



COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



2024 Annual Ministry Report

We know that inflation has impacted both the neighbors we serve and the neighbors that donate to us, so we are very grateful for the level of trust and support we have continued to receive from the community. Most of our program usage remained fairly stable compared to last year. We did see a small increase in Clothing Bank usage, and some individual circumstances required higher than usual levels of assistance. All of our programs ran smoothly, thanks to the dedicated service of our many volunteers, including our new Thanksgiving Basket leadership team.

This year we developed connections with several local businesses that are providing additional sources of donations for our Food Connection and Clothing Bank programs. CAP also continues to coordinate monthly gatherings of the Community Outreach Network. These connections have improved access to other agencies that we often refer clients to for services which we cannot provide.

As an all-volunteer organization that does not spend money on fund-raising, our overhead costs are generally low. However, this year we did have to replace the roof and a leaking water line. Preserving our historic church building is important, and fortunately, most of our routine maintenance can be done by volunteers. The Christ the King Network provided a team this summer which did some interior painting, flooring replacement, and heavy yard work. The CTK Partnership also provided us with a supply of diapers for the Clothing Bank, as well as a truckload of produce from the CTK Farm that we were able to distribute to our CAP Center neighbors in a new event we are calling The Neighborhood Blessing.

We continued to sponsor Whatcom Dream Financial Empowerment classes and Understanding Poverty workshops throughout the year. We do this because we believe that increasing financial literacy, as well as a broader understanding of the poverty experience, builds a stronger community. We greatly appreciate our unique Church/Community relationship that helps and blesses so many neighbors in our community. Thank you to all our donors and our amazing volunteers that make our work possible!

Dan DeMent, Board President



MINISTRY AT A GLANCE

AN OUTREACH OF BLAINE AREA CHURCHES

Serving the people of Blaine, Birch Bay, Custer, Pt. Roberts

CRISIS ASSISTANCE



275 HOUSEHOLDS HELPED

with utilities, food, heating, transportation, lodging, prescriptions, and referrals to other agencies

CLOTHING ASSISTANCE



21,653 ITEMS

 given out at the Clothing Bank

591 adults and 643 children served

315 COATS DISTRIBUTED TO 114 FAMILIES

in Coat Drive, along with 446 pairs of socks, 184 hats, 201 pairs of gloves, and 59 scarves

CHAPLAIN MINISTRY



36 HOUSEHOLDS SERVED

practical, emotional, and spiritual support provided through crisis, mental/physical health challenges, life transitions, domestic violence, addiction, and more.

THE FOOD CONNECTION



49 FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH WEEKLY FOOD

98 adults and 82 children served

9,925 POUNDS

 of food collected from local businesses

THANKSGIVING BASKETS



264 FAMILIES SERVED

806 adults and 359 children received Thanksgiving dinners

COMMUNITY TOY STORE



129 FAMILIES SERVED

333 children received Christmas gifts

\$3,684

 in shopping proceeds was shared with the Blaine

Food Bank, The Bridge Community Hope Center's Emergency Assistance Fund, and Loads of Love Laundry Ministry

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

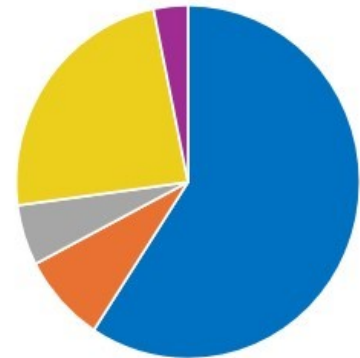
FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CLASSES: 13 adults and 5 young adults completed the courses

UNDERSTANDING POVERTY WORKSHOPS: 34 attendees



FINANCES

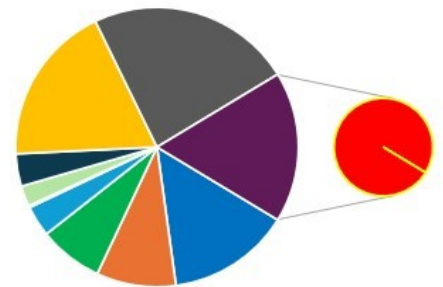
Sources of Funds



Total Contributions: **\$114,170**

- Individuals: \$67,624
- Churches: \$9,267
- Other: \$6,337
- In-Kind Donations: \$27,258
- Fundraising: \$3,684

Total Uses of Funds



Total Program/Management and General Expenditures and Reductions From Designated and Reserves : **\$114,170**

- Community Toy Store: \$24,786
- Thanksgiving Baskets: \$15,929
- Crisis Assistance*: \$12,914
- Clothing Bank: \$6,247
- Birch Bay Water & Sewer District: \$389
- Food Connection: \$4,163
- Chaplaincy: \$6,588
- Management & General: \$32,569
- Reserve: \$41,122
- Additions to (from) Designated and Reserves: (\$30,538)

*In addition, Community Assistance Program administers a voucher program with both the City of Blaine and the Salvation Army. Client assistance in the amount of \$3,635 and \$8,716, respectively were administered in 2024



VOLUNTEERS

Offering opportunities for individuals, churches, and other organizations to serve people in their communities.

TOTAL VOLUNTEERS/TOTAL HOURS

- CRISIS ASSISTANCE:** 10 volunteers; about 800 hours
- CHAPLAIN MINISTRY:** 5 volunteers; about 495 hours
- CLOTHING BANK:** 28 volunteers; about 1400 hours
- COAT DRIVE:** 14 volunteers; about 123 hours
- THE FOOD CONNECTION:** 16 volunteers; about 1320 hours
- THANKSGIVING BASKETS:** 35 volunteers; about 450 hours
- COMMUNITY TOY STORE:** 223 volunteers; about 1085 hours
- BOARD/ADMINISTRATION:** 9 volunteers; about 590 hours
- FACILITY CLEANING/MAINTENANCE:** 18 volunteers; about 360 hours



CAP BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2024

- President: Dan DeMent
- Vice-President: Tyler Michel
- Secretary/Treasurer: Amee Nelson
- Managing Director of Clothing Ministries: Rochelle Halldorson
- Managing Director of Food and Holiday Ministries/Publications & Publicity: Laura Vogee
- Managing Director of Crisis and Chaplain Ministries: Nate Johnson
- Facility Management: Steve Bender
- Member-at-Large: Doug Dahl

CAP PROGRAM DIRECTORS FOR 2024

- Chaplain Ministry: Monique Wilhelms
- Clothing Bank: Jim Lang and Rochelle Halldorson
- Coat Drive/Distribution: Amee Nelson
- The Food Connection: Laura Vogee
- Thanksgiving Baskets: Tim Alger
- Community Toy Store: Laura Vogee

ADDITIONAL HAPPENINGS IN 2024

- produced Spanish version of the CAP brochure
- Clothing Bank volunteers received training in Narcan use
- Volunteer Appreciation Picnic at the Cannery Lodge at Semiahmoo Park in September
- CAP Center utilized for weekly prayer meeting and Bible study
- CAP info table at the Polar Bear Plunge and other festivals in Birch Bay for greater exposure to the community

PRIORITIES FOR 2025

- Do analysis of ministry and community needs
- Expand the Neighborhood Blessing event
- Extend the Understanding Poverty Workshop invitation to the wider Blaine/Birch Bay communities

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