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# Deaconess Nurse Ministry

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2020 ANNUAL  
REPORT

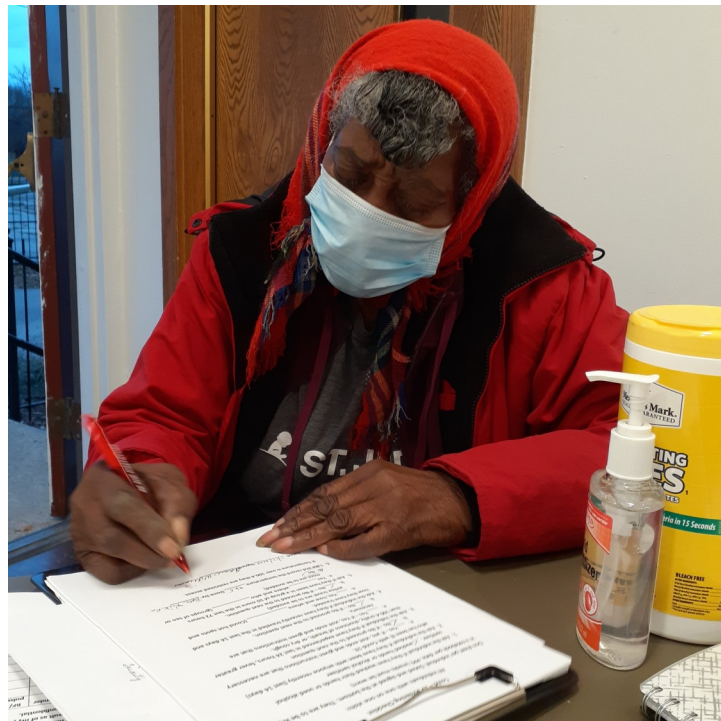
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#### OUR MISSION:

DEACONESS NURSE MINISTRY EXISTS TO CARE FOR ALL BY PROVIDING WHOLE-PERSON HEALTHCARE THAT OFFERS THE HEALING LOVE OF GOD.



## *Your support and generosity made 2020 a year filled with new incredible partnerships and opportunities to serve.*

It was definitely a year full of challenges. We all had to learn new ways to be flexible with the ways we work. But what has not changed is the way our entire community has worked together for the betterment of people who live here.

Our donors and partners graciously supported us throughout this challenging time. Your support and generosity has allowed us to care for all lives in our community. We are forever grateful for that.

This report serves as not only a reminder of what we accomplished in 2020 but also an inspiration for the

work we continue to do to impact the lives of more children, adults, and seniors in St. Louis.

It also serves as an expression of gratitude for those that supported our mission of providing whole-person healthcare, regardless of race, economic status, sexual orientation, geographical location, or faith affiliation. We will work in the years ahead to provide a healthcare experience that offers the healing love of God to all.

Thank you for your continuous support, love and commitment.

# MINISTRY

## Called to Care for All

We are called to care for all, we care for people like M.D.

M.D. is a mother of three adult daughters and a 17-year-old daughter, and a grandmother of seven. During the COVID-19 crisis, her family decided to stay with her so they all could be safe. However, her adult daughters were all laid off, with the children are all out of school, meaning there were 13 people living in the house. M.D. found out that she had cancer on top of having suffered a stroke and seizures. In May, she fell through her back porch causing severe lymphedema in her right foot. In August the kitchen cabinet and air vent fell on her head resulting in hospitalization and rehab for about two months. In addition to that, there are a number of house repairs needed. During all this time, Deaconess nurse has been by her side, helping her with medical problems and getting support on food, household items and financial support from various resources.



In December, while Deaconess Nurse Ministry worked with the food pantries, United Way and 100 Neediest Cases to get help for her family, they had to find a new place to live, but do not have the money to put down a deposit.

With the help of anonymous donors, Deaconess Nurse Ministry was able to help her with a deposit on a new house and pay for utilities that were months behind. She also got a check donation from 100 Neediest Cases. The nurse worked with their donors to get them furniture and household items, along with a good number of gifts for Christmas.

M.D. and her family are so grateful for Deaconess Nurse Ministry and loves to tell people how our nurse, Reta, and Deaconess Nurse Ministry has brought a Christmas miracle to their family.

Thank you for the critical role you are playing in this work, through your prayers and through your support of Deaconess Nurse Ministry. In 2021, we look forward to helping more people like M.D. thrive.

**J.T.** A Deaconess nurse, spent a couple months helping him move into an apartment with St Raymond's Apartments, including the application and interview process. J.T is now living in a beautiful one bedroom, affordable, clean and safe home, leaving behind drug-infested neighborhoods, and a one room boarding house with a hole in the ceiling that allowed weather elements in.

## Good Samaritan Fund

The Good Samaritan Fund through Deaconess Nurse Ministry provides financial support for UCC active and retired clergy and their partners/spouses who reside in the Missouri Mid-South and Illinois South Conference. Deaconess Nurse Ministry assumes no financial liability or fund-raising responsibility for this program and only the Good Samaritan Fund will be utilized.

In 2020, with the Good Samaritan Grant, Deaconess Nurse Ministry was able to help 14 clergy members with emergency assistance and gap assistance, with the total amount of \$50,694.71.

We were honored to care for former clergy with counseling and wellness treatment, with nursing home cost, and with rent and utilities assistance. The grant also allows us to provide emergency assistance for those who had lost a significant amount of income due to COVID-19.

We are proud that our care is extended beyond nursing. We thank God for this gift which allows us to help our fellow clergy and follow our mission, care for all.

## United Way Partnership

Even though our partnership did not start until 2021, Deaconess Nurse Ministry has been working to support our community during the COVID-19 Crisis since March of 2020. Through our partnership, Deaconess Nurse Ministry was able to help numerous people like T.G. not only to care for their health and wellness but also to help with food, housing, rent and utilities assistance.

A series of unfortunate events and circumstances beyond T.G. and her husband's control have made them homeless. They have been evicted from their apartment and lost their car due to loss of income and inability to make payments. They have no furniture or household items and are unable to afford food or clothing. In March 2019, they were attacked while leaving a restaurant. Her husband suffered a broken cheek/eye socket and two broken ribs, and T.G. was left with severe bruises. About a week later, they were simply going to the store when they were caught in the middle of a gunfight. They were not hit, but everything around them was riddled with bullets. This left T.G. with severe PTSD and ended up in the hospital for 5 days. About 3 weeks after the shooting, T.G. fell forward off the curb and broke both her feet in multiple locations. Because of her lost mobility, T.G. lost her job. Her husband's small business suffered as he took off to take care of her.

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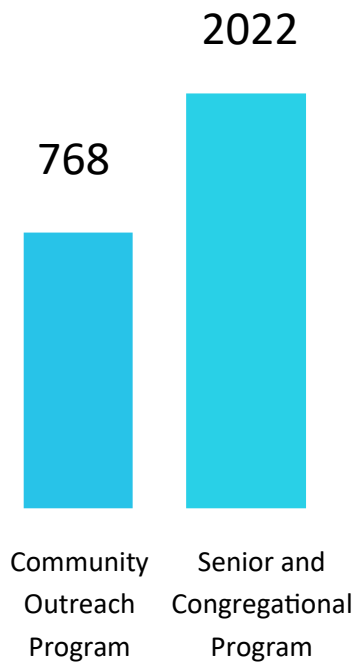
They had no place to go. No money. No vehicle. Nothing.

After meeting a Deaconess nurse, they were able to get help with food delivery. Deaconess Nurse Ministry worked with United Way and the 100 Neediest Cases to help them with rent and utilities assistance.

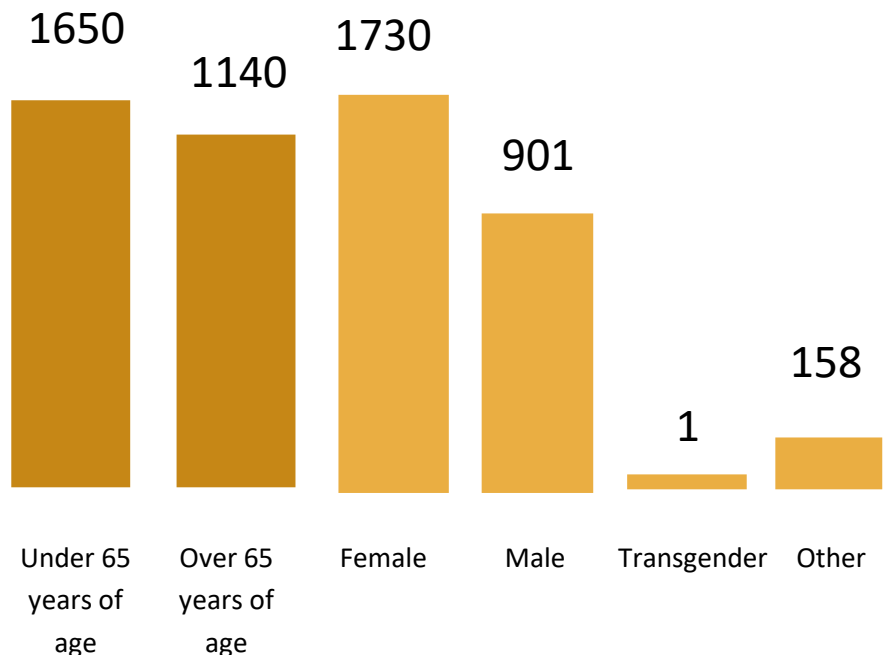
T.G. said words cannot describe what a blessing our nurse was during the most difficult time of their life, and she is forever grateful for the care and resources Deaconess Nurse Ministry provides to people in need like herself.

# INFORMATION & OUTCOMES

## HOW WE SERVE IN 2020



## WHO WE SERVE IN 2020



## AGENCY TOTAL:

**2,790** clients



**FALL PREVENTION**  
95%

95% of seniors in all of our programs reduced their falls by working with a nurse on fall prevention.



**BLOOD PRESSURE**  
32%

32% of clients in all of our program reduced their blood pressure by working with a nurse.







## LOCATIONS WHERE DEACONESS FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES SERVE

### ILLINOIS MINISTRIES

1. **St. Mark Lutheran Church**  
Belleville, IL

2. **Kindercottage**  
East St. Louis, IL

### MISSOURI MINISTRIES

3. **Arnold Food Pantry**  
Arnold, MO

4. **Bridge of Hope Ministries**  
North St. Louis City

5. **Cape Albeon**  
Valley Park, MO

6. **Christ Lutheran Church**  
Webster Groves, MO

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

8. **Feed my People Food Pantry**  
High Ridge, MO

9. **The Harvest Table St. Peter's United church of Christ**  
Washington, MO

10. **Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry**  
St. Louis County, MO

11. **Immaculate Conception Catholic Church**  
Maplewood, MO

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

13. **Jennings Affordable Housing. (St. Andrew's Seniors services)**  
Jennings, MO

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

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

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

17. **Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
North St. Louis, MO

18. **Peace Food Pantry**  
Cedar Hill, MO

19. **Pilgrim United Church of Christ Lunch Services and Food Pantry**  
St. Louis, MO

20. **SAJE Ministries**  
Sappington, MO

21. **Salam Free Medical and Psych Clinic**  
**St. Peter's Evangelical United Church of Christ**  
Ferguson, MO

22. **Sammie/Zion Affordable Housing Homer Schmitz Clinic (St. Andrew's Senior Services)**  
St. Louis, MO

23. **The Sarah Community (St. Andrew's Senior Service)**  
Bridgeton, MO

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

25. **St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church**  
South St. Louis City, MO

26. **St. Matthew's Lutheran Church**  
St. Louis, MO

27. **St. Mathias Catholic Church**  
St. Louis, MO

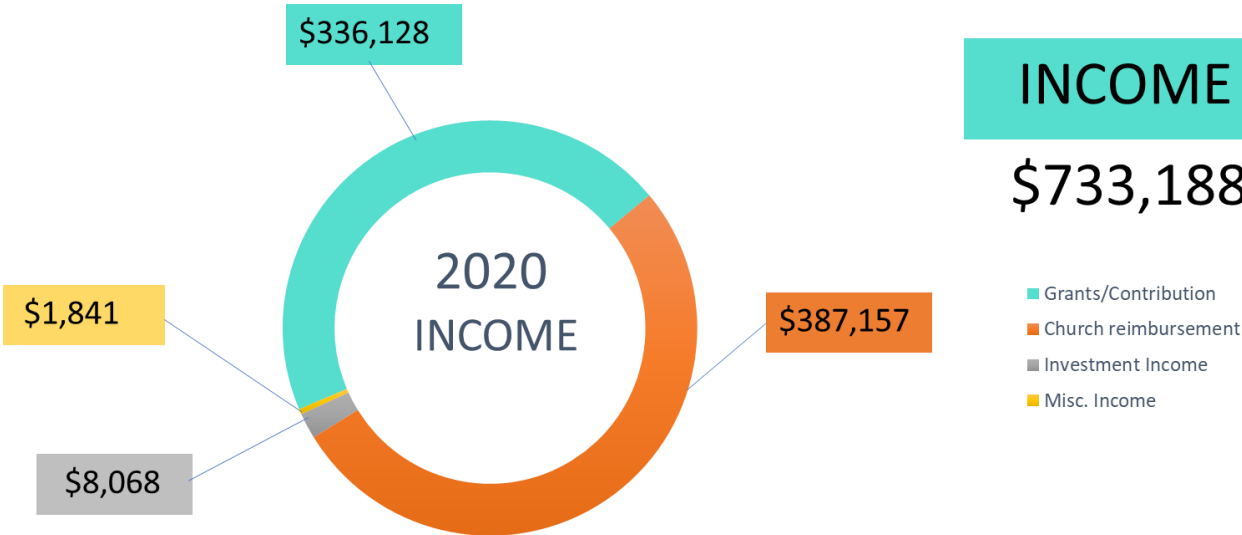
28. **St. Peter's Evangelical United Church of Christ**  
Ferguson, MO

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

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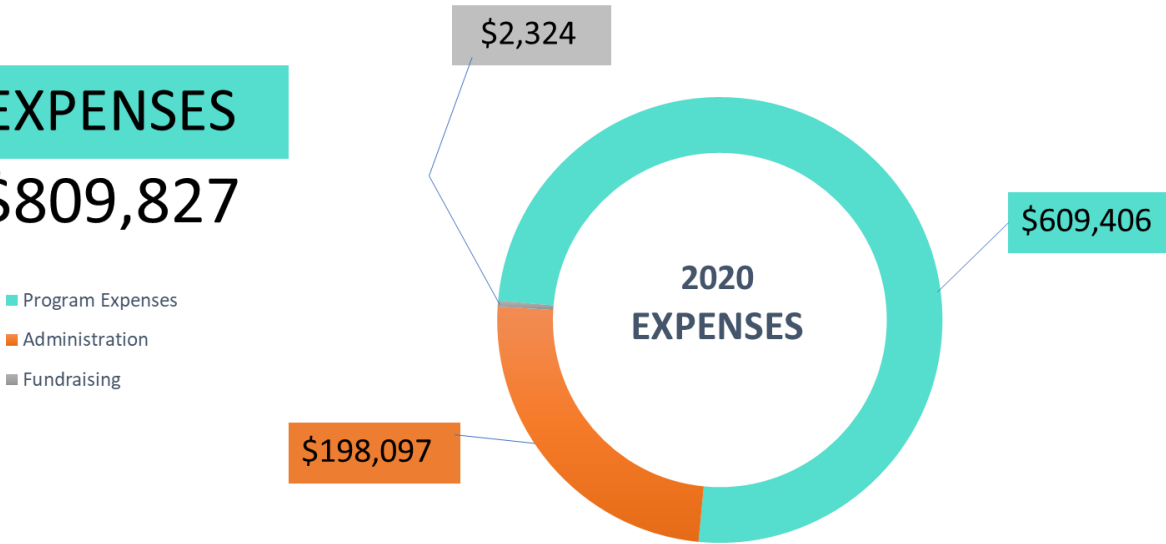
## INCOME

\$733,188



## EXPENSES

\$809,827



## ASSETS

\$632,686

\$599,970

At the start of the year

At the end of the year

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## Serving the community during the Pandemic

2020 was a most unexpected and difficult year for all of us, all over the world. We started the year with hope, plans and new resolutions, but the pandemic hit us hard. Even through the most difficult times, Deaconess Nurse Ministry followed in the footsteps of Deaconess sisters, just like they did in 1918, stepping up and serving our community. Throughout this challenging time, we had the greatest privilege of partnering with United Way, and various grant funders such as the Senior Fund Grant, the Marillac Fund, as we work with different food pantries and congregations, serving our community.

Together, we offer free medical care to the uninsured and underinsured in the St. Louis and their surrounding area. Clients receive free care regardless of income or background. We provide physical and spiritual care, as well as financial, housing, utilities and food assistance.

Another wonderful program we were able to start with the grants from St. Louis City and St. Louis Country was Circle of Friends



Deaconess Nurses in 1918 and Deaconess Nurses in 2020



online. We gave out iPads to clients who are high risk and isolated. They were able to communicate with our nurses and their group of friends on a weekly basis. They were able to talk to their family members during Thanksgiving and Christmas. It was a blessing to the clients.



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