

ANNUAL REPORT

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In 2017, Deaconess Nurse Ministry embarked on several new beginnings that have helped influence positive health outcomes for vulnerable people throughout the St. Louis region.

Our nurses expanded services to new, underserved areas that are home to thousands of low-income adults and seniors across St. Louis. And, for the first time in organization history, we began health services to children through a partnership at Every Child's Hope. These new ministries as well as others have enabled our nurses to work with almost 1,000 more people than in 2016.

This report provides details on ways our work has significantly helped improve the health of more individuals and families throughout the year. Like before, this release is a heart-felt tribute to donors, partners and foundations who have made our work possible with their support.

Our team works every day to ensure that everyone - regardless of race, economic status, sexual orientation, geographical location or faith affiliation - has access to quality health services that can help improve their quality of life. We do this because we believe quality healthcare is a human right and something all people deserve.

Thank you for your continued support of Deaconess Nurse Ministry.



Deaconess
Nurse Ministry



GERALDINE'S STORY

Geraldine has relied on our nurses for two and a half years. She remembers clearly the day that she met Nurse Reta Kirk RN as she was performing free blood pressure screenings for people. Geraldine was in need of a screening, so she signed up immediately.

Since her initial visit, Geraldine receives other health guidance and support. Specifically, she receives advice on her diet to help control her blood pressure. She also has learned ways to combat her insomnia and exercises for coping with her anxiety.

Maybe most significantly, Geraldine has suffered from dyslexia since she was a child, and she has confided in Nurse Reta about her past emotional traumas caused by it. Through conversation, Geraldine receives a lot of encouragement from Nurse Reta, and her outlook on life has greatly improved.

Because of Nurse Reta's faith-focused, holistic approach to care, Geraldine is thriving.

OUR MISSION

TO IMPROVE AND PROMOTE THE HEALTH OF BODY, MIND,
SPIRIT AND COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE ST. LOUIS REGION.

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L.A.'S STORY

L.A. was in a gang when he met Pastor Steve at Bridge of Hope, a local community ministry that provides basic necessities, health monitoring services, and faith services to people that are the most vulnerable in St. Louis. It's also a community ministry served by our nurse ministry.

Through his introduction to Bridge of Hope, L.A. began volunteering in the on-site kitchen and was quickly made chef because of his cooking skills. And, in his time serving, he encountered our community nurse.

He began visiting regularly with our nurse because he had high blood pressure; and from his interaction, he received advice on foods that would bring his blood pressure down. He also received medicines and teas to help calm him, when needed. L.A.'s blood pressure has gone down since his visits began, and his overall health has improved.

Now healthy and with a full-time job, he is a new homeowner. In his spare time, he still cooks at Bridge of Hope. He says, "When clients eat my cooking, they happily fill their stomachs. That makes me happy, and I am serving the Lord with gladness."

He loves to tell people how his situation has changed, and he preaches the benefits of holistic health whenever possible.



MINISTRY

WALTER'S STORY

Walter is retired, but he works at a local church and outreach center in North City to put extra cash in his pocket. It was through the center that he first became aware of our services.

When he first started visiting with a nurse located at the center, he was having problems with his blood pressure. Our nurse took his blood pressure and was able to diagnose and treat his ailment. She has since helped him obtain the right medication from a physician, and he takes that daily along with a revamped diet of healthier foods. Walter is also a smoker, which contributes to his high blood pressure. With the help of our nurse, he's working to make his smoking habit a thing of the past.

Our nurse is also helping him with his dental care needs. She is currently reaching out on his behalf to get answers to billing questions and information so that he can receive the dental work that he desperately needs. If our nurse wasn't there to help, he'd have to go through an outside agency. A solution that carries a hefty price that he cannot afford. He really appreciates the fact that our nurse can help by providing quality and realistic solutions.

We applaud the valiant progress Walter is making toward bettering his health.



LOCATIONS WHERE FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES SERVE

ILLINOIS MINISTRIES

Neidringhaus United Methodist Church
Granite City, IL

St. Mark Lutheran
Belleville, IL

Uni-Pres Kindercottage
East St. Louis, IL

MISSOURI MINISTRIES

Arnold Food Pantry
Arnold, MO

Ascension Episcopal Church Food Pantry
North St. Louis City

Bridge of Hope Ministries
North St. Louis City

Cape Albeon (St. Andrews)
Valley Park, MO

Christ Lutheran Church
Webster Groves, MO

Episcopal Church of the Advent, SAJE Ministry
Sappington, MO

Esse Healthcare
St. Louis County

Every Child's Hope
St. Louis County

Harvey Kornblum Food Pantry
St. Louis County

Homer Schmitz Clinic (St. Louis University)
St. Louis, MO

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Maplewood, MO

Immanuel United Church of Christ
Ferguson, MO

Jennings Affordable Housing (St. Andrews)
Jennings, MO

Main Street Church
St. Charles, MO

Memorial Blvd. Disciples of Christ
North St. Louis City

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry
North St. Louis City

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church
South St. Louis City

Peace Pantry
Cedar Hill, MO

Pilgrim United Church of Christ Feeding Program
St. Louis, MO

Salam Free Medical Clinic at St. Peters Evangelical United Church of Christ
Ferguson, MO

Sarah Community (St. Andrew's)
Bridgeton, MO

St. Cronan's Catholic Church Food Pantry
St. Louis, MO

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South St. Louis City

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South St. Louis County

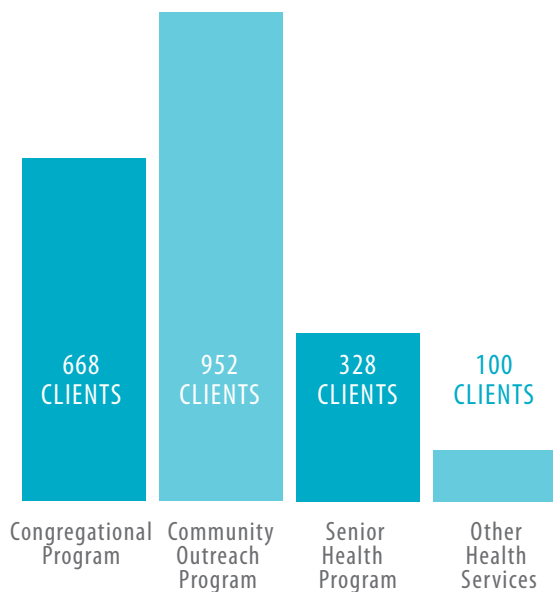
St. Paul United Church of Christ
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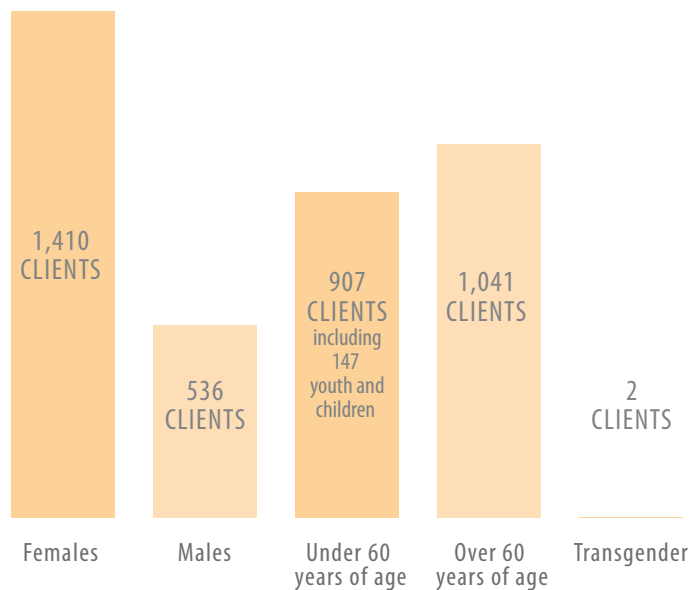
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HOW WE SERVED IN 2017

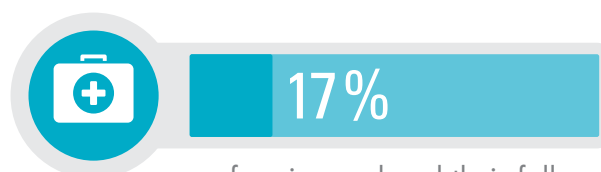


AGENCY TOTAL: CLIENTS
2,048

WHO WE SERVED IN 2017

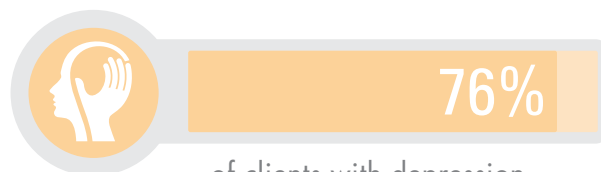


MINORITY, NON-WHITE
53.38%



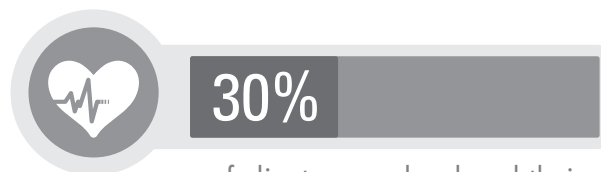
17%

of seniors reduced their falls
after visiting with a nurse



76%

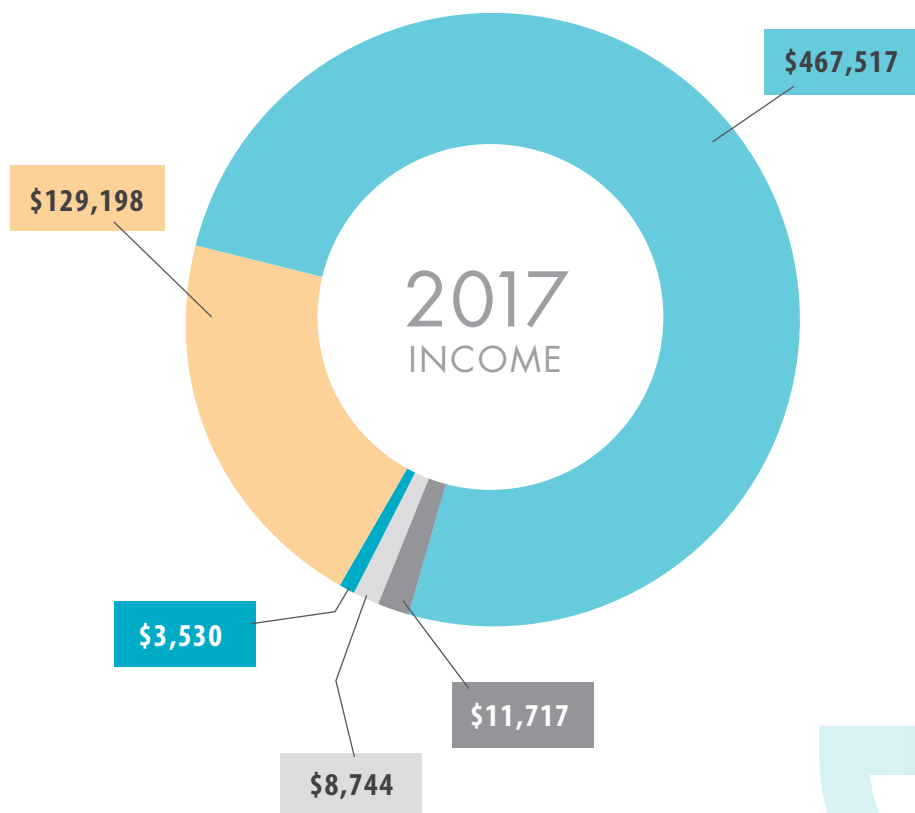
of clients with depression
stabilized their symptoms with
nurse intervention



30%

of clients served reduced their
blood pressure

FINANCIALS



INCOME

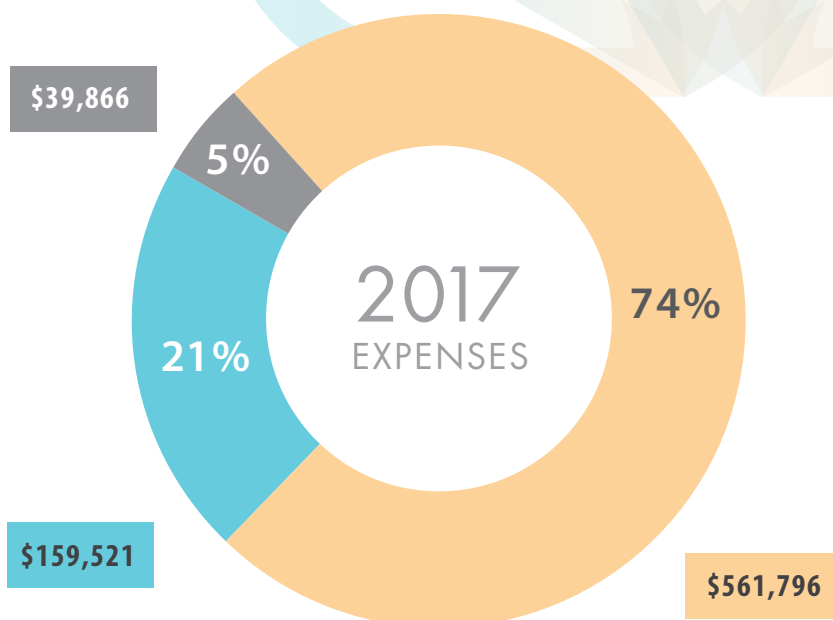
\$620,706

- Grant/Contributions
- Church Reimbursements
- Misc. Income
- Realized Unreal Loss
- Investment Income

EXPENSES

\$761,813

- Program Expenses
- Administration
- Fundraising



ASSETS

\$533,724
at the start of the year

\$383,883
at the end of the year

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