

Sharing our Blessings

By Rhonda Grangier, Board Chair

The Center for Lay Ministries is blessed to be able to serve our community through our Food Pantry and Bliss House Recovery Program. As the Board Chair for the Center for Lay Ministries, I have seen firsthand the amazing work done by our staff, volunteers, and board members. Each day we fulfill our mission to provide services to vulnerable people in our community by feeding people in need through the Food Pantry and working with women in recovery at the Bliss House. We rely on you — our donors, volunteers, community partners, clients, residents, board members, and staff — to be able to serve our clients and residents.

We talk daily with our neighbors in need of food and many tell us what a blessing we are to them. We have seen an increase in food insecurity in the last year. In the Food Pantry, we had 16,324 client visits between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024. That is 1,666 more visits than the previous fiscal year. During those visits, we gave away 675,512 pounds of food, which is 66,642 more pounds of food than we gave away last year. We could not give away

over 675,000 pounds of food without your support!

With each new resident, we are fortunate to witness the first few days of sober living in the welcoming environment of the Bliss House. Throughout the last year we worked with 39 women with documented histories of substance abuse at the Bliss House. The Bliss House offers a structured and supportive environment for each resident. On average, women spend 12 months living at the Bliss House before they reach graduation. Our staff, alumnae, volunteers, and AA sponsors teach our residents to live sober and successful lives. We improve the quality of life in our community by improving the lives of our residents. We were very blessed to play a role in helping four women graduate from our recovery program in 2023-24.

Thank you for being one of our blessings! Your volunteerism and your donations enable us to provide for people in need and we could not do this work without you. With your continued support, we look forward to sharing blessings with our community for years to come.

CLM Blessings for Breakfast

CLM held a Blessings for Breakfast fundraising event on November 2, 2023 at 300 Spring in Jeffersonville. We spent the morning sharing the work of the CLM Food Pantry and Bliss House Recovery Program. CLM Executive Director Kara Brown discussed the work of the CLM Food Pantry and the increasing client numbers. Then Bliss House Alumna Angie Fessel (shown at right) shared her inspirational story of recovery with the audience. Thank you to everyone who sponsored or attended the event.





Continuous Improvements in 2023-24

By Kara Brown, Executive Director

At the Center for Lay Ministries, we are striving to meet our Food Pantry clients' and Bliss House residents' needs. Over the past year, we've made changes and improvements to better serve our community.

In the Bliss House, we promoted Stephanie Satterly to Director and Jacquelyn Woods to Assistant Director. We welcomed Sunny Grumbley as the new Resident Assistant. Through our activities fund, we were able to introduce new activities and hobbies while providing safe and sober fun for the residents. With a grant from the Caesars Foundation of Floyd County and an estate donation from a past volunteer, we were able to purchase a new minivan to transport residents safely to appointments and AA meetings. We also celebrated successes as four women graduated from the recovery program. Our alumnae started new jobs, reunited with their children and family, and earned new certifications.

At the Food Pantry, we continue serving an increasing numbers of clients requesting food. In the

six years I've been the Executive Director at CLM, our Food Pantry has increased from feeding 19,348 people in 2018 to feeding 37,256 in 2024. To meet the demand for food, we continue to partner with Dare to Care, and we are lucky that our community donates generously to help feed our neighbors. The Food Pantry has remained open five days a week thanks to our amazing volunteers, generous donors, and dedicated staff.

Using the delivery van donated to us by Metro United Way, we made 607 home deliveries to clients across Clark County with medical issues or without transportation. That averages out to about 50 deliveries a month.

Thank you to everyone who supported us this past year. Whether you volunteered, made a donation, dropped off groceries, or prayed for our residents and clients, I appreciate you for helping us serve people in need of food or in recovery. I am grateful for our compassionate staff who have worked so diligently to keep meeting our clients' and residents' needs. I hope we can count on your continued support of the work we do in our community.



We participated in **Metro United Way** Day of Action in 2023. Thanks to these Metro United Way volunteers who made 200 snack bags for our homeless clients.



Community Foundation of Southern Indiana donated a \$2,500 grant to the CLM Bliss House, residential recovery program in December 2023. We appreciate your continued support of our Bliss House program. Thank you!

CLM Financial Statement

(preliminary, unaudited)

Revenue 2023-24

Total Donation Revenue	\$199,355
Total Grant Revenue	\$107,261
Total Other Revenue	\$59,262
TOTAL REVENUE	\$365,878

Expenses 2023-24

Total Payroll Expense	\$275,247
Total Food Pantry Expense	\$56,885
Total Recovery Program Expense	\$11,091
Total Operating Expense	\$121,011
Total Expense	\$464,234

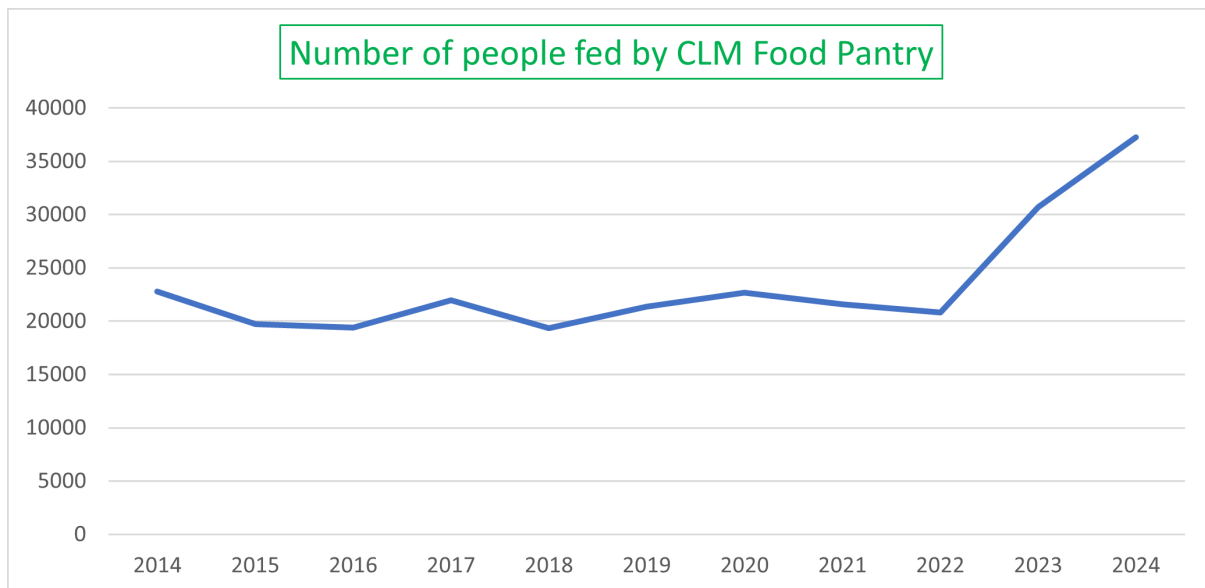
Net Loss	\$-98,356
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Meritrust Wealth Management - Value as of 6/30/24 -	\$421,787
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Meritrust Wealth Management - Value as of 6/30/24 -	\$92,974
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CLM Food Pantry by the Numbers

In the CLM Food Pantry, we had 16,324 client visits between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. That is 1,666 more client visits than in the previous fiscal year. When you add in the family members of those clients, we helped to feed 37,256 people during the year, which is 6,540 more than the year before. We gave away 675,512 pounds of food, which is 66,642 more pounds of food than we gave away last year.



CLM Bliss House

CLM Bliss House is a residential program for women in recovery from alcohol and/or substance abuse. We are truly saving lives with this recovery program. Our mission at Bliss House is to improve the quality of life in our community by improving the quality of life for individual community members as they work through the recovery process.

We have the capacity to house twelve women in the program. In the fiscal year 2023-24 we served a total of 39 residents in Bliss House. We had four women graduate from the program, and we have nine current residents. The average length of stay for graduates was 12 months.

During 2023-24, we served women from the following counties:

- ♦ Clark – 15 women = 38% of residents in Bliss House
- ♦ Floyd – 10 women = 26% of residents in Bliss House
- ♦ Other counties include: Jasper, Jefferson, Washington, Marion, Harrison, Howard, Daviess, and Vigo – 14 women = 36% of residents in Bliss House



The Bliss House offers a structured and supportive environment. All Bliss House residents must find employment, complete chores, and pay rent. While they are in the Bliss House program, residents must complete a 12 Step Recovery Program that is supported by mandatory AA/NA meetings. All residents attend house meetings and follow house rules.

Bliss Too

Bliss Too is transitional housing for those who are in the final phase of the Bliss House program and any alumnae. Bliss Too allows women to live independently while having continued access to programs and a network that helps foster long-term recovery. Bliss Too offers our graduates a chance to build financial security before moving out into the community. Bliss Too is available for any alumnae who may ever need to return if circumstances warrant.

Bliss House Alumnae

The Alumnae Association is open to any graduate of the Bliss House. The goal of the Alumnae is to be a long-term recovery network. Members serve as mentors to current Bliss House residents. They also host events for our current residents which demonstrates a key

component to maintaining long-term recovery—giving back what has been so freely given. Bliss House Alumnae will always have a safe place and a place to call home.



CLM Community Partners

(Includes Donations of \$100+)

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Cooper, Jennifer	Jennings, Janey & Doug	

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(Includes Donations of \$100+)

Pfau, Jr., Norman E. & Sue D.

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Willman, Megan

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Wright, Floyd

Young, Margaret L. & David A.

Campbell Soup Foundation Awards \$20,000 grant to CLM



Center for Lay Ministries was excited to receive a \$20,000 Community Impact Grant from the **Campbell Soup Foundation** in 2024. This grant enabled us to better serve our Food Pantry clients. Thank you to the Campbell Soup Foundation for your support of the CLM Food Pantry!



Thank you to the **Floyd Memorial Foundation** for awarding a \$4,000 grant to the CLM Bliss House! This grant provided Bliss House residents with safe and sober activities. Stephanie Satterly, Bliss House Director, Kara Brown, CLM Executive Director, and Jessica Tandy Staten, Floyd Memorial Foundation Executive Director, are pictured at the check presentation.

CLM Board Members for 2023-24

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Thank you to the **Caesars Foundation of Floyd County** for gifting the CLM Bliss House with a \$10,400 grant to help purchase a minivan. The van is used to transport residents to treatment, medical appointments, probation appointments, and job interviews. Josh Kornberg, Executive Director of the Caesars Foundation of Floyd County, Kara Brown, CLM Executive Director, and Renee Nadeau, Board Member with the Caesars Foundation of Floyd County are pictured.



Duke Energy employees volunteered to pack bags and boxes of food for CLM clients. They also included flyers about energy-saving tips and financial assistance for customers. The Duke Energy Foundation supported the food pantry with a \$6,000 grant to help fight food insecurity. Thanks to Duke Energy for being a great partner!



We are grateful to the many schools, businesses, organizations, and individuals who donate food to the CLM Food Pantry! Thanks to the Charlestown High School Student Council, CHS students, and Mrs. Stewart for organizing a cereal food drive during the 2023 Spirit Week for the CLM Food Pantry. They collected a van full of cereal!

CLM Staff

Kara Brown, Executive Director
Julie Lee, Food Pantry Manager
Stephanie Satterly, Bliss House Director
Jacquelyn Woods, Bliss House Assistant Director
Dana Busby, Bookkeeper
Susie Cooke, Volunteer Coordinator
Sunny Grumbley, Bliss House Resident Assistant



Mission Statement

The purpose of the Center for Lay Ministries is to provide services to vulnerable populations in the local community with compassion, dignity and respect.

The Center for Lay Ministries is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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