

BLOOMINGTON 2023 IMPACT REPORT

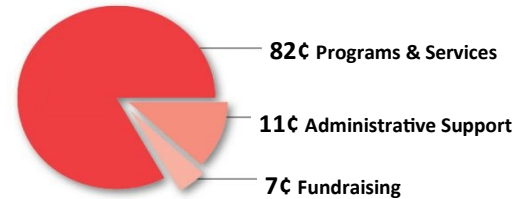
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82 Cents of every dollar
spent is used to sustain
life changing programs
that bring hope to
hurting souls



OVER 13,800 PEOPLE SERVED

DOING THE MOST GOOD

1,972
Gifts given
to Seniors

1,028
Children
whose lives
were
touched by
youth
programing

\$122,540

Emergency Rent &
Utility Assistance Provided

SOCIAL SERVICES

4,449 Cases Managed
3,336 Referrals to other
Community Organizations

2,218 Employment Training
272 Employment Placements

13,870

Personal Comfort Kits

**HOLIDAY
SERVICES**

5,775
Toy Distributed
503 Families Served
721 Food Baskets
1,020 Coats, Hats &
Gloves Distributed

**SAFE HARBOR
SHELTER**

38,586
Meals Served
19,450
Shelter Nights

**FOOD
PANTRY**

9,357
People Served
\$264.88
Average Value



LOVE BEYOND . . . SHELTER

Carl* sought refuge at Safe Harbor, seeking a fresh start after living with a family member outside of McLean County. He longed for independence and self-sufficiency. Arriving at the shelter, he disclosed his lack of insurance, ongoing health issues, and financial strain. Carl also lacked an Illinois ID, complicating their access to essential services.

Our dedicated case managers sprang into action, guiding Carl through the bureaucratic hurdles. They secured a Homeless Status Certification for a free ID and arranged healthcare appointments through Chestnut's Community Health Care. Carl was also connected with local AA meetings for support. Additionally, he was enrolled in Safe Harbor's job development program for employment assistance.

Housing was a priority, and applications were submitted to various subsidized housing options. With our assistance, Carl navigated the process of reestablishing social security benefits and regaining access to his bank account. Transportation barriers were addressed through a disabled rides free bus pass.

Despite Carl's disability, he expressed a desire to work part-time and attended multiple job interviews. Meanwhile, they received comprehensive medical care, including dental and optometry services, along with a new pair of glasses.

Soon, Carl secured a spot at Phoenix Towers, and our team facilitated his move and connected him with Recycling Furniture for Families to furnish their new home. Before leaving, Carl engaged in a faith-based retreat, and eventually, they found employment within their faith community.

Carl's journey is a testament to resilience, and we're delighted to hear of his continued success.



*Name Changed

LOVE BEYOND . . . FEAR

Fear of the law kept Benjamin*, a Veteran, from finding better housing. With several warrants out for his arrest, he first met Amber while living in a tent. Amber, a case manager for The Salvation Army, and the local Fire Department were making check-in visits to the homeless camp. She invited Benjamin to come see her at The Salvation Army that night. Much to her delight, he showed up. After talking, he decided to turn himself in; he served 6 weeks in jail and worked with Amber to obtain his ID and get his life back on track. He's clean, sober, working and moving into permanent housing today.



LOVE BEYOND . . . EMPTY CUPBOARDS

Vivian a resident of a local senior apartment complex regularly brings a friend or neighbor who are also struggling due to the rising costs of food and utilities. She recommends they visit The Salvation Army Food Pantry to see what is available and then afterwards, go to the grocery store to use their SNAP benefits for what is still needed. She is very excited to help her friends stretch their resources.



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