

## 2020-21 Year in Review

By Michele Anderson, Board Chair

2020 brought a new normal for all of us, and 2021 continued some of those same challenges. It is a great testament to our organization that in the face of these great challenges, we've moved forward, shifted plans, shifted again and overcome. We've continued to serve our clients and been able to meet their needs in significant ways. As we've had reduced numbers of volunteers on one hand, others rose to the opportunity. The Food Pantry drive-up/walk-up food distribution plan has gone very well. Our clients like it, as we've offered to give them opportunities to go back to doing their own shopping by appointment and none have shown interest. Home delivery has also picked up and we appreciate those who are willing to help in that endeavor!

The pandemic caused some issues at the Bliss House; we've had to increase our efforts to keep the women safe and have been successful thus far. Our resident population has been maintained and the

women are working toward successful program completion.

Our plans for the Blessings for Breakfast and the Bliss House Tea were cancelled again this year due to the pandemic. We also had to delay some of our strategic goals to offer community education and increase staff training because we were still hesitant to meet in groups. Still giving has continued and grant money from organizations like Metro United Way and Dare to Care have been used very strategically to help our organization move forward in its goals.

I appreciate our generous community partners, churches and individuals who have supported us in the last year. I also want to thank our Board Members, volunteers, and staff for all their hard work in this challenging time. I pray that you and your family will continue to be safe. I look forward to the great things that will come as we continue to focus on our mission!

## National Guard Named CLM Volunteer of the Year!

CLM honored the Indiana National Guard as the 2020 Volunteer of the Year. The National Guard worked daily at the CLM Food Pantry from May 1—Sept 30, 2020.

"The National Guard has been instrumental in helping us distribute food to our clients during the pandemic," said Kara Brown, CLM Executive Director. "We really appreciated their willingness to support our food pantry and our clients all summer. We decided

to honor them with our Volunteer of the Year award."



Front Row: Sergeant Hood, Sergeant Watkins, Specialist Hanna, Sergeant Yates, Sergeant Griffith, and Specialist Newlin. Back Row: Megan Willman, CLM Volunteer Coordinator, Captain Stivers,

Specialist Delgado, Corporal Wethern, Sergeant Piotrkowski, Specialist Lawson, Lieutenant Fields, and Kara Brown, CLM Executive Director.



## Reflecting on 2020-21

By Kara Brown,  
Executive Director

With all that has happened in 2020 and 2021, I consider us extremely fortunate at the Center for Lay Ministries overall. I want to thank all of you who have supported us this year. Whether you volunteered, made a donation, dropped off boxes, or prayed for our residents and clients, I appreciate you for helping us accomplish our mission during the pandemic. I also want to thank our staff members who have worked so diligently to keep meeting our clients' and residents' needs throughout the chaos of 2020-21.

With a goal of keeping our clients, residents, volunteers, and employees safe, our staff and board members created our COVID-19 Emergency Plan in 2020, and we've been adapting it as needed along the way. In the Bliss House, we survived COVID restrictions with virtual A.A. meetings and mentoring by phone. Six women successfully graduated from our program after spending a year each in the residential recovery program.

We served record numbers of Food Pantry clients in the fall, but those numbers dropped in the spring as clients received stimulus checks or returned to work. We adapted to making pre-packed food boxes, increased home deliveries, and were able to keep the Food Pantry open six days a week throughout the fiscal year. Plus, we added the role of Food Pantry Manager and hired Julie Lee in March of 2021.

As you will see in this report, we received several generous gifts from organizations like the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana, Metro United Way, Dare to Care, Samtec, and Caesars Foundation of Floyd County, which were instrumental in helping us continue to serve our clients and residents. We know that we will continue to need your support, and we hope we can count on you as we move forward into 2022.

## Campbell Soup Foundation Awards Grant to CLM Food Pantry



COVID-19 Community  
Recovery Grants

The CLM  
Food  
Pantry  
received a  
\$25,000



grant from the Campbell Soup Foundation. The Campbell Soup Foundation made contributions to several national partners through strategic COVID-19 support grants and to deserving organizations in their 33 Campbell communities through community recovery grants.

The Campbell Soup Foundation forwarded these comments with the grant, "Congratulations on receiving a COVID-19 Community Recovery Grant. We are proud to support the important work CLM is doing in our community, thank you."

The grant was made to the CLM Food Pantry to fight hunger in Clark County. Kara Brown, Executive Director for CLM stated, "We are so excited to have been included in the Campbell Soup Foundation's grant program through the Jeffersonville Campbell Snacks location. The CLM Board and I are very grateful for their generosity."

## Samtec Cares Awards Grant to CLM Food Pantry

The CLM Food  
Pantry was awarded  
a \$20,000 grant from  
Samtec Cares.



"We are so appreciative of our community partners like Samtec," said Kara Brown, CLM Executive Director. "Their generous donation will be used to purchase food for our Food Pantry clients in 2021."

Thank you Samtec for helping feed our neighbors in need!

# CLM Financial Statement

(preliminary, unaudited)

## Revenue 2020-21

Total Donation Revenue	\$195,350
Total Grant Revenue	\$185,671
Total Other Revenue	\$101,264
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$482,285</b>

## Expenses 2020-21

Total Payroll Expense	\$221,876
Total Food Pantry Expense	\$50,045
Total Recovery Program Expense	\$9,413
Total Operating Expense	\$109,334
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$390,668</b>

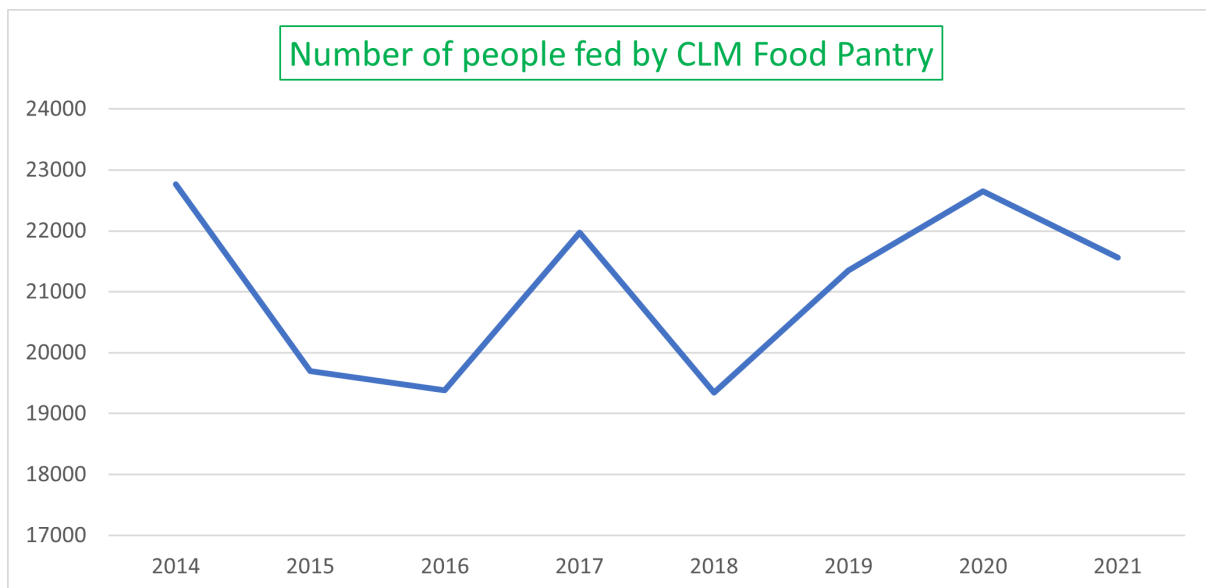
<b>Net Income over Expense</b>	<b>\$91,617</b>
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Meritrust Wealth Management - Value as of 6/30/21 -	\$574,156
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Meritrust Wealth Management - Value as of 6/30/21 -	\$116,332
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## CLM Food Pantry by the Numbers

In the CLM Food Pantry, we had 9,263 client visits between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. When you add in the family members of those clients, we helped to feed 21,560 people during the year and gave away 527,526 pounds of food. In the fall, we provided food to more than 1,000 households per month, but those numbers dropped at the beginning of 2021 when fewer clients requested help from the Food Pantry.





# 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 2020-21 we served a total of 38 residents in Bliss House. We had 6 women graduate from the program, and we have 12 current residents. The average length of stay for graduates was 10 months.

During 2020-21, we served women from the following counties:

- Clark – 15 women = 39% of residents in Bliss House
- Floyd – 8 women = 22% of residents in Bliss House
- Other counties include: Washington, Marion, Scott, Johnson, Hancock, Lake, and Crawford – 15 women = 39% of residents in Bliss House

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 transitional housing is 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.

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## Greater Clark Education Association Hosts Food Drive

Thanks to the Greater Clark Education Association for collecting and donating 7,023 items to the CLM Food Pantry. They brought in 3.5 tons of food to fight hunger in Clark County.



# CLM Board Members for 2020-21

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## Duke Energy Donates New Refrigerator

Thank you to Duke Energy for the grant donation that provided a new commercial refrigerator in the CLM Food Pantry this summer. We really appreciate Duke Energy's support of our work to feed our community.



## Bliss House Receives Caesars Foundation Grant

Thank you to the Caesars Foundation of Floyd County for the \$12,500 grant to our Bliss House program. The donation will be used to help support the recovery program for Floyd County residents at Bliss House.



## Eagle Scout Builds New Swing

Tate McCuen built a swing for CLM's Bliss House residents to enjoy as his Eagle Scout project. Tate, with help from his Scout leaders and other members of Troop 36, built this beautiful swing out of 20-year old oak. The troop installed the swing and did yardwork at Bliss House. Great job Tate and Troop 36! Thank you for all your hard work on this project.

## CLM Staff

Kara Brown, Executive Director  
Tiffany Mullinix, Director of Bliss House  
Stephanie Satterly, Assistant Director of Bliss House  
Julie Lee, Food Pantry Manager  
Dana Busby, Office Manager/Bookkeeper  
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