

Christian Assistance Ministry Annual Report

(Reflects services and financials from 2018)



cam *Helping those in need since 1977*

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CAM acts as an “emergency room of social services”. Like an emergency room, CAM addresses the issues of immediacy and accessibility, by being a place that all can access and receive help. We see people with chronic/systemic issues, one time emergencies, or

potentially ongoing emergencies. Also, just like emergency rooms, we see people who simply need mercy. CAM is a non-profit organization that provides what people sometimes call “safety net” help. CAM provides a central place for all people to go without an appointment or burdensome demographic requirements. We provide vital help, immediately. Our help may include food, clothing, transportation, prescription assistance, utility assistance, ID recovery and much more. Each client has an opportunity to speak with an interviewer in order to assess their need, provide them with resources we have, and guide them to a community specialist (local nonprofit) that is established to help with their problem. CAM has been providing this service for over 40 years in San Antonio and has well established expertise addressing issues of poverty that include an incredible means for getting the “excess” of “things” that exists in community into the hands of those in need. We utilize “in-kind” support, donated buildings, volunteers, gently used items, and an organized system in order to help those in need. Our mission is to share the love of Christ by providing immediate assistance and encouragement to people in crisis.



CAM’s Staff (only 10 full time and 2 part time) is able to serve 50,000 individuals on an annual basis and helps to generate 1 million dollars of “in-kind” revenue.



THE BUDGET

CAM manages a budget totaling: **2.2 million**

- Cash Revenue: 1.2 million
- “In-Kind” Revenue: 1 million

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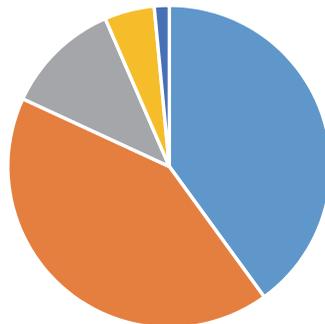
- Diversified Cash Funding
- 85 Local churches-%15
 - Foundations-24%
 - UW-13%
 - Individuals-35%
 - Fundraisers-13%

CAM PROVIDES

- Food (40,000 people annually) groceries and sack lunches.
- Clothing (20,000) gently used, new and work uniforms.
- Financial Assistance (5,000) prescriptions, utility assistance, and ID recovery.
- Transportation (2000) bus passes and tickets for work and medical appointments.
- Back to School (365) children provided their exact school supplies and uniforms.
- Hair cut for employment (225).
- Emergency Christmas Store (1,013 children).
- Free Mail Box (300) use CAM’s address to receive mail.
- Spiritual Support/Bible Study, Bibles, and Prayer (7,200).
- Information and referral phone calls (10,000).

CAM’s Strength is leveraging the power of “in-kind” resources to minimize costs.

- \$400,000 Clothing & Hygiene items
- \$419,000 Volunteers
- \$116,000 Locations
- \$50,000 Strategic Planning Consultant
- \$15,000 Gift Cards



CAM OPERATES OUT OF TWO LOCATIONS

Downtown | Admin Office
110 McCullough Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78215
(210) 223-4099

Northwest Location
5084 DeZavala Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78249
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CAM SERVES: 50,000 INDIVIDUALS ANNUALLY

- 75% are working poor (families, single men and women, seniors, veterans from low income to poverty).
- 25% are homeless (couch surfing, recently homeless, or chronic with mental and physical illness).
- 25% are children

CAM's PURPOSE

Is to be a place that provides us with a means to share God's love by being **proximate** with those who need it. To walk in their shoes, to hold their hand, to experience their need. We can't make a difference if we don't **know** the people who need our help.

CAM's MISSION

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CAM VALUES

CAMPASSION

HOPE

RESPECT

INTEGRITY

SERVICE

TRUST



ID RECOVERY

Just one of the ways that CAM is making a difference



CAM provides many vital services from food, to clothing, a free mail box, to financial assistance for utilities and prescriptions. These needs are pretty obvious but we have a specialty that is not so obvious and yet is a major obstacle or "game changer". This is something we call "ID recovery". ID recovery encompasses birth certificates, Social Security Cards and Texas ID's or Driver's license. This is not something an average person may think about or worry about. However, if all of your ID items are lost, it becomes an obstacle to housing, signing up for veteran's programs, enrolling in health care or even getting onto the campus of a place like Haven for Hope. Employment opportunities require an ID and a social security card; so it could be an obstacle to working. Parents can't even enroll their children in school without a birth certificate. Often these items are cost prohibitive or the client doesn't know where to begin. CAM is the only place in town that funds ID recovery and has a program for helping folks understand what they need in order to get these items. It's truly an incredible service.



"When you harvest your fields, do not cut the grain at the edges of the fields, and do not go back to cut the heads of grain that were left; leave them for the poor..."

Leviticus, 23:22.

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OUTCOMES

- CAM brings those who have, to those who need, and is able to organize and disseminate this excess of clothing, food, time and dollars; putting a million dollars' worth of "in-kind" resources into the community annually.
- People are helped before having to turn to government supports; saving the community important resources and dollars.
- People's needs are met immediately with more than 50,000 served annually who may avoid crisis or, in the short term, are helped until they can gain access to programs and solutions.
- Mercy to those that may never be able to help themselves due to mental and physical illness. Some simply need help with food and clothing.
- CAM has served over 1 million citizens in the past 42 years since opening in 1977.

CAM's VISION

CAM unveiled its 10 year vision at our 40th anniversary in 2017. We are committed to our mission but want to be creative, relevant, and strategic in implementation. The impetus for our 10 year vision is the recognition that our downtown location has become part of a vibrant new urban area and that we can do more by incorporating how we serve with these changes. Improvements to our property, reaching out to developers, utilizing the visibility of our location, and looking at how we can serve more and better through partnerships are all part of this vision. You will begin seeing improvements to the downtown property in 2019 due to a large grant from Mr. Harvey Najim. We have already begun partnering with local developers and we have seen an increase in volunteers, donations, and weekend help. It is amazing how a vision can result in opportunity.

For more information on the 10 year vision, visit our website at:

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