

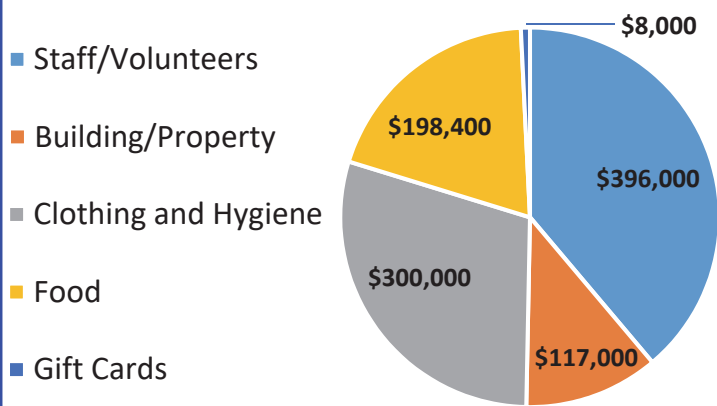
# Christian Assistance Ministry Annual Report

## CAM THE EMERGENCY ROOM OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Founded in 1977 by nine downtown churches, CAM provides immediate assistance to those in emergency crisis situations. Much like an emergency room treating patients with serious chronic situations or people with one time issues, clients are able to come to CAM and receive help immediately with no appointment or demographic requirement. CAM impacts many community issues by being an important first step toward self-sufficiency or by overcoming a barrier that would prevent a client from moving forward. In addition, we help clients avoid falling so far behind financially that they require long-term community support. CAM's services positively impact issues relating to homelessness, spousal abuse, working poor, mental and physical health, and poverty.

Today CAM has the support of 86 churches and is able to serve over 50,000 clients annually. Working out of two donated locations we are able to provide food, clothing, hygiene items, financial assistance for things like ID recovery, prescriptions and utility assistance, a free mailbox, and transportation for work or medical needs. We do all of this without any government support. This is possible in part by leveraging every dollar given into two. Your dollars, donations of food, clothing, and hygiene items; coupled with a fulltime staff of nine and an incredible volunteer base of over 200, make it possible for us to keep overhead extremely low and stretch all money given into twice the initial amount.

Total Value of 2016 In-Kind Resources Making it Possible for CAM to Serve 50% More Clients \$1,019,400



**For every \$1 donated to CAM, we generate \$2 in emergency assistance**

## CAM PROVIDES

- 40,000 were provided food
- 18,000 were provided clothing
- 4,426 individuals received financial assistance (prescriptions, utilities, and ID help etc.)
- 2,000 were given transportation for medical and work
- 300 served through Back to School
- 870 served through the Christmas Shop
- 300 received a free hair cut for employment

## CLIENTS SERVED IN 2016

**50,000 Individuals served**



75% are working poor families



25% are homeless and mentally and physically ill



14,000 are children

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## SUPPORTED BY

CAM has 5 Sources of Funding

- 86 Churches
- Individual Donations
- Local Foundations
- United Way
- Annual Fundraiser – Gala

**NO GOVERNMENT FUNDING**



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*"When you harvest the crops on your land, do not cut all the way to the corners of your field. Don't pick up the grain that falls on the ground. Leave it for the poor..." Leviticus 23:22*

# FORTY YEARS OF PURPOSE



CAM is incredibly proud to have been serving those in crisis and great need for 40 years! Last year we unveiled a new logo referencing Leviticus 23:22 *“When you harvest the crops on your land, don’t cut all the way to the corners of your field. Don’t pick up the grain that falls on the ground. Leave it for the poor...”* The wheat symbol and question **“How will you share your harvest?”** became a very important part of our message to ourselves and to others. This year we see another reference, **“Not cutting your corners”**.

This is what the founders of CAM envisioned in 1977 as well as the opportunity to share that God does provide if we obey. What we realized was that at the time this scripture was written, these wheat fields would have looked quite unusual to someone passing through in need. These travelers could visibly see a wheat field harvested but they would be surprised by these very large corners left to feed those in hunger. They would have known that this farmer had obeyed God’s command by providing for those in need. Furthermore, the receiver would also know that God had answered their prayers.

40 years ago the founding churches and church leaders who created CAM heard God’s command and took action! They created CAM on the corner of McCullough as a beacon of help and hope for those in need. We hope that our “corners” will continue to be large and visible. Please join us throughout 2017 as we share our incredible news by highlighting stories of hope and healing. You can look forward to learning about our incredible 10-year strategic plan that will take us to our semi-centennial – 50 years of help and hope. So now we ask: **How will you share your harvest? How big will your corners be?**

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## ARMANDO

Armando came to CAM after losing everything, his home, his family, his truck and tools needed for his plumbing profession; he literally had nothing. He faced the consequences of his incarceration but never lost his desire to open his own plumbing business. One day, he made his way to CAM. During the interview process, the volunteer interviewer discovered that Armando was a trained plumber. CAM was able to provide financial assistance to purchase the tools needed for him to get back to work. Fifteen years later, Armando contacted CAM to share the good news; he opened his own plumbing company, "Aw Ready", and reconnected with his family. Furthermore, he is now hiring employees and helping families in his community. He thanked God and CAM for giving him a second chance.



## CAM's MISSION

The mission of CAM is to share the love of Christ by providing immediate assistance and encouragement to people in crisis.

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