

## Grateful for Our Village in 2022-23

By Chris Sturgeon, Board Chair

The Center for Lay Ministries was recently voted as The News and Tribune Reader's Choice for Best Non-Profit in Clark County. By feeding people in need through the Food Pantry and working with women in recovery at the Bliss House, the Center for Lay Ministries plays a significant role for vulnerable people in our community. While serving as the Center for Lay Ministries Board Chair over the last year, I have realized that it truly does take a village of donors, volunteers, community partners, clients, residents, board members, and staff to make a non-profit organization successful.

Our village rose to the challenge of meeting the needs of our Food Pantry clients. We continue to see a rising need for our Food Pantry services. In the CLM Food Pantry, we had 14,658 client visits between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023. That is 5,113 more Food Pantry visits than the previous fiscal year. During those visits, we gave away 608,870 pounds of food, which is 77,506 more

pounds of food than we gave away last year. We could not give away more than 600,000 pounds of food without your support!

Throughout the last year we worked with 26 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 while improving the quality of life in our bigger village by improving the lives of our residents.

I want to thank you for being a part of CLM's village. I know we could not serve all the people in need of our help without you. With your continued support, I look forward to seeing the Center for Lay Ministries continue to strive to be the best for years to come.

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



Center for Lay Ministries is proud to receive a \$20,000 Community Impact Grant from the Campbell Soup Foundation in 2023. This grant will enable us to help feed our Food Pantry clients over the next year. Thank you to the Campbell Soup Foundation for your support of the CLM Food Pantry!





# Reflecting on 2022-23

By Kara Brown, Executive Director

Looking back at the last year, we've worked hard to make improvements to better serve our Food Pantry clients, our Bliss House residents, and our community.

Last summer we helped raise awareness about food insecurity across the country when the Center for Lay Ministries was featured on local and national news discussing the Food Pantry's need for food donations to meet the increasing numbers of neighbors in need. We continue to see those increasing numbers of clients requesting food and still need food donations.

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 have increased the number of regular home deliveries to clients across Clark County with medical issues or without transportation. We hired a new Food Pantry Volunteer Coordinator, Susie Cooke, who has recruited new volunteers to help us provide food to

the increasing number of clients we are serving. In addition, we continue to partner with the Jeffersonville Animal Shelter and the Jeffersonville Township Public Library.

In the Bliss House, two women successfully completed the program. We created a new activities fund which provides safe and sober fun for the residents. These donations are used to introduce our residents to drug and alcohol-free hobbies and activities for long-term success. Additionally, we saw many successes in our alumnae, including new jobs, reunification with children and family, and new certifications.

I want to thank 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 accomplish our mission. As always, I am very grateful for our wonderful, compassionate staff who have worked so diligently to keep meeting our clients' and residents' needs. As we enter a new fiscal year, I hope we can count on your continued support of the work we do in our community.

## Jeffersonville Meijer Partners with CLM Food Pantry

We're grateful for the Jeffersonville Meijer *Simply Give* hunger relief campaign which helps us provide food to local families.

Each *Simply Give* campaign helps more than 250 food pantries in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Wisconsin keep their shelves stocked with food for those in need. But Meijer also fosters a sense of community by encouraging customers to purchase \$10 *Simply Give* donation cards, which are then converted into food-only gift cards and given to the local food pantries to provide much-needed food.

Thank you to Meijer, their employees, and to everyone who donates through the *Simply Give* program. We appreciate your support of our neighbors in need.



# CLM Financial Statement

(preliminary, unaudited)

## Revenue 2022-23

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Total Donation Revenue | \$176,422        |
| Total Grant Revenue    | \$137,622        |
| Total Other Revenue    | \$76,606         |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>   | <b>\$390,690</b> |

## Expenses 2022-23

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Total Payroll Expense          | \$269,694        |
| Total Food Pantry Expense      | \$28,190         |
| Total Recovery Program Expense | \$6,239          |
| Total Operating Expense        | \$129,256        |
| <b>Total Expense</b>           | <b>\$433,379</b> |

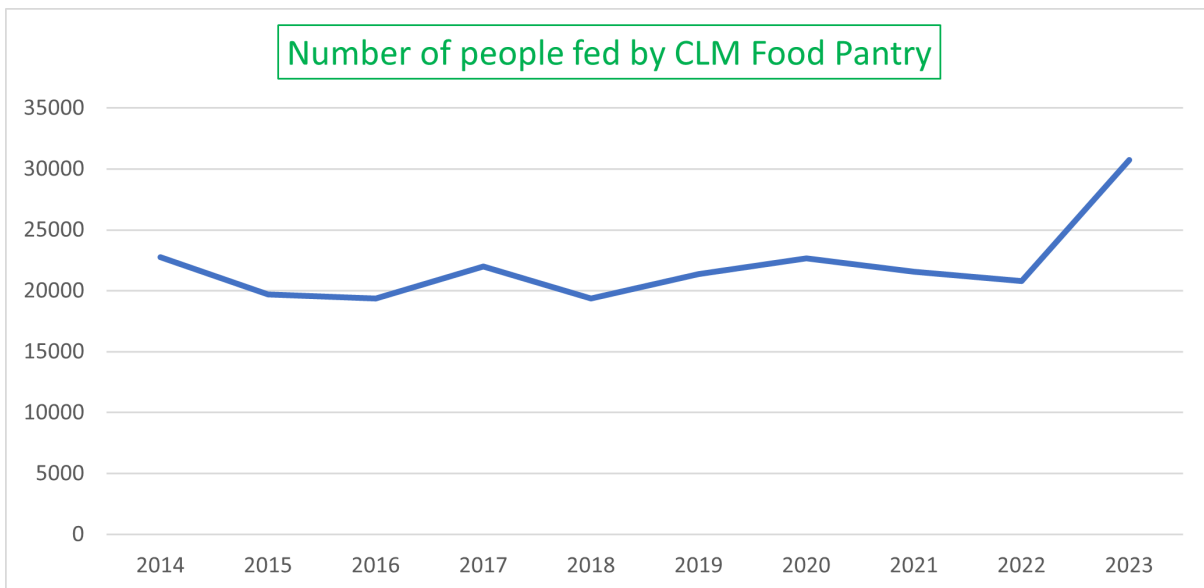
**Net Loss** **\$-42,689**

Meritrust Wealth Management - Value as of 6/30/23 - \$481,972

Meritrust Wealth Management - Value as of 6/30/23 - \$114,254

## CLM Food Pantry by the Numbers

In the CLM Food Pantry, we had 14,658 client visits between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. That is 5,113 more client visits than in the previous fiscal year. When you add in the family members of those clients, we helped to feed 30,716 people during the year, which is 9,978 more than the year before. We gave away 608,870 pounds of food, which is 77,506 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 2022-23 we served a total of 26 residents in Bliss House. We had two women graduate from the program, and we have nine current residents. The average length of stay for graduates was 12 months.

During 2022-23, we served women from the following counties:

- ◆ Clark – 7 women = 27% of residents in Bliss House
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- ◆ Other counties include: Jefferson, Washington, Bartholomew, and Jefferson, KY – 12 women = 46% 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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| AIG Corporate                            | Cunningham, Georgia S. & H. Evan         | Kiwanis of Historic New Albany           |
| Albert B. Crush Co Inc                   | Curran, Kelley A                         | Knights of Columbus JFK-Ladies Auxiliary |
| American Commercial Lines LLC            | D.R.C. Industries Inc.                   | Kornell, Kevin & Judy                    |
| American Industrial Rubber Corp.         | Dare to Care Food Bank                   | Kraft, Nancy Jo                          |
| American Legion Auxiliary                | Darst, Deborah                           | Kroger                                   |
| Anderson, Tyrone                         | Dickson, Jo Carole & Sean E.             | Kulkarni, Nikhil                         |
| Andrews, Matilda & Jack                  | Dietrich-Osiecki, Krista & Eric Osiecki  | L & N Federal Credit Union Bank          |
| Anonymous Donor                          | Dietrich, Marianna                       | Lakes, Jane M. & Abigail L.              |
| Applegate, Betty Jean                    | Dubish, Trish                            | Lane, Ken & Lou Ann                      |
| Armistead, Patricia E.                   | Duke Energy Indiana, LLC                 | Larocca, Joseph                          |
| Avery, Jr., Duard B.                     | Eastern Heights Southern Baptist Church  | Laureate Beta Epsilon                    |
| Baker, III, Joseph O. & Linda L.         | Eastside Christian Church                | Lawrence, Lindsey                        |
| Bales Foundation, Inc.                   | Faith Lutheran Church                    | Leadership Southern Indiana              |
| Balmer, Timothy                          | First Baptist Church of Jeffersonville   | Lee, Ralph T. & Marilyn B.               |
| Banbury, Jack & M B                      | First Christian Church of Jeffersonville | Leslie, Beverly W.                       |
| Baumgartle, Brian & Kimberly             | First Presbyterian Church                | Leverett, Randy D. & Sandra J.           |
| Becher, Jayne                            | Fleece, Steven M. or Pamela S.           | Lewis, Sandra W.                         |
| Biondo, Mike                             | Frontstream                              | Louisville & Indiana Railroad Company    |
| Blau, Cecile A.                          | Geo. Pfau's Sons Company, Inc.           | Lyttle, Brenda S. & Howard D.            |
| Blue Lick Christian Church               | Gillenwater, Betty J.                    | Marables, Troy                           |
| Bottorff, L. Carlene                     | GiveGab.com                              | Martin, William R. & Julia A.            |
| Brewster, Barbara & Howard               | Grier, Paul & Susan                      | Mattson, Luanne                          |
| Brinkop, Christian or Stacey T.          | Hall, Carolyn                            | McAndrews, Charlene                      |
| Brown, Kara D. & Keith A.                | Hardaway, Peggy                          | McCarthy, Valerie & John                 |
| Bryant, Jeff                             | Hardin, Jesse                            | McCoy, Rebecca J. & Alan L.              |
| Caesars Foundation of Floyd County       | Harp, James & Teresa                     | Meijer Stores                            |
| Campbell Soup Company                    | Hartley, C. Randall & Alice B.           | Mentzer, Richard                         |
| Centra Credit Union                      | Harwood, Roseann                         | Metro United Way, Inc.                   |
| Charlestown Christian Church             | Haueter, Richard                         | Meyer, Jr., Scott L.                     |
| Christ Gospel Churches Int'l Inc.        | Henryville Community Presbyterian Church | Millanti, Carl E.                        |
| Christman, Loren A. & Mona K. & Kevin A. | Hill, Linda                              | Moakler, Kenneth R. & Theresa A.         |
| City of Jeffersonville                   | Holland, David                           | Morrill, Timothy E. & Bethany A.         |
| Clark Memorial Hospital                  | Holtman, Christine                       | Mt. Lebanon Presbyterian Church          |
| Clark, Kaye                              | Howard, Dr. James E.                     | National Christian Foundation Indiana    |
| Clark, Neyland G. & Diane M.             | Hoyland, Christa R. & Robert W.          | Network for Good                         |
| Clifford, Rita                           | Inner Plant Systems, Inc.                | Norris, Katherine                        |
| Cody Family LLC                          | J & J Pallet                             | Nunn, William B. & Carolyn K.            |
| Community Foundation of Louisville       | Jeffersonville Elks Lodge 362            | O'Daniel, Tamalynn                       |
| Community Foundation of Southern IN      | Jeffersonville Urban Enterprise          | Odle, Tom & Linda                        |
| Community of Christ - New Albany         | Jenkins, Julia                           | Ohio Falls United Methodist Church       |
| Cook Memorial United Methodist Church    | Johnson, Rebecca                         | Palmquist, Steven K. & Nancy N.          |
| Cooper, Tracy G. & Judy N.               | Kappa Kappa Kappa Inc.                   | Payne, Jr. Sheri & William               |
| Couch, David P. & Lavon M.               | Karle, Coleen                            |  |
| Cox, Caroll D.                           | Kellem, Ronald L. & N. Jane              |  |

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(Includes Donations of \$100+)

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| Pfau, Jr., Norman E.       | Southeast Christian Church         | UBS Financial Services              |
| Pfau, Norman E., III       | Sparrow, James B. & Ellen Pfau     | Unknown                             |
| Pfister, Sharon P.         | Spencer, Greg                      | US Bank Foundation                  |
| Phillips, Anne             | St Augustine's Church              | VanCleave, Amy                      |
| Platt, Carl                | St. Luke's United Church of Christ | Very, Lawrence E. & Barbara         |
| Presbyterian Foundation    | St. Paul's Episcopal Church        | Vissing, Patrick                    |
| Progressive Realty, LLC    | Stanton, Katherine K. & Jim M.     | Vogler, Judy P.                     |
| Rife, Scott & Veronica     | Steel Dynamics, Inc.               | Vogt, Jr., Samuel H. & June M.      |
| Robertson, Jerry & Linda   | Stemler, Thomas E. or Patricia E.  | Walker, James                       |
| Sacred Heart Church        | Stony Point Christian Church       | Wall Street United Methodist Church |
| Sanders, Carla L.          | Sturgeon, Chris & Debbie           | Wanke, Deborah                      |
| Schladand, Charles & Patsy | The Benevity Community Impact Fund | Weber, Pamela & Edward              |
| Seawright, Norman & Lou    | The Duke Energy Foundation Inc     | Whobrey, Wanda                      |
| Seifers, Kim               | Thomas, Carolyn (Kaye)             | Wilson, James                       |
| Shaw, Phyllis              | Thrivent, Heidi Currey with        | Wright, Georgianna & Bruce          |
| Sjogren, Leonard           | Treasurer Clark County, Indiana    | Young, Margaret L. & David A.       |
| Smith, Janice              | Treasurer Floyd County, Indiana    | Your Cause, LLC                     |
|                            |                                    | Zoeller, Edward J.                  |



Thank you to the **Caesars Foundation of Floyd County** for their generous grant donation to the CLM Bliss House. The Caesars Foundation donated \$10,000 which will be used to provide recovery treatment, life skills, and housing services to female Floyd County residents in the Bliss House program. Renee Nadeau, Caesars Foundation Board Member, Stephanie Satterly, Bliss House Assistant Director, Tiffany Mullinix, Bliss House Director, and Josh Kornberg, Caesars Foundation Executive Director, are shown at the check presentation.



Thanks to BOSE in Jeffersonville and their employees for the huge donation of food to fill our shelves at the CLM Food Pantry! You are awesome and we appreciate your support of our neighbors in need!



# CLM Board Members for 2022-23

- Chris Sturgeon - **Board Chair**
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- Kelley Curran - **Past Chair**
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- Amy VanCleave



Jeffersonville Police Sergeant Amber Tharp delivered the donations from Jeffersonville Sav A Lot's Cram the Cruiser event this week. They collected over 500 pounds of food for the CLM Food Pantry. We are so grateful to Sergeant Tharp, Sav A Lot, and everyone who donated!



The Community Foundation of Southern Indiana donated a \$5,000 grant to the CLM Bliss House. We appreciate your continued support of our Bliss House program. Thank you!



Thanks to our friends from Centra Credit Union for volunteering their time to do spring cleaning on the CLM property! They weeded, planted flowers and put down mulch as part of Metro United Way's Mayor's Give A Day Program in April.



Thank you to the Northaven Elementary School Student Council for holding a food drive for the CLM Food Pantry. They collected nearly 1,500 pounds of food. That's awesome!

# CLM Staff

Kara Brown, Executive Director  
Tiffany Mullinix, Director of Bliss House  
Stephanie Satterly, Bliss House Assistant Director  
Julie Lee, Food Pantry Manager  
Dana Busby, Bookkeeper  
Jacquelyn Leonard, Bliss House Resident Assistant  
Susie Cooke, Volunteer Coordinator



## 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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