

# CROS MINISTRIES

## IMPACT REPORT

### 2023



SERVING THE HUNGRY

**45 Years**

1978 - 2023



SERVING THE HUNGRY  
TODAY, TOMORROW,  
ALL-YEAR-ROUND



# ABOUT US

## 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. All services are provided without regard to race, religion, national origin, marital status, gender, disability, sexual orientation, or age.



## OUR PROGRAMS

### Community Food Pantries

Our community food pantry program consists of seven food pantries serving 15 different locations. Six 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, and Indiantown in Martin County. Our seventh pantry is a mobile “pop-up” pantry that distributes food at nine different locations in Greenacres (three locations), Haverhill, Lake Worth Beach, West Palm 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 serves congregate hot meals Monday through Friday at different partner sites. Volunteers also deliver five meals per week to residents who are homebound living in the 33444 and 33445 zip codes. We also provide meals and after-school snacks to community partners during the week. On Saturday mornings, weekend bagged lunches are provided through our community partner Cason United Methodist Church.

### Children's Programming

Spring, summer, holiday block parties, back to school events, service projects, and more.

# 2023 COMMUNITY IMPACT

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

## Community Food Pantries

- **123,022** (duplicated) individuals received food. 30% of whom were children, 11% seniors. A 9% increase compared to 2022.
- **9,602** new individuals sought food for the very first time.
- **1,151,489** pounds of food distributed.



## Gleaning

- **496,377** pounds of fresh produce recovered. The equivalent of 413,648 meals (Based on Feeding America's equation of 1.2 lbs. of food = 1 meal). 2022 – 2023 Gleaning Season.

## The Caring Kitchen

- **43,633** meals served.
- **16,640** weekend bagged lunches distributed.
- **1,780** afterschool snacks provided.

## Children's Programming

- **4,068** snacks distributed to five summer camp programs.
- **760** Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes given to local families.



# OUR MISSION

CROS Ministries serves the hungry in Palm Beach and Martin Counties through community collaborations.

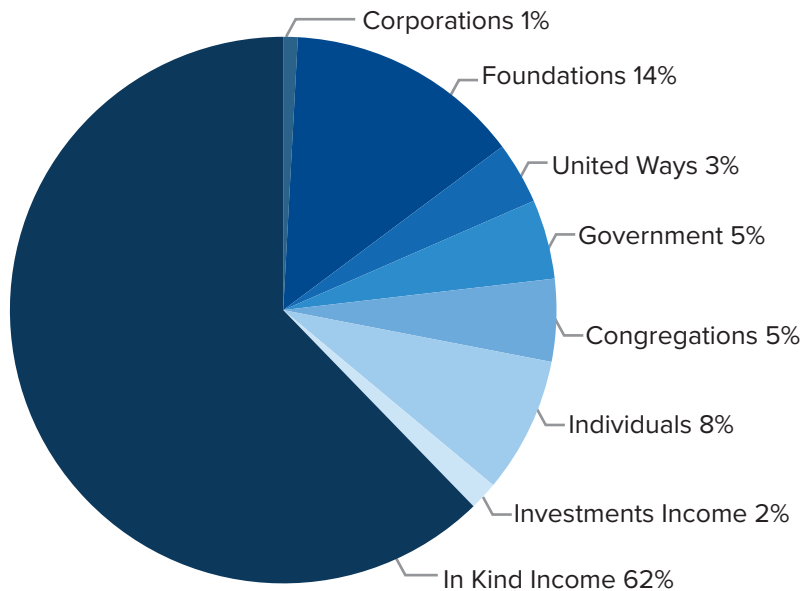




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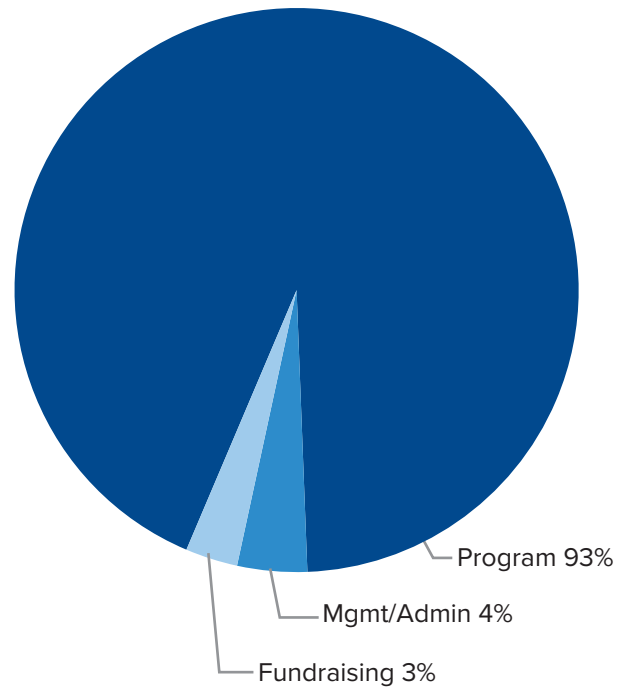
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023

Revenue Fiscal Year 2023



**CROS Ministries' In-Kind Revenue does not include \$872,009 in value for 2023 volunteer hours.**

Expenses Fiscal Year 2023



*Please note: These figures are from 2023 unadjusted, unaudited financial statements.*

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