

Impact Report

2023



Greensburg Community
BREAD OF LIFE

MATTHEW 25:35

Hello friends of GCBOL,

The year 2023 has been a real joy in our Bread of Life home at 720 Randall Street. Everything has its place and is not difficult to find. Donations can be accommodated easier. Staff and volunteers are finding it uncomplicated to work in this environment. At dinner time, the patrons are filling up the dining room and some are enjoying the socialization with each other. You can tell it is a highlight of their day. We have come to realize this place is a vital part of daily life for many being in community with each other, it is a reminder of God's love. That realization of community can touch your heart in different ways at this place. I see community leaders having breakfast in here every Thursday morning at 6:30 when the Optimist Club meets. I see church members taking a donation to sponsor something on our wish list. I see wisdom being offered over chopping tomatoes and I have seen a scared face not want to face the day alone, walk on in through our doors.

The name Greensburg Community Bread of Life has the sense of belonging to it. I hope when anyone hears the name, they feel they are a part of it, whether that is a donor, a volunteer, or a patron. How amazing it is to me to offer a place of community. We are created to be with others. Conversations can happen here, people need people to hold them accountable, to offer counsel, to pray with, to encourage and to teach. We trust our Lord to use us as He needs, so we can be community for each other.

Greensburg Community Bread of Life cares about someone falling on hard times. We live in a time where busyness can consume you but living in a community that cares about someone not having enough to eat is a community I want to belong to. Where you step inside and you feel the same as anyone else, you are not singled out, you belong.

I thank you for being a wonderful part of what makes this place beautiful for many, many lives.

Blessings ahead,
Melissa



Volunteer of the Year



WOW! What excitement was in the air at our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet which is held in April. Our volunteers and guests were certainly "All Shook Up" as Elvis hit the stage as our featured entertainment for the evening. Our volunteers enjoyed a wonderful meal which included some of the "King's" favorites.

Marilyn Woods was honored as the 2023 Bread of Life Volunteer of the Year! Marilyn has been a faithful volunteer of the kitchen since 2005, putting in 438.75 hours over the years. As a member of First Presbyterian Church, she has been instrumental in organizing a group of ladies (and sometimes, men) to serve dinner on the first Monday of each month. This church has a heart for the mission field in Greensburg, Indiana.



Sharing the Dining Room with Friends

We needed more room for our kitchen to better serve those dealing with food insecurity. We love our space - staff and volunteers have room to safely prepare the food we serve, the dining room offers a larger area for those dining in.

The increased space in our dining room has also brought us a new opportunity - sharing it with friends. Over this past year, we have welcomed many groups to our dining room: Greensburg Optimist Club weekly breakfast, Greensburg Rotary Lunch & Service Project, The Rock Bible Study, Greensburg Investors Club, Philanthropic Educational Organization, and the new Grounds for Change quarterly coffee meeting.

If you need a space to meet, contact Melissa at 812-663-1055 for scheduling.



"To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given and they will have an abundance."

Matthew 25:29

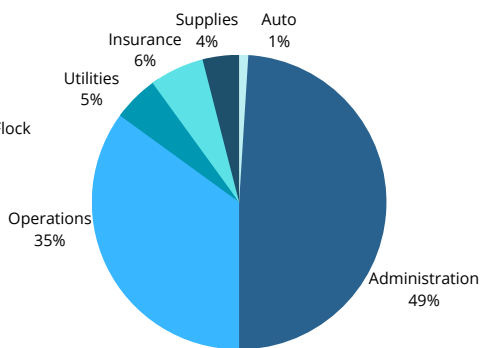
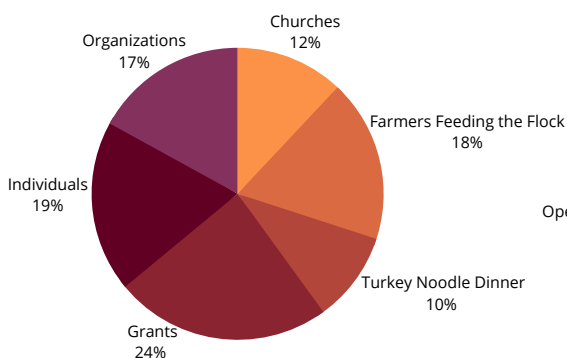
Thank You!

As we carry out our mission every day, know that your contribution - financial, food, clothing, time, or prayer - makes it possible to do what we do. The support of our community - YOU - the individuals, churches, organizations, and businesses - makes it happen! We thank you!!

Our mission:
Faithfully serving together to meet our neighbors in need.

2023 Financial Summary*

**financials from September 2022 - August 2023*



Revenue

Grants	\$86,000.00
Farmers Feeding the Flock	\$64,006.50
Turkey Noodle Dinner	\$36,902.58
Individual Donations	\$69,552.94
Organization Donations	\$61,567.39
Church donations	\$41,752.70

Expenses

Auto	\$1,446.81
Insurance	\$18,514.00
Supplies	\$11,858.94
Utilities	\$16,113.19
Operations	\$106,221.09
Administration	\$150,983.22

Total Revenue \$359,782.11

Total Expenses \$305,048.44



Upon opening our doors in January 2022, we knew we wanted to do more with the space we had. RISE encourages ALL members of Greensburg and the Decatur County community to join us for classes designed to cover a variety of topics. We are happy to present all classes at no charge to the participants.

Classes for 2023 included small engine tune-up, cell phone 101, personal safety, cooking class, and crockpot creations. Check out next year's line-up and register on our website.

RISE classes are held the first Thursday of each month. They start promptly at 6 PM and end at 7 PM.



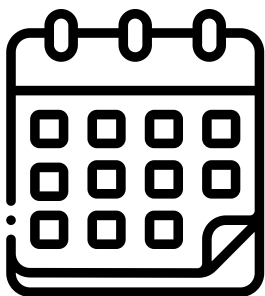
Reach. Take courage and grow.



Schedule

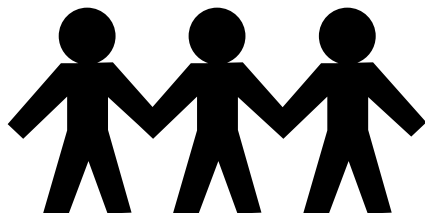
- Jan. 4 Chair Yoga & Supplements
- Feb. 1 Money Basics
- Mar. 14 Gardening
- Apr. 4 Small Engine Tune-Up
- May 2 Personal Safety
- Jun. 6 Cooking with Melissa
- Jul. 11 Cell Phone 101
- Aug. 1 Food Preservation
- Sep. 5 Baby Care
- Oct. 3 Cooking with Melissa
- Nov. 7 First Aid/CPR
- Dec. 5 Surprise!





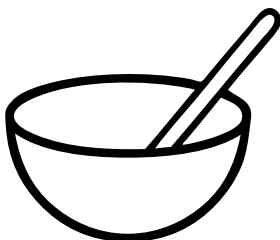
151

serving days



1,116

individuals used
BOL services



28,464

meals served

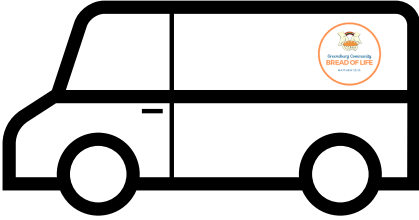


2,388

blessing boxes
distributed

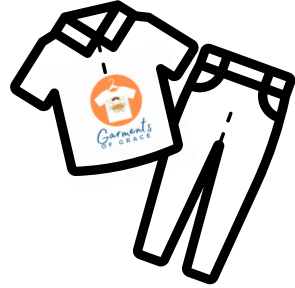
**numbers from September 2022 - August 2023*





203,052

pounds of food/goods
rescued/donated



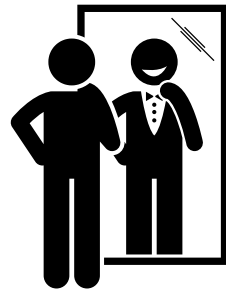
4,085

pounds of new or gently
used clothing donated



7,268

volunteer hours



135

clients served

**numbers from September 2022 - August 2023*



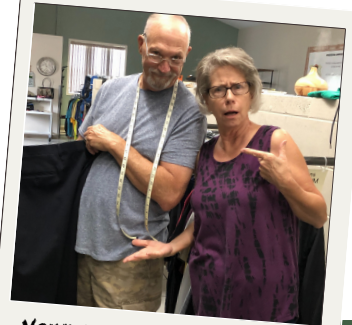
As an extension of what we offer, Garments of Grace was formed to help those in need of clothing - for interviews, life events, emergencies, and other circumstances. Garments of Grace provides free adult clothing to both men and women in need.



We accept partner agency referrals and schedule appointments for clothing assistance. To better manage inventory, we also host “no appointment” days.

We accept donations of in-season, gently used like-new clothing or new clothing. If we get clothing we can not use, we pass it along to other agencies.

Thank you for the generous donations we have received so far. The community has shown up for this ministry.



**Volunteers, Joe & Kathleen
ham it up!**

“ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

Matthew 25: 35 - 36 ”

We use the word “dignity” often in our organization. The bigger dining room in our kitchen gives our patrons dignity when eating. Dignity is carried over to the Garments of Grace. When a referral is made, a client is called to gather more information: reason clothing is needed, sizes, style preferences, etc., so the fitting is personalized. Before the appointment, several outfits are assembled based upon these preferences and hung in the fitting room. During the appointment, each client tries on each outfit to ensure a proper fitting. At the end of the appointment, the client leaves with 2-3 new outfits plus new undergarments. Since opening, we have outfitted over 130 clients, they appreciate the individual attention they receive. Often they come into the dining room for a meal wearing their new outfits, eager to show us how good they look.

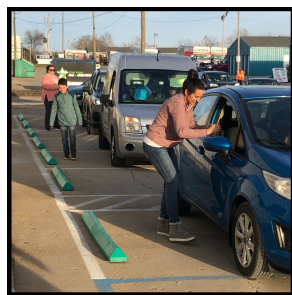
They each embody
Look Your Best to Be
Your Best.



The 16th Annual Turkey Noodle Drive-Thru Dinner

On March 2, 2023, the kitchen was bustling as we prepared the final elements of our Turkey Noodle Drive-Thru Dinner. Cars started lining up early as they eagerly anticipated our famous delicious turkey noodle dinner. Preparations start in August as teams of “noodle makers” begin making the noodles needed for that day. Apple peelers start rolling in August as well as the pie filling is made. The grocery list for this event includes 75 turkeys, 1,000 lbs. flour, 50 lbs. brown sugar, 105 lbs. butter, 800 lbs. canned green beans and more! This fundraiser wouldn’t be possible without the generous donations we receive from businesses, organizations, and individuals. On top of that are the countless volunteer hours needed to make the dinners.

THANK YOU for buying a ticket, sponsoring the campaign, volunteering to prepare, or simply just keeping this day in your prayers. We sold 2,297 meals and our profit was \$34,856. The Turkey Noodle Dinner is a success because of YOU!





FARMERS Feeding the Flock

Farmers Feeding the Flock has become one of our large annual fundraisers. This endeavor is a beautiful example of a partnership between our soup kitchen and local agricultural leaders to raise funds to feed the hungry.

How it works:

- A local farmer provides acreage for planting.
- Bread of Life asks for in-kind gifts from local agriculture businesses as well as donations from our donors to help offset the cost of soil preparation, planting, fertilization, and harvest.
- After the growing season, crops are harvested and sold.
- Greensburg Community Bread of Life then receives all net profits to support operational needs.

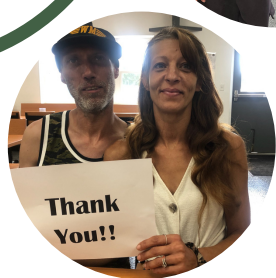
THANK YOU to Fogg Family Farms for donating the 30 acres of soybeans for our 6th Annual Farmers Feeding the Flock fundraiser. The field is located on SW60, just south of town.

We raised \$61,020.54 last year! We can't wait to see what this year's amount will be!





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*Our patrons say
thank you!*



Often during the end of the year we start to look around us and give thanks. If your heart leads you to give more, a financial donation can be mailed to PO Box 42, Greensburg, IN 47240. Or scan the QR code to donate online.

And always, prayers for our staff, volunteers and patrons are always needed and appreciated.



Bread of Life Staff



Melissa Foist
Executive Director



Shawn Terrell
Kitchen Assistant



Tina Sweeny
Volunteer Coordinator



Ashley Turner
Utility/Dish Attendant

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We are looking to add to our team. If you or someone you know are interested, please look on our webpage for the details. Or scan the QR code to the right. Another opportunity to reach others in our community.



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