



CROS MINISTRIES

IMPACT REPORT 2022



Serving the Hungry Today, Tomorrow, All-Year-Round



3677 23rd Avenue South, #B-101, Lake Worth Beach, FL 33461

History

In 1978, a group of United Methodist Churches located in Palm Beach County came together to form Christians Reaching Out to Society, Inc. (CROS Ministries). These congregations realized that together they could make a bigger difference supporting the community's hunger needs. Overtime, CROS became interfaith, partnering with all denominations, faiths, community groups, and local nonprofit agencies to address hunger issues and create solutions to meet those needs. Today, our mission is to serve the hungry in Palm Beach and Martin Counties through community collaborations. Our programs increase access to and availability of nutritious food for families and individuals who are out of food, unemployed, or when their wages, disability, and social security payments are insufficient to keep up with the increasing costs of inflation. All services are provided without regard to race, religion, national origin, marital status, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or age.

Our Programs

Community Food Pantries

CROS operates eight food pantries serving 15 different locations. Seven of our pantries are in spaces provided by community partners located in food-insecure communities in Belle Glade, Delray Beach, Jupiter, Lake Worth Beach, West Palm Beach (two locations), and Indiantown in Martin County. Our eighth pantry is a mobile "pop-up" pantry that distributes food at eight different locations in Greenacres (three locations), Haverhill, Lake Worth Beach, Riviera Beach, and Wellington (two locations). Clients receive a bag of non-perishable food staples. Onsite refrigerators and freezers allow our pantries to distribute fresh and frozen meats, as well as fruits and vegetables when available from local food banks.

Gleaning

Gleaning is the collection of crops either from farmers' fields that have already been mechanically harvested or from fields where it is not economically profitable to harvest, due to low market prices. Partnerships with local growers allow us to access the fields with volunteers to recover the produce that would otherwise go to waste. The fresh produce is distributed to food pantries and meal kitchens through distribution partners.

The Caring Kitchen

The Caring Kitchen program located in Delray Beach hands out To-Go Hot Meals five days a week. Volunteers deliver five meals per week to residents who are homebound living in the 33444 and 33445 zip codes. Meals are also prepared for homeless veterans and seniors as well as snacks for an afterschool program. Weekend bagged lunches are provided on Saturday mornings through our community partner Cason United Methodist Church.

CROS Camp

CROS Camp is a summer day camp for campers kindergarten through eighth grade from families with low-income, promoting school readiness, encouraging proper nutrition, and guaranteeing a safe place to call home during the day.

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2022 Community Impact



Community Food Pantries

111,744 (duplicated) individuals, 31% of whom were **children** and 11% of whom were **seniors** received food from our eight food pantries located in 15 different locations.

8,659 new individuals sought food from our pantries for the very first time.

1,101,925 pounds of food distributed to families and individuals from our pantries.

Gleaning

779,463 pounds of fresh produce recovered from local farms and distributed to local food programs by our distribution partners.

This is the **equivalent of 649,553 meals** (Based on Feeding America's equation of 1.2 lbs. of food = 1 meal.) *2021– 2022 Gleaning Season.*



The Caring Kitchen

42,410 individuals received meals through The Caring Kitchen (hot lunches, veteran and senior meals, and meals to the homebound).

16,960 weekend bagged lunches provided by our community partner, Cason UMC.

1,050 snacks provided to an afterschool program in Delray Beach.

CROS Camp

101 children attended our summer camp program.

5,241 meals served (lunch, snack, and breakfast).

600 weekend bags of food distributed to Camp families.



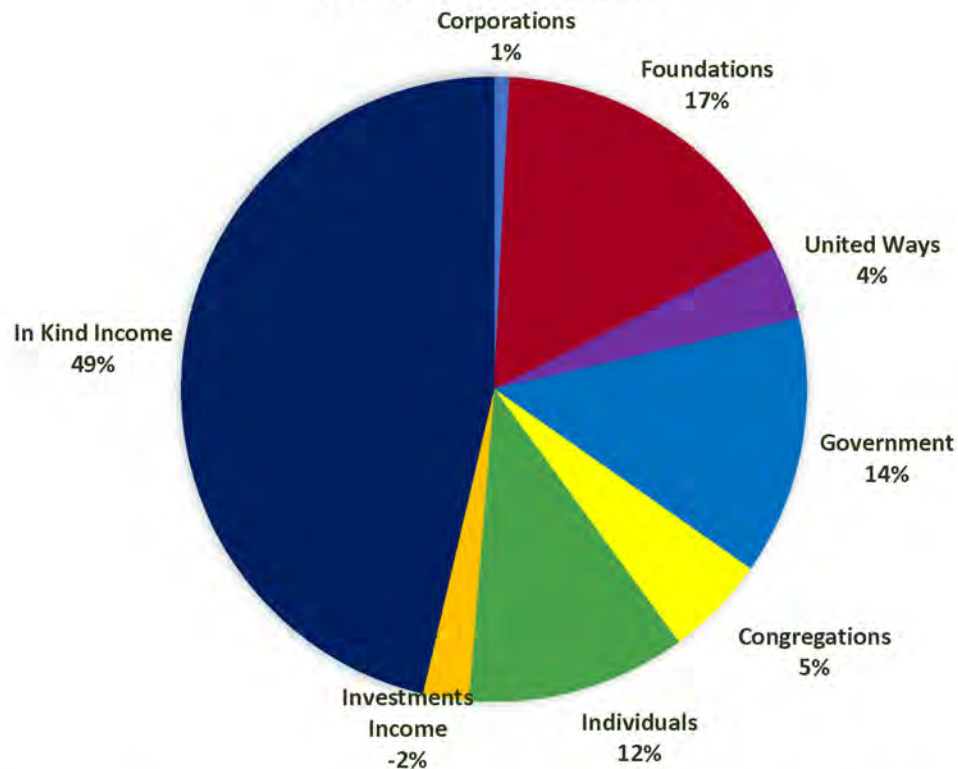
Mission

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CROS Ministries FY Ending December 31, 2022

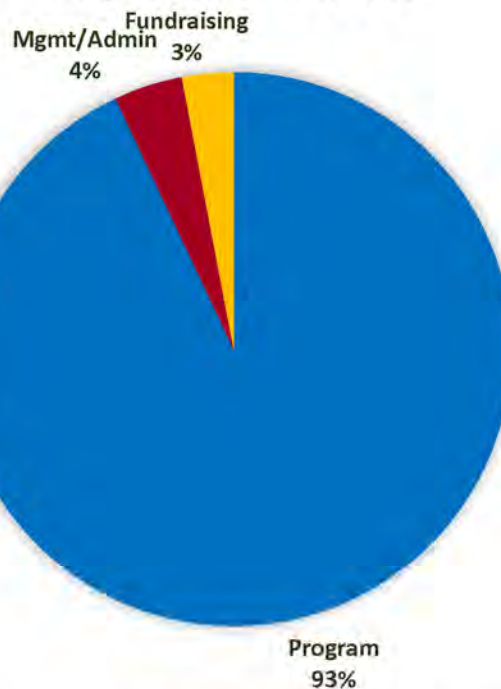
Revenue FY 2022



CROS Ministries' In-Kind Revenue does not include \$655,474 in value for 2022 volunteer hours.

Please note: These figures are from 2022 unadjusted, unaudited financial statements.

Expenses FY 2022



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