

2015

have mercy



Mission

Our mission is to reflect the compassion of Christ to homeless families in Montcalm and Ionia counties.

Purpose

Our purpose is to keep homeless families intact and off the street, show them they are loved and valued by God, and encourage their spiritual growth as they work toward self-sufficiency.

Vision

Our vision is that all homeless families in Montcalm and Ionia counties have access to temporary shelter, food, and the assistance needed to rebuild their lives.

Bread of Life Pantry

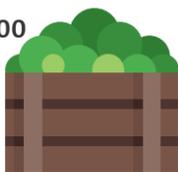
The BOL Pantry was truly blessed in 2015!

We received \$5500 in grants and \$7400 in cash donations from people like you. We use it to buy food at the food bank for .16-.22c per #.



The garden produced more than 4,500 lbs. of fresh, healthy produce!

AND we received literally tons of donated food, giving us a total donated poundage of 36,725#'s...



This year, the Pantry served. . . .



. . . .3955 prepared food boxes that fed more than 12,800 people!

. . . .373 new households that had never been to our pantry before



. . . .and 150 holiday meal boxes, complete with a ham or turkey

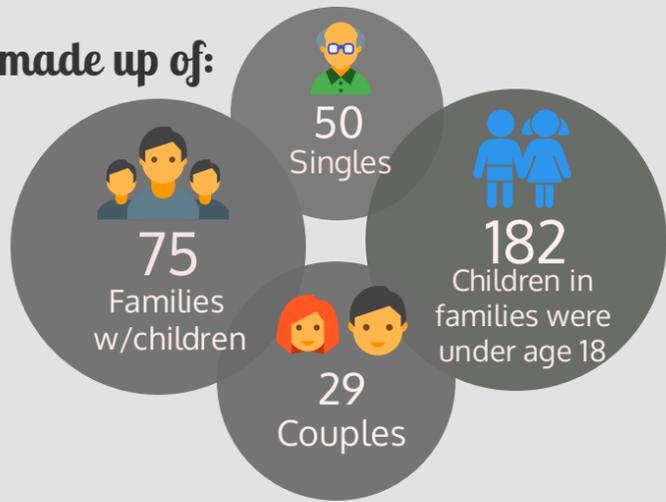
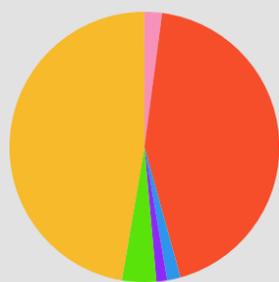
THANK YOU to everyone that supported the pantry in 2015. We had a really great year!

Emergency Shelter & Supports

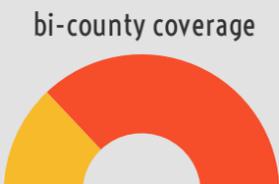
have mercy served 154 unique households made up of:

51 out of 154 households secured permanent housing!!
That's 33%

the cost of compassion



Supports include:
*food *laundry
*clothing *Rx
*transportation



bi-county coverage

Ionia County - 40 HH
Montcalm County - 114 HH

AT THE END OF THE DAY, DOES IT REALLY MATTER? YES! YES, IT DOES!

I'd like to tell you an awesome story of success. A huge success where the situation looked hopeless. We were privileged to work with several agencies in assisting an couple nearing retirement age that became homeless. *John had lost his job of 30 years when the factory relocated to Mexico. He struggled to maintain employment with temporary jobs while taking care of his wife *Jen through her moderate health issues.

When we met them, they were staying with their son and his family, but were not able to continue due to overcrowding. We provided emergency shelter and food, employment and housing searches and got them on a housing voucher list. Eventually, they capped out of our motel program as well as every other resource we could find. We provided them with a tent that they put up at a friend's house. John found a job, but lost it when Jen got pneumonia and had to be hospitalized. She then suffered a stroke and was transferred into long-term care. This couple was in dire straits and we couldn't find the solution.

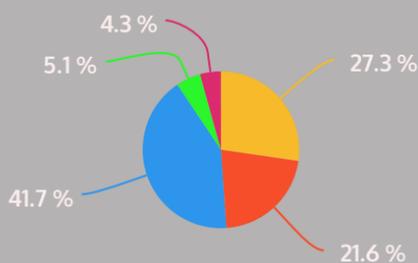
Just when you think that all is lost, our couple received their housing voucher. Then, an apartment opened up and they were next on that list for housing. And because of their circumstances, a disability agency paid their deposit and bought them furniture. Then, we received a timely donation of household goods to round out what they needed to set up a home.

This couple went through a lot of issues and they literally needed a miracle to get housed. We did everything we could, and it wasn't enough. But God worked the miracle and allowed us to play a part in His work. It is our honor to be His servants as He works through us in providing for those in need, and we give Him all the glory. His timing is perfect. Always.

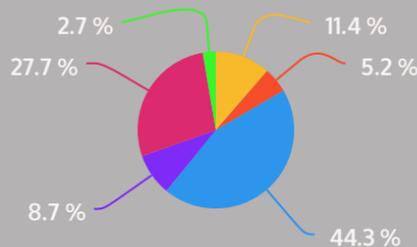
Thank you to our volunteers and everyone that has supported have mercy and Bread of Life Pantry. We simply cannot do this work without you. May the Lord bless you richly in all that you do!

2015 Financials at a Glance

Total Income



Total Expenses



Grants - \$51,966 Contributions - \$41,162 Administration - \$20,539 Capital Expenses - \$9,359
In-Kind Donations - \$79,693 Fundraising - \$9,655 Food Donations Outgoing - \$79,693
Rental Income - \$8,200 Bread of Life Pantry - \$15,667 Shelter/Case Management - \$49,857 Fundraising - \$4,797