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2022 YEAR IN REVIEW



Serving our neighbors in need for 39 years

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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!

GIVING THROUGH ESTATE PLANNING

If you haven't already provided for Prince of Peace Center in your estate plans, please put it on your “to do” list. Contact the Center Finance Office at (724) 346-5777 x140 for more information.

Your donation will
help a family stay
**fed, safe,
and healthy.**



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

MEMORIAL BRICKS

Two lines with a maximum of 12 characters on each line
(including spaces).

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://catholicfoundationnwp.salsalabs.org/cfsrbenitarepaskyendowmentdonationform/index.html>



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Family Supportive Services

In 2022, the Crisis Assistance program helped with \$12,060.00 of emergency payments toward rent, utilities, transportation, and health needs. We continue to connect our clients with other community resources and work together to help them face crises and establish routines and practices that will keep them stable in the future.



Volunteers

We welcomed many new and familiar faces to our volunteer opportunities this year! Several new groups worked particularly hard at Christmas time to assist with our food and toy distribution, and we can't thank our regular cooking and serving volunteers enough for all the love and blessings they bring to the Center. Our volunteers worked over 11,000 hours, and it's very clear that we would be lost without them!

success stories

Da'trice is a 43-year-old single mom to four children. She currently works as a long-term structured case manager at George Junior Republic. She came to the Center in crisis, facing an electricity shutoff after an accident totaled her car, and the need to purchase a new car to keep her job caused her to miss utility payments. In collaboration with George Jr. Republic, Prince of Peace Center's crisis assistance specialists worked with Da'trice on making the full back payment. She and her children are very thankful that both agencies could work together on her behalf, and that she can maintain her employment without worrying about losing power at home.

Emily was referred to Prince of Peace Center by the Mercer County Behavioral Health Coalition (BHC). She was homeless, with an infant to care for, and trying to apply for housing. She came through our crisis assistance program, needing a copy of her birth certificate and a state ID in order to finish the housing application process. The crisis assistance specialists were able to assist her, and her case manager from BHC took her to Mercer to obtain her documents. A week later, Emily reported she was approved and moving into her apartment.

AWESOME Program

The Assistance With Education, Shelter, Organization, Money management, and Employment (AWESOME) Program now includes one-day life skills classes as well as multi-session classes on a variety of topics. Our big hit in 2022 was an adult class on basic car maintenance! We also held Mindful Mondays classes for youth, which we plan to continue in collaboration with other agencies. The AWESOME program distributed \$11,700.00 in stipend awards to our participants this year.



Food Program

Our supplemental food pantry continues to be busy, and we distributed 10,703 bags of food last year. Families that sign up for regular monthly bags receive dry goods, canned goods, meat, and dairy when available. We also offer emergency food bags between 10:00 and 1:00 every day.



Special Project: Bombas Socks

For the first time, we applied for and received an incredible amount of Bombas Socks of all sizes to give away to our neighbors in need! With help from our local schools, VFWs, American Legions, and other agencies, we were able to distribute 4,655 pairs of socks to children at 9 elementary schools and 2 housing communities, and to veterans and others in need during local community events.



Soup Kitchen

In 2022, we held 91 community kitchen dinners, with approximately 120 meals given out per day. We made the decision to continue serving all meals as take-away instead of dine-in; in this way, we can reach many more families per service day. Anyone is welcome to come pick up a meal!



Mission Thrift Store

The donated items sold in our thrift store in 2022 raised over \$26,000.00, which funds our other programs directly and allows us to help even more families in need! We served 1,306 customers and we also gifted over \$9,500.00 in clothing, household goods, and furniture to more than 300 families in need.



FROM OUR DIRECTOR

On behalf of the staff of the Center, the Board of Directors, and Catholic Charities Inc., thank you for your continued support. We could not continue the mission and work at the Center without such a responsive community. The last several years have brought our neighbors new, unexpected challenges, and Prince of Peace Center has grown and changed to rise to meet them. We never closed our doors; our staff came together and worked "wherever and whenever needed" to assist our neighbors in adjusting to and maintaining a safe, healthy environment. We look forward to collaborating with several other local agencies

this year for enhancing our services, including HopeCAT and the Buhl Club. Through several different grants in 2022, we were able to make updates and upgrades to our building and grounds, and we can say with confidence that Prince of Peace Center is a facility we are proud to walk into every morning. Truly, the good work at the Center could never be accomplished without the kindness and the willing hands of our neighbors. We invite you to visit the Center and see our mission in action at any time!

Thank you!

Jennifer Wallace, CEO

