



2022 Annual Report
Bethesda Community Mission Inc.
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This year we received grants from; Walmart, Disaster Relief Fund, United Way of Greater Clarksville, United Way of Humphreys County, the Predators, Georgia-Pacific, TVA, MLEC, and Community Foundation of Middle TN. We also received monies from both city governments, several Businesses, and too many Civic groups, Churches, and Individuals to mention here. Houston County continues to give above the average of more populated counties. Thank you to each and every one of you!

We have assisted financially **259** unduplicated families representing **1006** individuals totaling **\$62,584.41**. The overwhelming majority of assistance was in partial payment of utility bills, allowing the clients to assume some cost-sharing, and allowing us to assist more families.

The Food Pantry provided **539** unduplicated families with **2280** food boxes representing **1306** individuals during 2022, averaging **190** food boxes distributed each month. The estimated value of the food given is **\$247,705.00**. Volunteers continue to refer clients for food stamps and commodities, USDA home repair grants, disaster relief agencies, housing assistance agencies, and to other resources as needed. We have also added prescription and eyeglasses assistance for seniors.

Due to the skyrocketing cost of food, we are seeing families of five or more members on an increased basis.

We purchased **\$29,420.81.13 (109,037 lb.)** in food for the food pantry. This was a **\$20,000 increase** over the previous year! **34,875.27** pounds were donated to the food pantry, through drives, individual donations and Second Harvest Grants. This was a huge decrease from 2021.

Approximately **50** volunteers, provided over **2068** hours of service, representing an estimated value of labor of **\$51,263.90**. Volunteer meetings are held annually and Board meetings are held quarterly.

We collaborated with Highland Rim, Erin Housing Authority, FEMA, Middle TN Long-term Disaster Recovery Group, USDA, St. Vincent de Paul, and Dickson Help Center. We provided disaster relief supplies, toys, winter coats, and holiday meals this year.

The Mission's hours are Tuesday thru Friday from 9 am to 1 pm. We are closed on holidays, and when local schools are closed due to inclement weather.

It is our desire to continue to keep Bethesda Mission operating in the spirit of its founder, Pat Wood.

This year has continued to present a myriad of difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic, decreased food donations, and high inflation. We are searching for creative funding solutions to our local housing crisis. Our Volunteers have risen to these challenges with excellence. We thank God and EVERY Volunteer, and donor!

Charles Thornburg
Director