

# 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

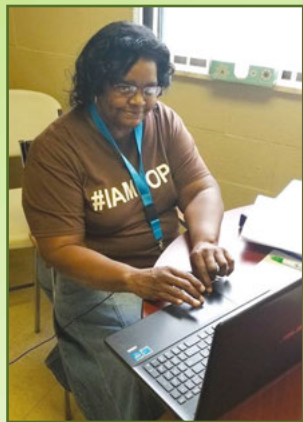


*Serving our neighbors in need for 37 years*



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## Emergency Services 423 families served

Many of our clients this year found themselves in crisis solely due to the pandemic; we partnered with the Buhl Regional Health Foundation to assist our neighbors with an additional \$20,000 in COVID-19 relief.



## Family Supportive Services 42 people served

We assisted 11 women, 11 men, and 20 children throughout the year as they learned and grew as families and became more stable, sustainable households together.



## Food Program 750 food bags given per month

Our monthly food distribution list serves an average of 350 families per month. The Community Food Warehouse put together food boxes for distribution to replace our traditional food bags through the summer months.

## Soup Kitchen 6,637 meals served

In the absence of volunteers, Center staff members prepared and packaged take-out meals throughout the year. We welcomed back some of our cooks and servers in the summer!



## FROM OUR DIRECTOR

*2020 is in the books as a year of constant change for our community, and here at the Center we focused on adaptability, so that we could better serve our neighbors in need. We looked for ways to meet those needs safely and efficiently. We saw a 48% increase in clients seeking assistance with rent and utility payments through emergency services, and a 23% increase in meals served through our*

*soup kitchen, and we adjusted throughout the year to serve these populations, with the help of additional grant funding and other community support.*

*The Center has also seen many changes within the building, and we invite you to visit when it is safe for you to do so and enjoy our updates! The front of the building and prayer grotto also received some much-needed attention.*





## **Bowl-a-thon Fundraiser**

**\$9,632.55 raised**

The 20th annual Bowl-a-thon took place in February and we filled the lanes! We are humbled by the support our community shows each year through this event.



## **Mission Thrift Store**

**1,351 customers served**

Though we were closed for almost two months in spring and early summer, the Thrift Store made a record number of sales this year, bringing in over \$23,000 to help serve clients in our other programs.

*As we move into 2021, know that Prince of Peace Center will continue to strive to meet the needs of our community. With the help and support of all those who believe and share in our mission, we hope to make this the best year it can possibly be.*

*Thank you!*  
*Jennifer Wallace, CEO*

Marjorie B was accepted into the HOPE Advocacy program in February. She lives with her two daughters, ages 14 and 6. When she came to the Center, she felt as if her life was in total shambles, and she needed help to be able to “get things in order” and maintain a more stable structure for herself and her children. She struggled with prioritizing, in part due to a history of alcohol and mental health issues. Once she joined the program, her case manager was able to connect her to mental health services and help her find resources to continue addressing her personal struggles. She was also able to enroll one of her daughters, who has autism, in supportive services; her daughter now has a TSS worker and has improved in behavior and communication as a result. Marjorie’s next goal is obtaining a car and insurance, because reliable transportation will be a huge benefit in the stability of her life and her children’s lives. She feels her problems and crises seem more manageable now that she knows she has a case manager she can turn to for help when things feel overwhelming. Through our calls and virtual meetings, we notice that she seems less stressed and more capable of moving forward even when struggles arise.

## *success stories*

Mark P first came to the Center through the Emergency Services program. He had hitchhiked to our area from his former home in West Virginia, and faced several crises: homelessness, unemployment, and very few essentials (clothing, food, etc). With the help of our programs he was able to transfer his benefits to PA, apply for permanent housing, and sign up with our food pantry. Using our crisis assistance funding, Mark obtained new clothing and shoes appropriate for job searching; he found additional clothing through our Thrift Store! Mark joined the FAITH Advocacy in July. Within a week of joining the program, he received news that his son, living out of the area, had overdosed on heroin. Distraught, he reached out to his case manager for support. Both his FAITH case manager and the Emergency Services case manager were able to offer him help and resources to deal with his overwhelming grief.



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### DONATE NOW

All of your monetary donations stay local and assist families in the Mercer County area who come to us in need. Thank you for thinking of us and supporting our mission! You may send a check through regular mail or use the link provided to donate online.



### GIVE FOR THE FUTURE

Join our Circle of Friends! For \$10 a month (or as much as you choose), you will join other neighbors who care in helping keep families fed and sheltered in our community. Make sure you change your donation to “recurring” and designate it for the Circle!



<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/popc>

### MEMORIAL BRICKS

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Now you can help Prince of Peace Center to fulfill its mission while remembering loved ones or commemorating special occasions. For a donation of \$100, an engraved brick will be placed in the Memorial Grotto and Garden outside the Center.

This peaceful garden provides a space for contemplation and quiet enjoyment of God’s many gifts to us, and will continue to exist as a spiritual and calming place for years to come. All profits from donations designated for bricks are used to assist those in our community with emergency needs and concerns.

### GIVE IN PERPETUITY

Through a donation to the Sister Benita Repasky Endowment Fund, you can ensure that our community will know your support for years to come. Donations to the endowment can be made at any time, including through end of life proceedings or through an estate.

<https://catholicfoundationwpa.salsalabs.org/cfsrbenitarepaskyendowmentdonationform/index.html>

