



# THE COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

WORKING HARD FOR THE WORKING POOR

*Our Mission— To increase the economic self-sufficiency of people experiencing poverty in the Midlands through crisis assistance and sustainability programs*

# TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS

## In Memoriam

The Cooperative Ministry lost a board member, friend and colleague with the death of C. Marshall Kibler in March 2016. Marshall, our Vice Chairperson and incoming Board Chairperson, was known for his business acumen, which helped to guide The Cooperative Ministry's operations for over five years. His absence is deeply felt by everyone he touched through his service to our community.



## From the Executive Director

As a result of the flooding disaster of October 2015, the number of persons receiving our crisis assistance services in the first 6 months of fiscal year 2015-16 was 60% higher than the number served during the previous year.



The immediacy of a natural disaster can overshadow the day-to-day hardships that cause people to seek our help. Our clients hold low- to moderate-wage jobs in retail sales, social services, health care, food processing, food service, public education, and government. Earnings from employment have not kept pace with costs for housing, utilities, and food.

We average 110 telephone calls and 45 walk-in requests each day for assistance to meet basic human needs. Our response to the need would not be possible without generous support from individual donors and the faith, business, and philanthropic communities.

This report offers a look at our part in helping economically vulnerable families achieve some measure of stability. We invite you to visit, call, or write us if you would like additional information.

Beth H. Irick

## 2016 Board of Directors

### OFFICERS

- Joseph Horne, Chairperson
- C. Marshall Kibler, Vice Chairperson
- Carmen Smoak, Secretary
- Steven Hicks, Treasurer

### MEMBERSHIP

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| Reggie Alexander    | Stephen Mitchell   |
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## 2016 Congregational Advisory Committee

- Beth Shalom Synagogue
- Eastminster Presbyterian
- Forest Lake Presbyterian
- First Baptist
- First Presbyterian
- Sandhills Community Church
- Shandon Baptist
- Shandon Presbyterian
- Shandon United Methodist
- St. John Baptist
- St. Martins in the Fields Episcopal
- Trenholm Road United Methodist
- Trinity Cathedral
- Washington St. United Methodist

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



The Cooperative Ministry provided over 19,200 services to help 13,436 men, women, and children thrive beyond crisis in the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2016. In addition to our usual Crisis Assistance services, we distributed clothing, food, household supplies, and hygiene kits to thousands of residents who were affected by the flooding disaster of October 2015.

**Table 1: Summary of services provided in FY2015-16**

Service Category	Service Count	Impacts
<b>Crisis Assistance</b>		
<b>Food Pantry/Voucher/Snack Pack</b>	1,492	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevented homelessness and hunger for 1,485 families</li> <li>• Collected and distributed over 2,000 winter coats in partnership with Jim Hudson Automotive Group, Tripp's Fine Cleaners, and WIS-TV 10</li> <li>• Stuffed 93 suitcases with new clothing and toys for children at Epworth Children's Home with donations and volunteers from Buchanan Construction Services</li> </ul>
<b>Clothing</b>	3,080	
<b>Utility Payment</b>	290	
<b>Rent/Mortgage Payment</b>	341	
<b>Household Furnishings &amp; Supplies</b>	162	
<b>Hygiene Kit</b>	2,347	
<b>Financial Sustainability</b>		
<b>Tax Return Preparation</b>	6,208	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surpassed target of 5,882 returns for the year</li> <li>• Returned \$3.3 million in tax refunds and credits for households to spend and invest in the local community</li> </ul>
<b>Financial Literacy Education</b>	40	
<b>Health Benefits Programs</b>		
<b>Medical, Dental, &amp; Vision Co-pays</b>	846	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitated access to health care for 1,289 heads of household</li> <li>• Reduced the public health burden of chronic HIV disease</li> </ul>
<b>Health Insurance Premium Assistance</b>	2,707	
<b>Medical Transportation</b>	1,675	
<b>Insurance Enrollment Assistance</b>	374	

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY (AUDITED BY THE HOBBS GROUP, P.A.)

## Statement of Revenues & Expenditures— FY 2015 - 2016

### REVENUES

Congregational Donations	\$ 140,508.09
Individual Donations	\$ 266,654.12
Business Donations	\$ 65,964.47
Foundation Donations	\$ 148,000.00
United Way Designations	\$ 17,419.96
Government Grants	\$ 2,506,903.80
Private Grants	\$ 415,227.29
Vehicle Sales	\$ 27,852.00
Fundraisers/Other Income	\$ 7,112.60
Interest Income	\$ 116.20
Rental Income	\$ 29,984.99
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,625,743.52</b>

### EXPENSES

Utilities Assistance	\$ 76,287.27
Rent/Mortgage Assistance	\$ 199,690.58
Medical Assistance	\$ 13,154.69
Medical Insurance Premium Assistance	\$ 1,883,697.87
Dental Care Expense Assistance	\$ 225,625.00
Transportation Expense Assistance	\$ 39,041.22
Autos For Opportunities Program Expenses	\$ 5,927.26
Other Client Services	\$ 13,682.07
Salaries	\$ 723,756.87
Operating Expenses	\$ 320,143.79
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,501,006.62</b>

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS \$ 124,736.90**

### VALUE OF IN-KIND DONATIONS

- The fair market values of vehicles that were donated to Autos for Opportunities was \$46,519. The proceeds from vehicle sales are included in total revenue.
- Donated items such as clothing, furniture, and household furnishings were valued as thrift shop items and were excluded from total revenue.
- Community volunteers and college interns contributed 3,341.25 hours of service, which was valued at \$47,373. Although the value of volunteer time is excluded from total revenue, we are grateful for their support.



RetireEase volunteers stocked and organized our food pantry

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