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It takes a village to distribute the thousands of food orders to HCM's clients each year. Volunteers play a vital role in this operation. Over 85 volunteer coaches work with over 600 soccer players in HYR Fall Soccer.

## A Letter From Our President

Greetings to the Highlands Community!

Heading into HCM's second fifty years, like everyone else, we continued to fellowship, learn, and provide support in new ways - due to the ongoing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2021.



HCM Board President,  
Tom Coursen

- Childcare centers have returned to nearly full enrollment
- Highlands Youth Recreation had to forego spring and summer sports but returned to fall soccer with a near record number enrolled.
- Tai Chi, Yoga, and Watercolor Painting classes all resumed with appropriate precautions.
- Items for the Food Pantry and back to school effort were collected in two drives through donation events with tremendous support from the community.

This all happens because of the dedication of our staff, selfless volunteers, member congregations, and generous supporters. Due to the pandemic, we were unable to hold two signature fundraising events in 2021 – A Taste of the Highlands and Empty Bowls. To help HCM move successfully into 2022 and beyond, please consider a financial donation that will enable HCM continue assisting those in our community who need support.

It takes a village to do the work of a community ministry. And we are so grateful for our village: our friends, neighbors, and supporters in the Highlands and beyond.



## Who to Call

Food Pantry  
Tiffany Murphy, Coordinator  
x260

Emergency Financial Assistance  
Danah Smith, Director  
x213

Meals on Wheels  
Donna Douglas, Coordinator  
x206

Senior Outreach  
Leona Brooks, Social Services  
x250

Central Office and Assistance  
1228 E. Breckinridge St.  
(502) 451-3695  
Food Pantry Hours:  
Wed-Thu-Fri 10am-1pm

Event Space Rental  
Isaac Conn, Manager  
x228

Administrative Assistant  
Mary Beth Rother  
x200

Executive Director  
Troy Burden  
x202

Child Care Centers  
Debbie Spillane, Director  
  
Eastern Star  
(502) 458-8723  
917 Eastern Star Ct.  
Gigi Hildenbrand, Asst. Director

St. Paul UMC/Douglass Blvd. Christian  
(502) 458-3045  
Sanda Miodrag, Asst. Director

Highland Youth Recreation (HYR)  
(502) 671-9701  
Patrick Fitzgerald, Director

Highlands Court Apartments  
(502) 454-7395  
1720 Richmond Dr.  
Janet Lee, Manager

## How to Donate

- Mail a check, made out to Highlands Community Ministries, using the enclosed, self-addressed envelope
- Donate online via our website, [www.hcmlouisville.org](http://www.hcmlouisville.org)
- Drop off non-perishable food items or new, unopened personal care supplies to our Food Pantry, Wed-Thu-Fri between 10am - 1pm.



## It Takes a Village

HCM's Dare to Care Food Pantry serves Louisville residents in zip codes 40204, 40205, and parts of 40218. While the bulk of food comes from Dare to Care, other supplemental sources, including private and community donations and volunteers that literally carry the heavy loads, make all the difference in how many individuals and families we can help:



- Customers fill donation barrels at the Highlands Kroger and ValuMarket that come directly to HCM
- Near-expiring produce, meats, fresh foods, and baked goods are donated by Kroger and ValuMarket
- Near-expiring breads, pastries, and desserts are donated by Breadworks and Wiltshire Pantry
- Our Member Congregations host food and supplies drives at our request and regularly throughout the year
- Bonnycastle Homestead, Cherokee Triangle, & Highlands-Douglass Neighborhoods host food drives for HCM
- Two Men and a Truck donate two laborers to unload our monthly Dare to Care food order
- Paristown-Imagine a Place donates proceeds from monthly events to HCM
- Local artists donate their works to our annual fundraiser, Empty Bowls Hunger Benefit
- Local and regional restaurants and beverage companies donate fare and products and The Highland Commerce Guild partners with us to put on our fundraiser, A Taste of The Highlands, Mardi Gras!



Volunteers Cambron and Terrance (and accompanied by Chad) use the old HCM church van to bring weekly supplemental food from Dare to Care while Sonny picks up near-expired food and bread from Kroger a few times a week.



Food Type	Avg. Served Monthly
Food Order + Weekly Fresh Produce & Bread	400
Senior Commodities	80



Volunteers Vickey, Keith, and Chad help with weekly Dare to Care, Kroger, and ValuMarket donations. Not pictured are Marilyn and Jay who also help weekly.



Volunteers Dee, Linda, Tina, Janet, and Laura work weekly in the Food Pantry, stocking shelves, serving clients, and picking up donations.

## Client Spotlights



Since discovering HCM, it has been a constant in my life. Everyone is so welcoming and goes above and beyond to meet my needs. I've built great connections there. -Beth



HCM is always such a nice, happy place to come get food and visit with everyone. The atmosphere is warm and inviting and I don't know what I'd do without their help. -James

### FOOD PANTRY HOURS

MON	CLOSED
TUE	CLOSED
WED	10a - 1p
THU	10a - 1p
FRI	10a - 1p

## Unprecedented Emergency Relief

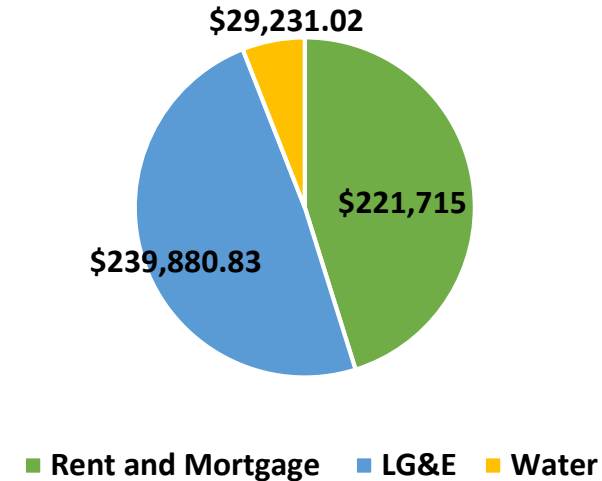
HCM's Emergency Financial Assistance Program has administered nearly one-half million dollars to help our clients with their rent and utility bills since the start of the pandemic. Typically funded through grants, congregational support, and private donations, this unprecedented pandemic relief was garnered through the CARES Act, FEMA, and other community foundations.

HCM's Individual and Family Assistance program serves Louisville residents in zip codes 40204, 40205, and parts of 40218. For help in other Louisville zip codes, visit [www.LouisvilleMinistries.org](http://www.LouisvilleMinistries.org).

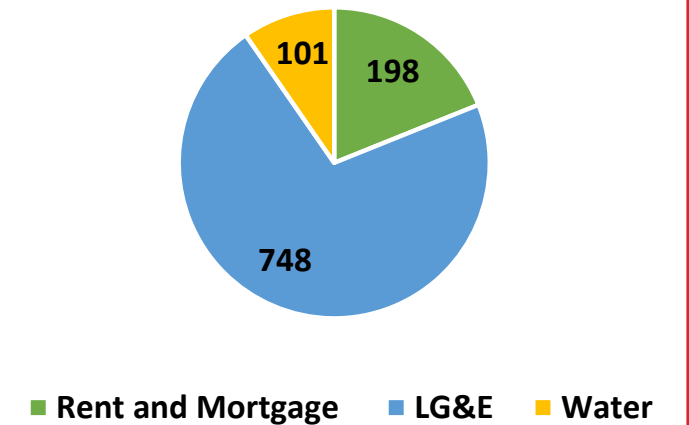


To find out if you are eligible for help, call Assistance Director, Danah Smith, to setup an appointment.

### \$490,826.85 of Covid-related Assistance Administered



### 1,050 Clients Served with Covid-related Assistance



When Covid hit and our neighbors most needed us, Louisville's Association of Community Ministries adapted and delivered.

Beyond all the meals and traditional assistance that ACM and its 13 member ministries, including HCM, provide regularly, we delivered the following emergency aid to residents in Louisville:

- \$2.7 million in rental assistance helping to protect 1,500 families from eviction
- Over \$4.3 million in LG&E assistance helping 7,300 households keep their power on
- Over \$1 million in Metro Covid and One Louisville Fund Emergency Assistance to another 1,300 households in crisis.

In addition, in 2020, ACM established the [StopMyEviction.org](http://StopMyEviction.org) website, which has become Metro Louisville's primary source for accessing rental assistance. It has been our privilege and honor to be hard at work helping our neighbors in need through these most challenging of times.







### Miss Anna F.

HCM Employee for over 6 years

I love watching children's faces light up when they learn something new. I also enjoy all the smiles and hugs they give throughout the day.

I'm a Wisconsin native

with a degree in Early Childhood Education. My husband and I live in So. Indiana with our 2 children and love doing different outside activities, and I especially love arts and crafts.

## HCM Child Care Centers



## 50 Years of Quality Care

HCM offers 3 Child Care Centers with quality educational programs and experienced staff that love to work with children. For infants to 5 years, HCM's teachers will nurture your child with love and learning so that they grow into their best selves, ready to take on the world!

## Staff and Family Spotlights

### Miss Von

HCM Employee for over 5 years

Children are fun and loving. They help me be a better person.

I'm a mother of two, a daughter and son. I'm very active in the lives of my five grandchildren...

five boys with a set of twins and two granddaughters. I enjoy and relax by reading a good book with a glass of sweet wine!



### Miss Bobbie

HCM Employee for 10 years

Working with children has reminded me of joy and laughter. I love seeing things through their eyes. Children also encourage me to use my imagination and to smile more.

Both of my boys, now ages 12 & 6, attended HCM and learned essential life skills. The wonderful teachers also worked with me to further my children's social and emotional development.



We feel so fortunate to be a part of HCM's daycare where our 3 year old son, Avett has attended since he was a baby. The pandemic protocols in place and the hard work to keep our kids safe and healthy has reaffirmed our daycare choice. We can't imagine being anywhere else! Maggie Rivard



For over 6 years we've laughed, cried, shared more milestones than we can remember, sought advice, and entrusted our children to the consistently caring hands of the wonderful and talented staff of HCM. Our oldest has graduated, our middle child is in pre-K, and our youngest is doing great after a full year. We are incredibly proud of our children and couldn't imagine any other way than having the teachers at HCM help us teach, guide, and love them every single day. The Hobbs family



After spending so many years visiting HCM since my sister attended the daycare and I worked there a few years myself, I knew it was the best place for my daughter. The care for the children is unlike anywhere else and I wouldn't want her anywhere else. Nadia with daughter, Sana

### Miss Anna Y.

HCM Employee for over 23 years

By working with children, I am able to see the world through their eyes. I wish to provide a loving and positive influence on those that I care for.

I enjoy cross-stitching, reading, and gardening. Babysitting my nieces and nephews is very enjoyable as well as baking goodies for friends and family.



### Miss Alfreda

HCM Employee for over 2 years

I love to teach children the alphabet, numbers, shapes, and colors. When they get older I want them to get a good education or training and become something successful in life!

I am so blessed to work with other parents' children, which I have done for over 12 years. They mean a lot to me and I treat them like my own children and grandchildren that I love.



**Gigi Hildenbrand**  
Asst. Director, Eastern Star  
Employee for 36 years



**Debbie Spillane**  
Director  
Employee for 20 years



**Sanda Miodrag**  
Asst. Director, St. Paul/DB  
Employee for 23 years

### Miss Teresa

HCM Employee for over 12 years

I like to feel that I make a difference by working with children. They are so open and honest and ready to learn new things.

I am a mommy to 4 fur babies: Holly, Tito,

Maxwell, and Oliver. I've been working in childcare for over 30 years! I love Spring and Summer and to cook, sew, knit, and read, but I don't like chocolate! Family and faith are very important to me.





## Unique and Affordable Event Rental Spaces



HCM's Event Rental Manager, Isaac Conn, shown here in the Event Hall, proudly gives tours of rental spaces available for weddings, receptions, dinners, dances, performances, meetings, and more. The historic building, donated to HCM in 2012 by the former congregation of Christ Church UCC, offers unique spaces available alone or that work well together for many types of events.



The Barret Room is a nice size for baby and bridal showers, business meetings, or as a staging room for bigger events.



The 120 year old Chapel still boasts its original stained glass windows. A serene space suited for private ceremonies and acoustic concerts.



The Kitchen allows space to organize dinners, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts, as well as serving stations for your favorite refreshments.

## Fundraiser Resurrection



Empty Bowls  
Hunger Benefit

**Soup Cook-off  
Picnic Style!**

Sunday, May 15th, 2022

4 - 7 pm

Highlands Community Campus

HCM is happy to announce the rescheduled date of our annual fall fundraiser, unfortunately canceled in 2021 and held online in 2020 due to the Coronavirus. Empty Bowls, established in 1995, is near and dear to our hearts, celebrating the nourishment of a simple meal consisting of a hot bowl of soup accompanied by bread, cheese, and fruit.

The new layout for Empty Bowls is an outdoor soup cook-off in the grassy area near our parking lot along with an indoor raffle in our Event Hall. Tickets and details to be announced!

From the desk of  
Executive Director,  
Troy D. Burden



### • Grateful

I have been overwhelmed with the amazing generosity of our Highlands congregations, neighborhood associations, and private individuals throughout the pandemic. We have been able to meet so many needs of folks who have never needed our Emergency Financial Assistance services as well as maintaining a safety net for many of our low income and elderly clients. Staff, volunteers, and our board have worked hard to transition to virtual meetings, and to meet all the new health and safety requirements to keep our food pantry and childcare centers open. Thanks so much to everyone who has helped ensure that we are able to provide services to those who have needed it!

### • Seeking Board Members

We are seeking individuals who would like to help guide HCM on its mission to help our neighbors in need.

### • Seeking New Partnerships

HCM is proudly supported by 20 Congregations in the Highlands and seek to expand that support with partnerships from all faiths, as well as with businesses and organizations that may wish to give back to the community through a well-established, local non-profit.

## Rounding-out HCM



Senior Outreach  
Program

- Meals on Wheels
- Help with Social Services
- Wellness Checks
- Congregate Lunches



Highland Youth  
Recreation

- Fall and Spring Soccer
- Summer Baseball
- Parent Academy for 4 year olds
- Winter Basketball & Futsal (expected 2023)



Community  
Classes and Outreach

- Practical Education Classes (expected 2022)
- Vinyasa Yoga and Beginning Yoga Classes
- Intermediate Watercolor Classes
- Tai Chi Classes in the styles of Dr. Paul Lam's Tai Chi for Health Institute and Traditional Yang Family Tai Chi
- Free Acupuncture Clinic for Veterans, Nurses, and First Responders
- Support and Recovery Group for mental health, addiction, grief, and more

## Congregations that Support our Ministry

Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church

Bellarmino Campus Ministry

Christ Church UCC (Legacy)

Church of the Advent (Episcopal)

Concordia Lutheran Church

Deer Park Baptist Church

Douglass Boulevard Christian Church

Edenside Christian Church Trust Fund (Legacy)

Highland Baptist Church

Highland Presbyterian Church

Louisville Friends

Immanuel United Church of Christ

St. Agnes Catholic Church

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

St. Brigid Catholic Church

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

St. James Catholic Church

St. Paul United Methodist Church

St. Raphael Catholic Church

Strathmoor Presbyterian Church