

2021



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Changing lives through hands-on compassion



**PROGRAM
HIGHLIGHTS**

CHILDREN

After School Program

The after school program currently serves 42 students from the North Waco area with 20-25 volunteers involved on a weekly basis. Each semester our kids have the opportunity to participate in classes, which are led by our creative arts department and local community members. This past semester our kids participated in art, theater, ballet, hip hop, gardening at Urban REAP, engineering and outdoor adventure with Baylor's BEAR Adventures. In November our kids who took the theater and hip hop classes participated in a fall festival. The theater class performed superhero monologues and the hip hop class presented a dance routine they learned this past semester.

Barron's Branch

Mission Waco's after school program at Barron's Branch apartments started up again in late September after 18 months! Several of the children returned, but there were also new faces and a new beginning for the for elementary aged children.

The program focuses on building the children socially, morally, academically and spiritually. One highlight of the year is an annual Christmas play and party for the students and residents of Barron's Branch. We were thrilled to be able to share Jesus' birth with all the families and residents of Barron's Branch again in December!

King's Club

King's Club meets on Saturday mornings. We have three organizations from Baylor that meet weekly at Barron's Branch Apartments and Ashton Oaks. The volunteers organize activities including recreation games and Bible lessons with the kids.

Day Camp

Our summer day camp served 30 elementary age kids and through day camp, our kids were able to participate in lots of fun summer activities. The kids attended weekly field trips and participated in swim lessons through our SEEK program. They also attended creative arts day camp and concluding the camp with a showcase of what they learned. Lastly, the kids had the opportunity to travel to Camp of the Hills in Marble Falls, attending their 7 day camp.



YOUTH

After School Program

The after school program currently serves students from the North Waco area with an average of 10 volunteers per week. Each semester the youth are able to participate in classes that are led by our creative arts department and local community members. This past semester our youth participated in art, advanced art, theater, hip hop, gardening at Urban REAP, astronomy and outdoor adventure with Baylor's BEAR Adventure. In October, our youth traveled to Arlington to tour the University of Texas- Arlington. Our youth are also working hard to fundraise for their summer youth out of state trip. They helped work at the Extraco bank parking lot for the Oklahoma game and volunteered at Iron Man Waco.

Day Camp

Our summer day camp served 25 youth. Through day camp, our youth attended weekly field trips and swimming at Hawaiian Falls. They also participated in the creative arts camp and finished the camp with a performance for the community and their families. Our high school and junior high students were able to attend a week long camp to Camp of the Hills as well as a weekend trip to Corpus Christi. In Corpus, our students toured Texas A&M Corpus, the Selena Museum and USS Lexington. They also enjoyed their time playing on the beach.

Wellspring Scholarship

2021-2022 Scholarship Total: \$56,662

The Wellspring Banquet was held at the Baylor Club this year. It was a success with the attendance of our recipients and their families, our scholarship committee, donors, staff, and our youth program. We also enjoyed a presentation by Fernando Arroyo, previous youth director of Mission Waco. This past year, our youth had the opportunity to tour Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and the University of Texas in Arlington. Over spring break, our students also had the opportunity to tour colleges in Louisiana and Houston, TX.

And thanks to Shane Turner, we started a pilot program that provides two full-rides to TSTC!



HEALTH CLINIC

Who Volunteers

- Two local dentists who screen (21 dentists providing free extractions)
- Two orthopedic surgeons
- Twelve nurses
- One ENT doctor
- One psychiatrist
- One pulmonologist
- Fifteen medical providers
- Two occupational therapists
- Eight physical therapists
- Two physical therapy assistants
- Two amazing, retired ladies who help run dental clinic
- Two men from Hewitt Lion's club who provide vision screenings
- Eight Baylor student interns
- Countless other college students

How We Serve

- Overall Patient Encounters: 835
- Specialty Encounters:
 - Dental: 171
 - Psychiatrist: 24
 - Orthopedic Surgeon: 45
 - Physical & Occupational Therapy: 185
 - ENT: 7
 - Vision Screenings: 32
 - Pulmonary: 13

Story of God's Perfect Timing

One of the volunteer medical providers is a pediatrician, Dr. Kathy. Since jobs with medical benefits have been lost due to Covid downsizing in businesses and the governmental offices in Texas are still working remotely, we have seen more uninsured children this year. One night, a child was brought in whose father had recently lost his job and whose parents were navigating a slowed down Medicaid application process. Not only was Dr. Kathy the medical provider that night, but it turns out that she was the pediatrician for this child before the father lost his job!

Saving Our Community Money

The average ER visit is \$2,318. As we interview patients, we ask who would've gone to the ER if our clinic didn't exist, and 157 patients said they would have and 142 said they might have. This means our clinic saved our hospital systems anywhere between \$363k and \$693k last year alone.



JUBILEE THEATRE

Waco's Got Talent 2021

We sought out some of the best performers in Waco, most of them self-taught, and gave them the opportunity to showcase their talent for a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize. They included singers, rappers, and even instrument players and was one of the most incredible things to experience.

2022 Productions

We're back! We will be producing Fairview and Little Mermaid Jr. toward the start of the year and be on the lookout for all the other Summer and Fall activities!



SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS

Manna House

From Vince Hartsfield, our Manna House Director: "As I look back over the twenty years I've been working for Mission Waco's Manna House, I can see the power of God's love working meticulously in the hearts of all the employees, interns, and volunteers who have blessed MWMW with their gifts and talents. I've seen the Lord move in miraculous ways in which I know it was Jesus. Men who have come to participate in the Manna House faith based substance abuse program, have experiences that only our Almighty God could provide. We've had 740 men as of this writing who have come in to be relieved of their drug addiction only to realize that they themselves were the issue at hand.



The Lighthouse

The Men at our transitional living facility all have received jobs and are actively working to get back on their own feet while reuniting with family, saving money, and continuing to do the hard work of recovery. We've had a full house for most of the year.

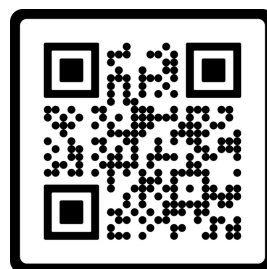
MOBILIZATION

We are thankful for each and every person, school, business, and church who committed time and energy to serve and love Waco. In 2021

- 24 groups completed 44 service projects
- 18 groups from out of town came to serve and learn with Mission Waco. These included: work projects, King's Club, Street Camp, chapel at My Brother's Keeper shelter, and various learning activities
- 547 volunteers recorded 15,623 hours



Want to get involved?



Other Side of Waco Tour

Join us for a 1.5 hour driving tour highlighting Mission Waco history and programs, as well as issues related to poverty, redevelopment and social justice. This is a great opportunity for church staff, new employees, a Sunday school class or small group. Sign up or learn more by going to our website.

Internships

General interns volunteer throughout Mission Waco Mission World in different program areas. Academic interns assist with social services, counseling, public health, etc. while working on degrees ranging from bachelor's to doctoral level. Our newest opportunity available in 2022 is the Summer Leadership and Service Ambassador Program. This is a paid opportunity! Please share with someone who might be interested!

Poverty Simulation

After 35 years, this exponential weekend continues to challenge participants to see the world differently. Scripture and doctrine become real and alive for both students and leaders who participate in the program. Scan the QR Code above to see 2022 dates!

COMMUNITY

The Ark Apartments

This Christian community includes diverse social, racial, and economic backgrounds. Community builders needed! Visit MWMW website for Core Characteristics and more info.

Race ONE

The Annual 5K and Fun Run with Baylor ATO was a huge success! And on April 30th, 2022, we'll be running for our 10th anniversary! Register here: missionwaco.org/raceone.

Walk for the Homeless

We had over 200 participants attend and had 14 speakers share about how we can better serve the homeless. The walk ended at Church Under the Bridge at the Silos to celebrate their 29th anniversary.

Thanksgiving at the Meyer Center

This year we were back inside starting with a worship time and a home-cooked Thanksgiving meal with all the fixins'! We had over 50 folks come to enjoy the fellowship and meal.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Included speakers/performances; Panel: pastors from local churches; students had a dialogue around race. It ended with multiple groups serving in a variety of places around our community.

Christmas Toy Store

549 families shopped for toys with an 80% discount off retail cost for over 2,000 children - toys valued at \$100k. We were thankful for all the volunteers and 19 churches who participated in the collection and organization of the toys.



MISSION WORLD



By the numbers

- 8 laptop computers donated to young women's computer lab
- 1 computer teacher hired
- 8 widows with 52 children joined Incubator Business Training
- 14 nomadic students received scholarships
- 25 women (our Ag. Initiative) gifted trees, goats and chickens
- 300 Haitian students received scholarships and food
- 50 South Asian families received water, hygiene and COVID-19 information
- 60 earthquake families gifted emergency funds
- 70 women received a loan from the parent's savings program
- 80 women received \$90 loan
- 150 women hosted at the Leve Kanpe Conference
- 200 women started microloan training
- 360 water filters bring clean water to 360 homes
- 400 women graduated from the microloan program by 2021
- 500 Haitian families received filter buckets and training
- 1500 parents received hygiene and clean water training
- Ford-150 truck was finally delivered into Cap Haitien
- Wings for Women expanded to recycled/restyled clothing
- Haitian partners helped Earthquake victims in Les Cayes
- Distributed 5000 Healing Trauma Coloring Books



MEYER CENTER & MY BROTHER'S KEEPER



A year in review

2021 was an exceptionally difficult year. Between COVID and the most devastating winter storm in our generation, we were forced to minister in unique and creative ways. Since COVID began in 2020, we had been providing 24/7 care for those struggling on the streets. In February of 2021, as the winter storm began wreaking havoc, there were tremendous numbers needing shelter and we found many sleeping in tents and in parking lots that we were able to provide shelter for. We became a warming center/shelter for over 70 people. Due to losing power and flooding from a bursting pipe at My Brother's Keeper we had to pivot to move everyone to the Meyer Center to ride the storm out.

We cannot thank those who stepped up and served enough! And for those, like the Magnolia Foundation, who contributed financially, we will be forever grateful with all of your support we were able to provide meals, clothing, and shelter to those in need. We were also able to remodel our bathrooms that were damaged.

By the numbers

- 345 Clothing vouchers distributed
- 564 Benevolence meetings held
- 2,033 Case Mgmt/Counseling sessions
- 729 bus passes distributed
- 5,717 breakfasts served
- 1,505 loads of laundry washed
- 4,047 showers taken
- 132 pairs of shoes were given
- 3 Nursing Home Placements
- 3 Shelter Diversions & 37 Positive Turnkeys
- 36 Family Reunifications

Street Sweep: This employment program was created to provide our homeless and unemployed friends with part-time employment. The program allows individuals to save money while gaining a personalized professional coaching and a reintroduction to the workforce. Since the start of the program we have hired 17 individuals, from which 80% have transitioned to full-time employment and 93% moved out of our shelter. An estimated 18,000 pounds of trash has been collected and 75% has been recycled.



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

World Cup Cafe



2021 started out rough with the Texas Winter Storm, but we got to take on a different role during that time using leftovers from our Valentines Dinner to create new meals for those in need. We welcomed many patrons back into the café as COVID restrictions lifted. One dream that came to fruition this past year was that we started selling our famous Chicken Salad at the Jubilee Food Market. This has been a big success and has opened doors to catering our Chicken Salad at larger capacities as well as exploring other catering options. If you haven't been in a while please join us for some of our famous pancakes as well!

Urban REAP

The start of 2021 was challenging but then we welcomed a record number of visitors and customers to our Gardens Center in the Spring to buy organic veggies and herbs, native perennial pollinator plants, and annual flowers to beautify McLennan county.

Community Outreach

- In-person education and community programming
- Many free monthly workshops for community members on topics ranging from native landscaping to basic gardening to compost
- Programming for Mission Waco's Children and Youth
- Welcomed classes from Baylor, MCC, and local schools to learn about Creation Care and Environmental Justice
- Collaborated with other local organizations to expand our outreach.

Composting

We revamped our Community Compost Program (Bucket Subscription Program). Through this program, we were able to compost over 13,500 lbs. of food waste. The subscription program empowers community members to support our compost initiatives financially. We are so grateful for our Composters!

Restaurants & Jubilee Food Market

We provided greens to multiple restaurants and JFM. We learned a lot this year about how to cultivate crops to provide nutritious greens to our community. Stay tuned for more Urban REAP produce coming to Jubilee!

Last but not least, we are so grateful for all our volunteer, interns and visitors! We could not have made it through this last year with such great success with you.



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE



Jubilee Food Market

Food insecurity is an issue facing many in our community. Our empowerment-based approach provides affordable and healthy food to families that previously had limited access to this resource. But we need YOU to shop here if we want to keep our doors open. And guess what? You do not have to wait until Saturday to purchase Downtown Farmer's Market Products! We carry those same local products on our shelves every day of the week including Local produce, local chicken, local beef, salsa, soaps, chips, and the list goes on! Come visit us!

The Clothesline

Profits from the store help support Manna House, our alcohol and drug recovery programs. The store not only provides an outlet for quality, affordable clothing for the public, but surplus items are distributed through the Voucher Center for Meyer Center participants who are low income or are experiencing homelessness. Be on the lookout for Friday Flash Sales - thank you for shopping with us!



Fair-Trade Market

This year has been a busy one for our Fair Trade Market. We have had volunteer groups learning about Fair Trade, various conferences and pop up events, to hosting Baylor classes and sharing about ethics and sustainability, to our best showing of our Nativity Open House yet! We appreciate everyone who comes to learn about Fair Trade and chooses to help artisans around the world by purchasing their work.

The Colcord Center

Empowering local business owners is what the Colcord Center is all about. Extraordinary people with extraordinary ideas live in our community, so why wouldn't we create a catalyst for entrepreneurship and business development? Eddy, the owner of Lalo's says this, "As a young Hispanic entrepreneur, I strive to bring Waco every ounce of my Hispanic culture. Lalo's is not your ordinary American coffee shop. We want you to feel a small slice of Mexico when you drink your cafecito de olla."



FUND-RAISING & OPERATIONS

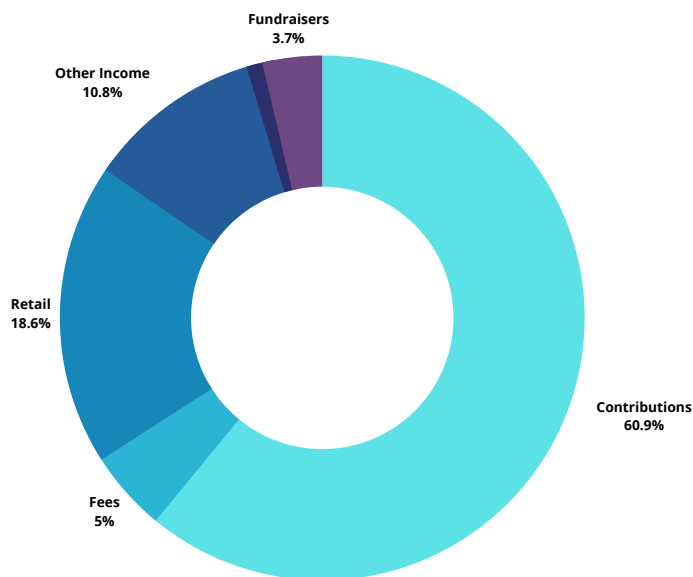
Event Fund-raisers

- "Non-banquet": \$69,900
- "Non-style show": \$34,900
- Golf Tournament: \$19,400; 24 teams
- Champions Breakfast proceeds: \$59,500; 400 guests with Scott Drew as guest speaker
- Race ONE proceeds: \$9,173; 164 finishers for the 5k, and 150 for the 1 Mile Fun Run

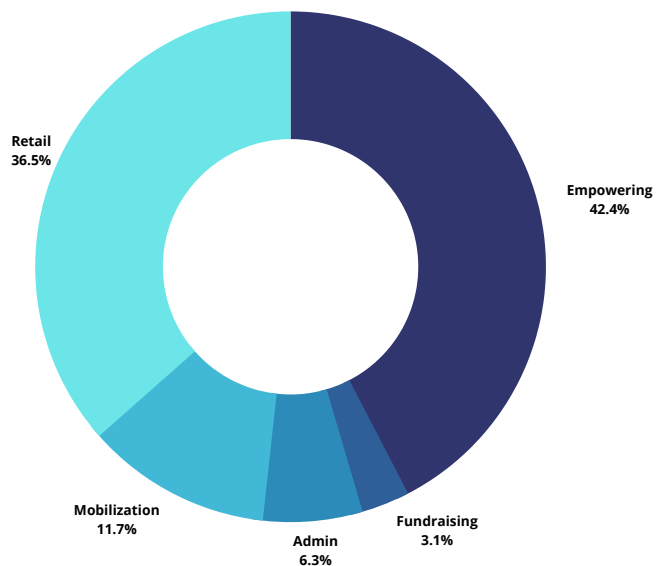
Operations FAQ's

- Staff: 36 full time, 48 part time.
- Vehicles: 7 vans/buses, 3 trucks, 1 car
- Properties: 30 structures, 87 toilets, 27 bathtubs, 24 showers, 140 sinks, 42 HVAC units, 41 window units, 13 lawns, 12 parking lots, 1 vacant lot, 63 fridges/freezers, 33 stove/ranges, 5 ice machines, 4 commercial kitchen fire suppression systems, 7 water fountains, 1 elevator, 16 fire alarm systems, 64 fire extinguishers, 3 playgrounds, 1 climbing wall, 2 sound systems, 26 washer/dryers, 2 fish tanks, 1 composting machine, 1 aquaponics system

Revenue



Expenses



Our Mission

Provide Christian-based, holistic, relationship-based programs that empower the poor & 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 & marginalized.



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