.

9. The new Menstrual Pad Business was planned and executed with 15 Haitian teen leaders.

8. The 2nd Women’s Business Training Conference was a success. One hundred ten women and 90 teens from Haiti were encouraged and trained with vision for the future. One hundred forty women are now in the micro credit business program. This program now has sustainable funds to continue their own growth.

7. Nine Haitian widows are being trained for/doing business, paying rent, and their 43 children go to school.

6. 350 Haitian children are sponsored in 24 different schools, and their families are subsidized for food two times each month.

5. Nine widows from last year graduated from the program, eight started microcredit business, and their 58 children attend school.

4. 950 South Asian nomadic peoples now receive access to healthcare through twice monthly mobile clinics on-site. A Mobile Building will be built by June of 2019.

3. 45 South Asians were trained through Healing Wounds of Trauma, a biblical look at how the Church can provide assistance to those hurting and in need of a listening ear. The course also looks at how God has spoken to us about suffering through His word.

2. Two Water Wells have been drilled in Nord Est, Haiti, and 100 Water filters have been distributed. Data will be collected on how these families’ health improves.

1. 220 orphans in Mexico City have received much needed new mattresses, blankets, food, and medicines. Over 200 homeless folks are ministered to each Sunday. Countless people in poverty are visited in nursing homes, shelters, AA meetings, and prisons by the loving, faithful members of Maranatha Church in Rosario.
Financial and Operations

Financial Audit and Transparency— Most recent annual independent audit is located on www.missionwaco.org. See the “Charity Navigator Menu” at the bottom of our website for audit, 990, and more.

Operations— Staff: 33 full-time; 43 part-time. Properties: 30 structures, 87 toilets, 27 bathtubs, 24 showers, 140 sinks, 42 HVAC units, 41 window units, 14 lawns, 11 parking lots, 2 vacant lots, 63 fridge/freezers, 33 stove/ranges, 5 ice machines, 4 kitchen fire suppression systems, 7 water fountains, 1 elevator, 16 alarm systems, 57 fire extinguishers, 3 playgrounds, 1 climbing wall, 2 sound systems, 26 washer/dryers, 7 vans/buses, 2 cars, 2 fish tanks, 1 composting machine, 1 aquaponics system. All of this is supported by 1.5 maintenance staff members, MANY volunteers, and a few reasonably priced contractors. Know any volunteers who are gifted in construction or maintenance? Please send them our way!

Race ONE: Annual 5K and Fun Run supported the following in 2018:

Ark Apartments
ROCK Playground
Youth Trip
Dental Clinic
Mexico Orphans
Interns
Jubilee Theatre
Youth Job Training

REGISTER NOW for 8th annual Race ONE 5K & Fun Run on Saturday Apr 27, 2019 at missionwaco.org/raceone

2018 Total Income

2018 Total Expenses

Fundraisers - Total Net Profit: $158,923

$61,883
ANNUAL BANQUET
Guests: 784
Tables: 98
Benefits all Programs

$33,231
STYLE SHOW
Guests: 354
Tables: 44
Benefits Children/Youth Performing Arts

$36,778
CHAMPIONS BREAKFAST
Guests: 432
Tables: 54
Benefits all Programs

$27,031
GOLF TOURNAMENT
Participants: 136
Teams: 34
Benefits all Programs
Our Mission
Provide Christian-based, holistic, relationship-based programs that empower the poor and marginalized.
Mobilize middle-class Americans to become more compassionately involved among the poor.
Seek ways to overcome the systemic issues of social injustice which oppress the poor and marginalized.