# **Deaconess Nurse Ministry**

2022 ANNUAL REPORT





#### Our Mission:

Deaconess Nurse Ministry exists to care for all by providing whole-person healthcare that offers the healing love of God.



# 2022 was a year for compassionate care for many. We could not have done it without your support!

In 2022, Deaconess Nurse Ministry cared for many with the compassion. It has been a joy to witness the lives being restored and transformed by our work. Every day we witness people gaining health and wholeness, living fuller and richer lives.

Our donors and partners graciously have supported this work throughout the year. Your support and generosity has allowed us to care for many who tell their stories of hope and healing. We are forever grateful to you, our supporters, for making our work possible.

This report serves as not only a reminder of what we accomplished in 2022 but also an inspiration for the work we will continue to do to impact the lives of children, adults, and seniors in St. Louis. It serves as an expression of our mission to provide 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 to this work!

#### 100 Neediest Cases

Ms. R, who is a disabled senior met a Deaconess nurse through a food pantry where she was looking for any type of assistance she could get. Nurse Reta worked with her to apply for the 100 Neediest cases. Deaconess Nurse Ministry is a proud partner of the United Way of Greater St Louis. As a United Way member, Deaconess Nurse Ministry participates in the 100 Neediest cases which connects clients like Ms. R to donors who can assist them with their needs.

Ms. R was a adopted by a very generous donor who received her "wish list". The donor connected with Nurse Reta to address each of Ms. R's needs and wishes. The donor put together a plan to financially provide the resources Ms. R would need to cover her expenses for medical travel to and from doctor visits, PT appointments and dental visits over the coming year using an Uber gift card. The donor helped with the out of pocket expenses for full tooth extraction as well as dentures.

Ms. R was provided a medical support appliance and orthopedic shoes to assist in walking properly. The donor gifted her with Amazon gift card to cover other personal and medical over the counter items she needed.

Ms. R wish list included household items, small personal items, coffee maker and more. She was

gifted with Keurig coffee machine and coffee pods. She received supplies and tools for cleaning her house.

This gifting was truly God's blessing poured out on this precious lady who lost so much. As she struggles to recover from a devastating stroke in 2021 which left her with major disabilities effecting her right upper and lower extremities, she was blessed by care from a generous donor.

All of the above gifts greatly blessed her life but the most significant gift was getting to meet her generous donor and donor's family, along with Nurse Reta. The donor chose to personally deliver gifts to Ms. R and to spend time visiting with her. Ms. R was a preschool teacher, and seeing the donor's children had a lasting impact on her that someone cared. Nurse Reta continues to work with Ms. R assuring that she has what she needs to have a life that is full and rich.



## Salam Clinic – Washington MO

One of the programs that was implemented this year was the Salam clinic in Washington Missouri. The clinic is a partnership with the physicians of the Muslim community and Deaconess Nurse Ministry, who provides the nursing. St. Peters United Church of Christ in Washington Missouri provides the space and volunteers for the clinic. The clinic is open one Saturday a month to provide free medical services to those who can not afford to pay for primary care with a physician. To date, the clinic sees an average of 3 people per clinic. We are grateful for this partnership that allows for the people in Washington Missouri and the surrounding area to have access to free medical care.

### **New Clinical Director**

At the end of 2022, Linda Thompson was named first Clinical Director for Deaconess Nurse Ministry. Linda is a Women's health nurse practitioner. Her valuable experience has been in the care of women and children, with a focus on mental health and trauma informed care. Linda has been in mid-level management for the past 20 years and considers herself to be a leader and mentor rather than a manager. Linda would like to see Deaconess nurse extensively trained in trauma informed care and therapeutic listening. She feels the most important thing that Deaconess nurses do is take the time to listen to the people that are seen and served. Linda envisions Deaconess Nurse Ministry growing and branching into other areas of underserved and marginalized communities in St. Louis and surrounding areas where care is needed. Linda serves part time as clinical director and part time at .the Core Collective at St Vincent's home for children



## **START WITH SMALL IMPACT**

Nurse Cindy is passionate about Deaconess Nurse Ministry's mission of called to care for every life. She cares for as many as she can each week. She meets with clients through a homeless meal program and an affordable senior housing. She is amazed how the community comes together to help those who need.

Cindy works with her clients over long periods of time, getting to know their life situations and what their needs truly are. One of the clients that Cindy helped with is Ms. M. Ms. M had moved into the affordable housing units where Cindy works. Ms. M wanted to make the apartment her home, but when she move in she did not have much furniture. She complained about how her back hurt. Cindy decided to visit Ms. M in her apartment to see how she got out of bed. Much to Cindy's dismay, Ms. M was sleeping on an air mattress and had only a card table and folding table. Cindy worked with donors to secure for her a bed and furniture for her apartment. She helped her get other needed items.

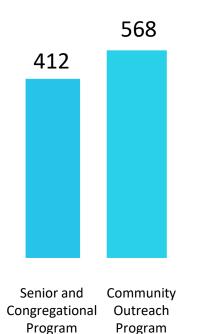


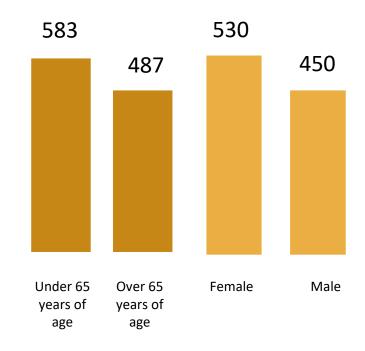
She helped secure donations so Ms. M. could help pay her bills, get needed medications and food for the holidays. Ms. M was so grateful. She invited Cindy to come see her new living space. Her voice and face was elated with joy and happiness from all the blessings she received. Cindy said her back pain has disappeared and Ms. M is now moving about the apartment with ease. Ms. M said "It feels like home now." The small changes meant the world to her. Without donors and Cindy really listening to the needs of Ms. M her life would not have been transformed.

## **INFORMATION & OUTCOMES**

#### **HOW WE SERVE IN 2022**

#### WHO WE SERVE IN 2022





# AGENCY TOTAL: 1021 clients





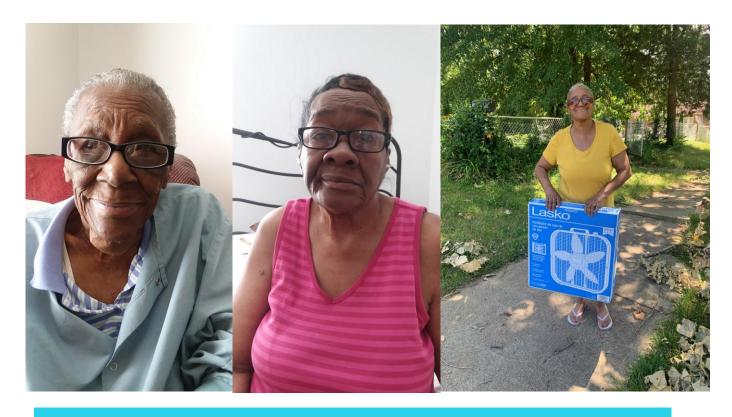
FALL PREVENTION 85%

85% of seniors in all of our programs reduced their falls by working with a nurse on fall prevention.



MEDICATION COMPLIANCE 34%

32% of clients in all of our program report medical compliance after working with a nurse.



#### LOCATIONS WHERE DEACONESS FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES SERVE

- Bridge of Hope
   Ministries
   North St. Louis City
- **2. Cape Albeon**Valley Park, MO
- **3. Capable Program**St. Louis, MO
- **4. CMC Retirement Village**St. Louis, MO
- Christ Lutheran
   Church
   Webster Groves, MO
- **6. Every Child's Hope**St. Louis County
- 7. Feed my People
  Food Pantry
  High Ridge, MO
- 8. Friendly Village Affordable
  Housing (St. Andrews
  Services)
  - St. Louis. MO
- The Harvest TableSt. Peter's U.C.CWashington, MO

- 10. Immaculate Conception 17. Rush Gardens
  Catholic Church
  Maplewood Affordable Ho
- 11. Jennings Affordable
  Housing. (St. Andrew's
  Seniors services)
  Jennings, MO
- **12. Main Street Church**St. Charles. MO
- 13. Mary Mother of the Catholic Church St. Louis, MO
- **14.** Memorial Blvd.

  Disciples of Christ

  North St. Louis City
- **15. Our Lady of Perpetual Help**North St. Louis, MO
- 16. Peter and Paul Meal
  Services
  St. Louis, MO

- Affordable Housing
  (St. Andrews Senior
  - East St. Louis, IL

Services)

- 18. Salam Free Medical
  and Mental Health
  Clinic
  St. Peter's Evangelical
  United Church of Christ
- 19.Salam Free Medical

  Clinic St. Peter's UCC

  Washington, MO

Ferguson, MO

- 20. Sammie/Zion

  Affordable Housing

  Homer Schmitz Clinic

  (St. Andrew's Senior

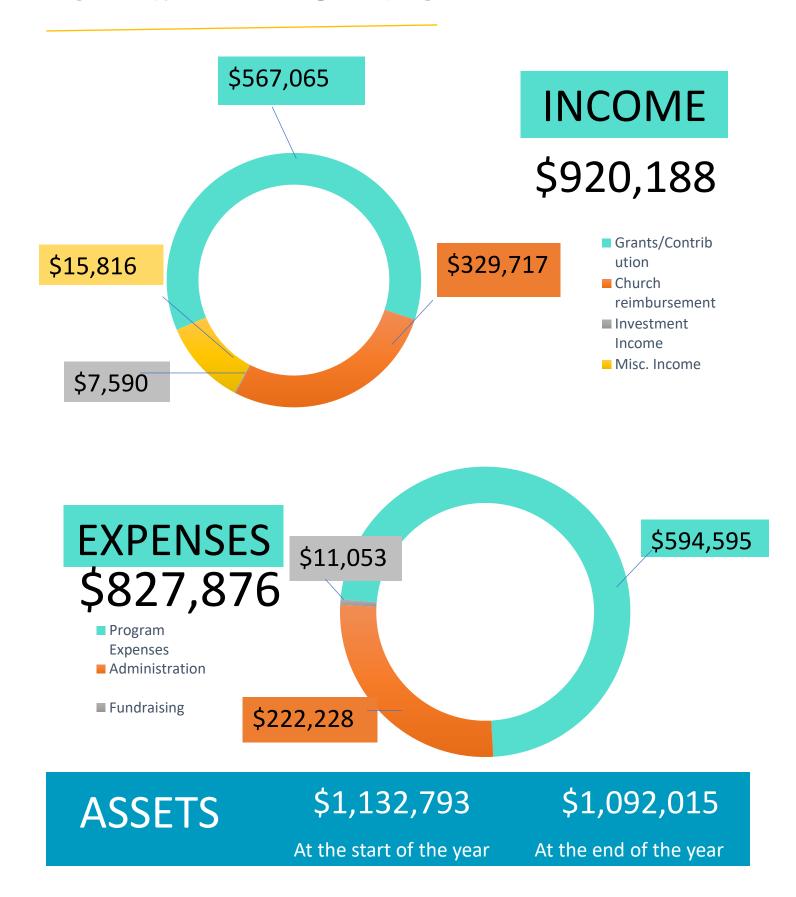
  Services)
  - St. Louis, MO
- 21. St. Anthony of Padua Food Pantry
  - St. Louis, MO

- 22. St. Matthew's
  Lutheran Church
  Food Pantry
  St. Louis, MO
- 23. St. Mathias

  Catholic Church

  St. Louis, MO
- 24. St. Peter's Evangelical
  United Church of Christ
  Ferguson, MO
- **25**. **St. Pius V Food Pantry** St. Louis, MO
- **26. St. Raymond's Apts.** St. Louis, MO
- 27. St. Vincent Home for Children St. Louis, MO
- 28. Trinity Episcopal
  - Food Pantry
    St. Louis, MO
- 29. Unleashing Potential
  - St. Louis, MO

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