

JESUS ANSWERED, "LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL, AND ALL YOUR MIND." THIS IS THE FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT COMMAND. AND THE SECOND COMMAND IS LIKE THE FIRST: **'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR THE SAME AS YOU LOVE YOURSELF.'**"



2016 YEAR IN REVIEW

OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR

How do you love your neighbor as yourself? At MUST Ministries, we are committed to serving others with our whole hearts.

We are fully committed to those in poverty, loving those in need and focusing on meaningful work that changes lives. Our team of donors, volunteers, associates, community partners, businesses, faith-based communities and all who make up the MUST organization choose to walk in **the joy-filled life of servanthood.**

Let us show you how the compassion of Christian love transforms lives..

Those living in poverty have captured our hearts.

Dr. Ike Reighard

President and CEO



A HEART TO FEED THE HUNGRY

Food insecurity is one of America's biggest poverty issues, and right here in your community, it's equally as daunting. While 475,450 people in MUST's service area are unable to acquire the food necessary to live healthy lives, MUST is diligently working to solve this problem.

- 26 MUST food pantries distributed 460,030 lbs. of groceries to 15,454 clients, including 2,843 students and their families through the MUST Save It Forward school food pantry program
- 251,424 nutritious lunches given to 6,715 children at MUST's Summer Lunch
- 85,974 meals prepared and served in the Loaves and Fishes Community Kitchen
- 756 Thanksgiving boxes distributed in Cherokee County
- 170,874 daily breads and sweets distributed



A **HEART** TO **HOUSE** THOSE IN NEED



Because stable housing is critical to overcoming poverty, MUST provides an extensive program to meet a broad range of needs.

- 78,486 safe nights of rest throughout the program
- 874 served in Elizabeth Inn Shelter program
- 348 served in diverse housing programs helping those who are permanently disabled, veterans, single mothers and people in need of brief housing support to assist in moving to independence
- Cold weather shelter housed women and children in frigid weather
- Warming center for daytime use kept hundreds out of the cold

A **HEART** FOR HELPING PEOPLE FIND **JOBS**

Reliable work for the unemployed and underemployed is the key to financial stability. MUST helps those struggling to earn a livable wage by providing a comprehensive employment program, including coaching and training.

- 468 people found employment through MUST, amounting to \$6.8 million in earnings returned to the local economy
- Step Up Your Game, an innovative employment training program, taught job search and interview skills to help people succeed
- ServSafe certification provided access to careers in the food industry
- OSHA training and certification provided valuable skills in workplace safety, forklift operation, construction and warehousing



A HEART TO PROVIDE CLOTHING

Whether it's finding a coat for a first grader who can't go out to recess without one or selecting a suit for a job interview, clothing is a basic need many cannot afford. Three clothes closets and a thrift store called MUST Marketplace are reaching thousands of people searching for necessities.

- 338,237 items of clothing were given to 11,126 individuals
- 4,206 children age 0-18 received new underwear, socks, hats, scarves, gloves, blankets, school supplies and toys at the MUST Toy Shops at Christmas
- Mobile Clothing distribution at schools and events helped MUST provide coats and other items
- 6,306 hygiene kits were distributed
- 1,020 clients received diapers for their children



A **HEART** TO **SERVE** WITH COMPASSION

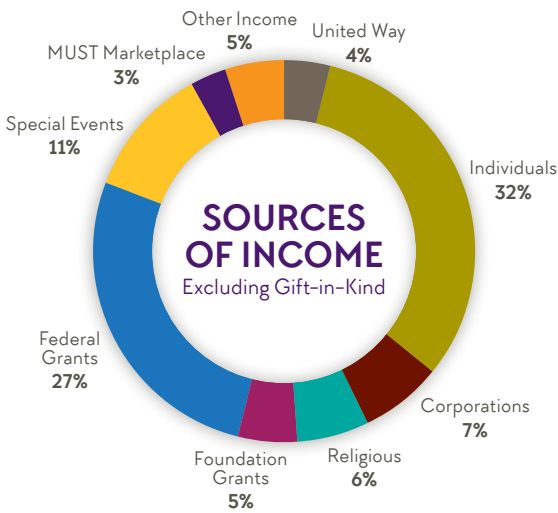
The heart of MUST beats through the volunteers and staff who work constantly to meet needs and serve with dignity.



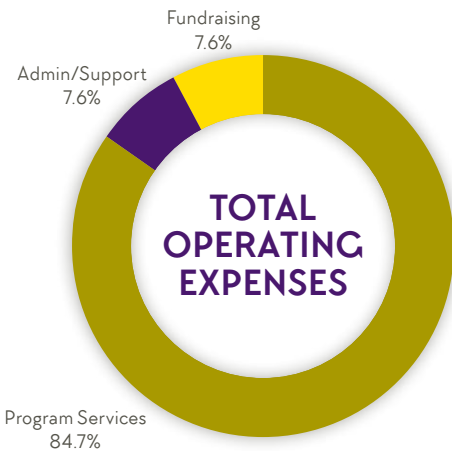
- *MUST utilized the talents of 9,321 volunteers providing an amazing 171,042 volunteer hours.*

Offering help and hope to thousands of our neighbors in need is truly a calling.

Please join us. www.mustministries.org



Contributions/Special Events	3,574,798
Gift-in-Kind	3,766,585
Federal/Foundation Grants	1,910,012
Other Revenue	478,764
Total Revenue	\$ 9,730,159



Program Services	7,320,676
Admin/Support	657,337
Fundraising	660,163
Total Expense	\$ 8,638,176

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