

# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

*Deaconess Nurse Ministry had much to celebrate in 2018.*

The year was marked by a significant increase in individual contributions, which enabled our team to help many low-income adults, seniors, and families throughout St. Louis. A large factor for this increase came from 23 Health Impact Society members that gave more than \$10,000 in 2018. It was the first full year of the planned giving program.

New funding was also given from St. Louis City as part of the Senior Fund. The Fund was created to help vulnerable seniors learn about and access needed social services that can help improve health, finances, and overall well – being. Our involvement is crucial because our nurses already serve in communities and settings with low-income seniors. This work has become a significant part of our overall impact in St. Louis.

The details included in this report provide more information about our work and impact in 2018. Most importantly, we continue to use this as a heart-felt expression of gratitude to donors, partners and foundations who have made our work possible with their support.

We will continue to work 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.

Thank you for your continued support of Deaconess Nurse Ministry.



“There is much good that comes from the Senior Fund in the St Louis area, and it’s an example of the extended help that Deaconess nurses were able to provide to individuals in 2018. Nurses helped connect people to important services offering behavioral health, eyeglasses, dental care, weatherization programs, Medicare benefit consultation, and home care. From the time spent and resources obtained, people saved money for other necessities and gained new knowledge to improve their circumstances.”

- Cindy Siple, RN

# MINISTRY

## OVER 100 SENIORS FIND HELP BECAUSE OF THE SENIOR FUND

The connection between income and health is strong; and for many low-income seniors living in the City of St. Louis, the struggle to have their basic needs met takes a significant toll on their overall health and well-being. To combat this prevalent issue, the Senior Fund in St. Louis City supported Deaconess Nurse Ministry with funding, starting in 2018. The money enables our community nurses to help clients locate and enroll in various assistance programs they qualify for... and deserve.

Since the initiative began, our nurses have helped over 100 people in need - in new ways. Work includes: navigating complex Medicare or Medicaid information, locating free educational and training resources, and enrolling for utility assistance or quality, affordable housing options.

"If there's someone experiencing limitations, I can inform them about things that can really help them, and I have the time and resources to ensure clients follow through on services they need," says Barbara Walker RN, community nurse and Senior Fund lead at Deaconess Nurse Ministry.

Because of the practical help our nurses provide, clients are becoming more knowledgeable about the assistance for which they qualify. Community nurses involved in the program reported that several clients are finding assistance for crucial home repairs, healthcare costs, and other life events on their own, after working with a nurse.

The Senior Fund and the support involved will continue at Deaconess Nurse Ministry, and our nurses are eager to help more people how they need it most.



## LOCATIONS WHERE FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES SERVE

### ILLINOIS MINISTRIES

**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

**Every Child's Hope**  
St. Louis County

**Feed My People Food Pantry**  
High Ridge, MO

**Harvey Kornblum Food Pantry**  
St. Louis County

**Immaculate Conception Catholic Church**  
Maplewood, MO

**Immanuel United Church of Christ**  
Ferguson, MO

**Isaiah 58 Ministries**  
St. Louis, MO

**Jennings Affordable Housing (St. Andrews)**  
Jennings, MO

**Main Street Church**  
St. Charles, MO

**Mary Mother of the Catholic Church**  
St. Louis, MO

**Memorial Blvd. Disciples of Christ**  
North St. Louis City

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

**Peace Food Pantry**  
Cedar Hill, MO

**Pilgrim United Church of Christ Feeding Program & Wednesday Lunch**  
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

**St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church**  
South St. Louis City

**St. Mathias Catholic Church**  
South St. Louis County

**St. Matthews Lutheran Church**  
St. Louis, MO

**St. Peters Evangelical United Church of Christ**  
Ferguson, MO

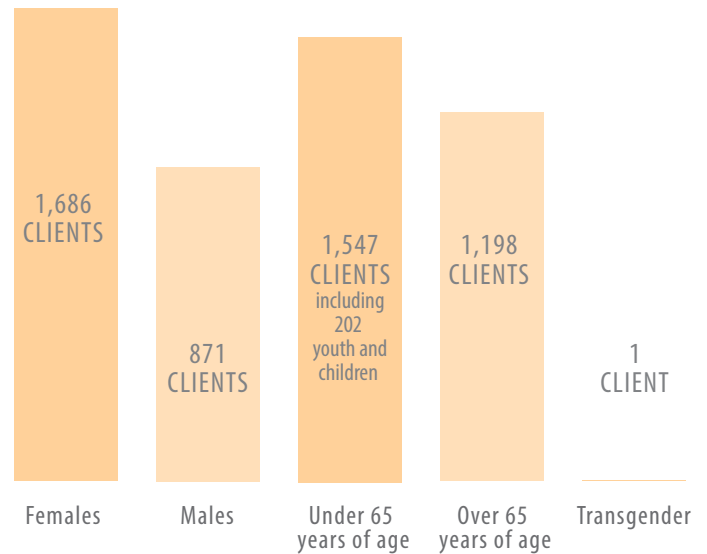
**Trinity Episcopal Food Pantry**  
St. Louis, MO

# INFORMATION & OUTCOMES

## HOW WE SERVED IN 2018



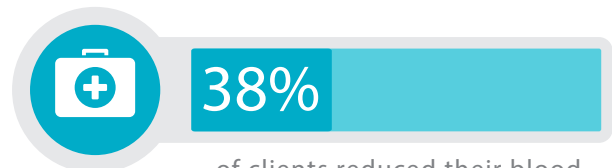
## WHO WE SERVED IN 2018



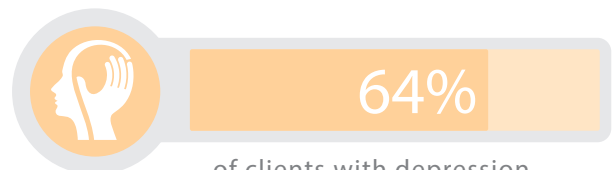
AGENCY TOTAL: CLIENTS  
2,828

MINORITY, NON-WHITE  
46.6%

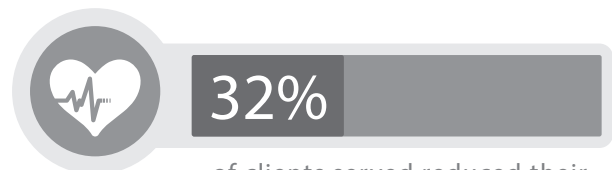
Out of 2,438 clients  
who self reported race



of clients reduced their blood sugar

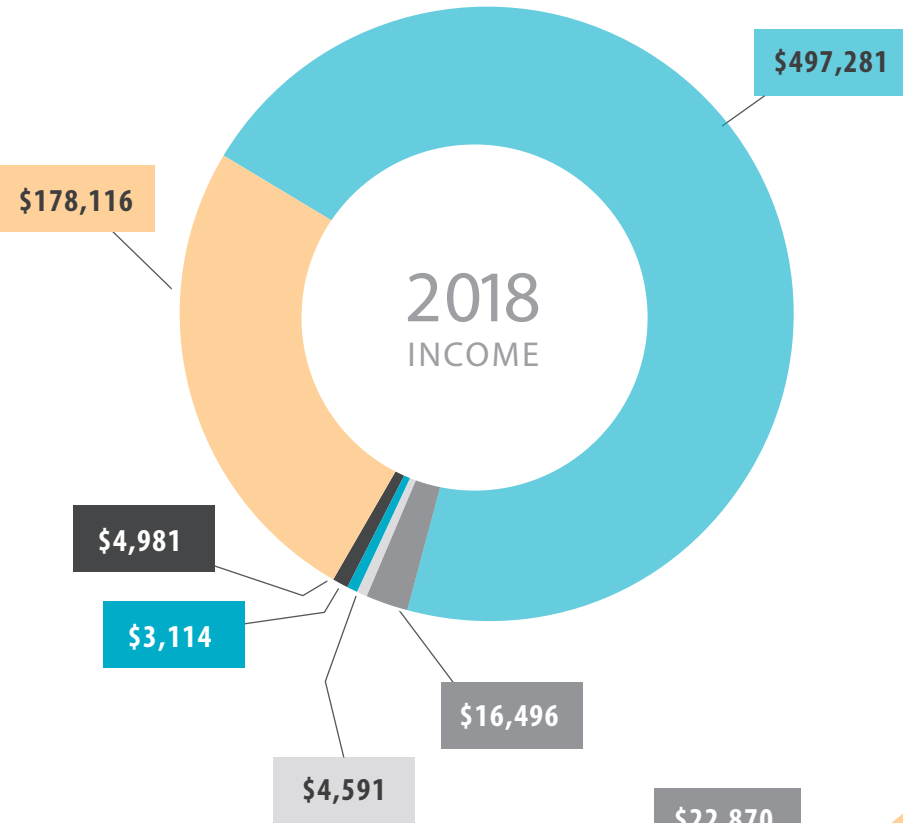


of clients with depression  
stabilized their symptoms with  
nurse intervention



of clients served reduced their  
blood pressure

# FINANCIALS



## INCOME

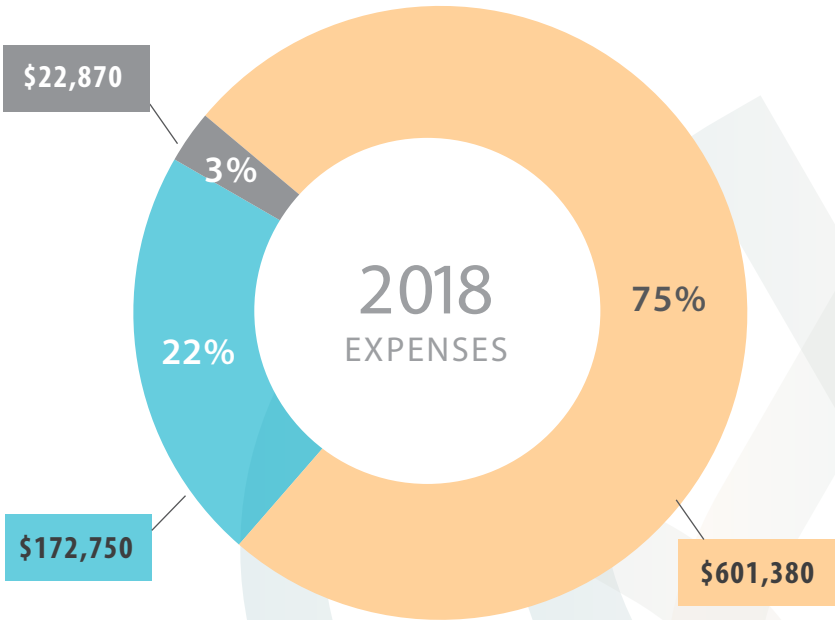
\$688,083

- Grant/Contributions
- Church Reimbursements
- Misc. Income
- In-kind Support
- Investment Income
- Net Gain or Loss

## EXPENSES

\$797,000

- Program Expenses
- Administration
- Fundraising



## ASSETS

\$361,689	\$229,585
at the start of the year	at the end of the year





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## HEALTHY IMPACT SOCIETY MEMBERS HELP DELIVER QUALITY HEALTH SERVICES TO MORE PEOPLE IN 2018

2018 was the first full year of the Healthy Impact Society at Deaconess Nurse Ministry. The Healthy Impact Society is a planned giving program for our supporters that are deeply committed to improving population health for all people in St. Louis - for as little as \$10.50 per month.

Throughout the year, Society members shared their resources, and improved outcomes followed. We were able to serve more low-income adults, seniors, and families in the region by administering important health screenings, tests, education, and other supportive services.

The first annual Healthy Impact Society Dinner was held on October 21, 2018 at Parkway UCC as well. 45 members attended the inaugural event, and the evening included fellowship, a lovely dinner, and presentation of the latest program outcomes.

We hope to grow the program to over 75 members in the coming year. Visit [www.faithnurses.org/healthyimpact](http://www.faithnurses.org/healthyimpact) to learn more or register.

