

IMPACT REPORT

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A YEAR OF  
ENCOUNTER & IMPACT

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ST. ALOYSIUS  
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES



# A year of, **Encounter & Impact**

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Welcome to the 2024 Impact Report for St. Aloysius Neighborhood Services. This past year was marked by growth in mercy, deeper outreach, and renewed encounters with Christ through street ministry, food distribution, and pastoral care. Every item served and every prayer offered was a touchpoint for hope—and we are humbled to share how your support helped us reach thousands of vulnerable souls in downtown Detroit.

# “Behold, I make all things new”

Revelation 21:5

*Dear Friends,*

As we reflect on this past year, our hearts are overflowing with gratitude—to God, and to you. Because of your generous support, countless lives in downtown Detroit have been touched with compassion, dignity, and hope. You’ve helped us bring warmth to the cold, food to the hungry, and friendship to those who often walk alone. With every gift, prayer, and act of kindness, you’ve made it possible for our outreach ministry to respond to both physical and spiritual needs in meaningful ways.

This year, we’ve witnessed God’s goodness in the smiles of seniors who feel seen and supported... in the tears of those who experience healing through prayer... and in the joy of community gatherings where love breaks down barriers. These moments are only possible because you’ve said “yes” to walking with us in mission.

We give thanks for the hundreds of neighbors who’ve received nourishment, care, and encouragement throughout the year. We thank God for the volunteers, nurses, and community members who step in with open hands and hearts. And we thank you, for making all of this work possible through your continued generosity and belief in what we do.

At the center of it all was a simple goal: to be present, to be compassionate, and to remind each person of their dignity and worth in Christ. Whether on the sidewalk or in our church office, every act of mercy became a seed of revival.

As we look to 2025, we do so with great hope—trusting that the same God who brought us through this year will continue to provide, inspire, and lead us deeper into service.

With the Holy Spirit leading us and inspired partners sustaining us, I’m filled with hope for what lies ahead.

In gratitude,

Michael Schultz  
*Director, Neighborhood Services*

# Hands in action, Hearts in Mission

Our volunteers are the heartbeat of this mission—showing up week after week with joy, grace, and a desire to serve. Through their hands in action and hearts in mission, lives are touched and transformed.



# Celebrating Breakthroughs, Inspiring Progress

With Neighborhood Services, every meal shared, item distributed, and need met is just the beginning. Beyond the physical support, we're building trust, forming friendships, and walking alongside our neighbors with dignity and compassion. These numbers represent real lives, real breakthroughs, and the hope that grows through every connection.

**14,000+**

sandwiches

**5,500+**

socks

**12,000+**

bottles of water

**4,200+**

hygiene kits

**8,440+**

bagged lunches

**2,500+**

hand warmers

**2,000+**

grocery bags

**1,500+**

hats & gloves

Breakfast Ministry

**6,000+ Encounters**

Street Ministry

**3,500+ Encounters**

Pop Up Grill Outs

**2,800+ Meals Served**

Grocery Distribution

**75,000 lbs Fresh Food**





Our faith community nurse team provided whole-person care in 2024 through health checks, blood pressure screenings, home visits, and compassionate presence. Together, we reached dozens of residents with preventative care and spiritual support. Our nurses embody the healing heart of Jesus to those most in need.

***Nurse hotline, health referrals, and individualized care***



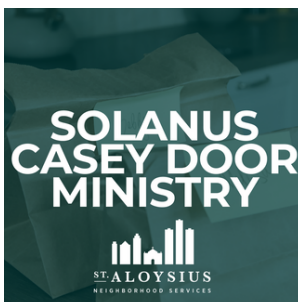
We have provided dozens of one-on-one wellness visits, resolved multiple housing issues through direct advocacy, and connected seniors to legal resources and emergency funding. Our regular presence and responsiveness have built trust, empowered our elders, and reinforced our mission to serve body, mind, and spirit.

***Wellness checks, access to professionals and resources***



Throughout 2024, our Neighborhood Alpha became a consistent invitation to grow deeper in faith. With food, fellowship, and guided spiritual conversation, we served dozens of neighbors exploring a relationship with Jesus. It has been a space of questions, breakthroughs, prayer, and the quiet unfolding of discipleship in our community.

***Weekly meetings of faith and fellowship***



In 2024, our Door Ministry welcomed over a thousand guests through the offices of St. Aloysius. Volunteers offered bagged lunches, toiletries, winter gear, resources, and—most importantly—a warm smile and prayerful support. This ministry has been a place of daily hospitality, compassionate listening, and spiritual comfort.

***Daily bagged lunches Tuesday - Thursday***



From July to December 2024, our Grocery Ministry distributed over 35,000 pounds of pantry items to families and seniors. Every Saturday morning, neighbors were met with care, prayer, and grocery bags filled with essentials. Our team has become a weekly source of reliability and connection.

***30lb bag groceries weekly for low income neighbors***



In 2024, our Street Ministry continued to be a vital source of hope and compassion. Through regular weekday and weekend outreach, we encountered hundreds of neighbors living on the streets, providing warm meals, essential items, prayer, and friendship. We expanded our presence downtown, inviting more volunteers into the mission and cultivating a spirit of dignity and connection with each encounter.

***Breakfast ministries, backpack outreach***



Grill Club served more than 2,500 hot dogs and burgers in 2024 through joyful pop-up cookouts on the sidewalk in front of St. Aloysius. These gatherings brought people together around good food, music, and conversation—building trust, joy, and tangible support. Each burger and hotdog came with a reminder that God sees and delights in every soul we serve.

***Once per month and weekly fall Catholic Central high school sponsorships***



In 2024, our Pop-Up Produce Station expanded its reach, distributing more than 15,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables to neighbors across Detroit. By showing up in public spaces—bus stops, parks, and corners—we offered food and friendship in places often overlooked. These markets became places of joy, relationship, and restored dignity.

***Monthly pop-up produce stations***

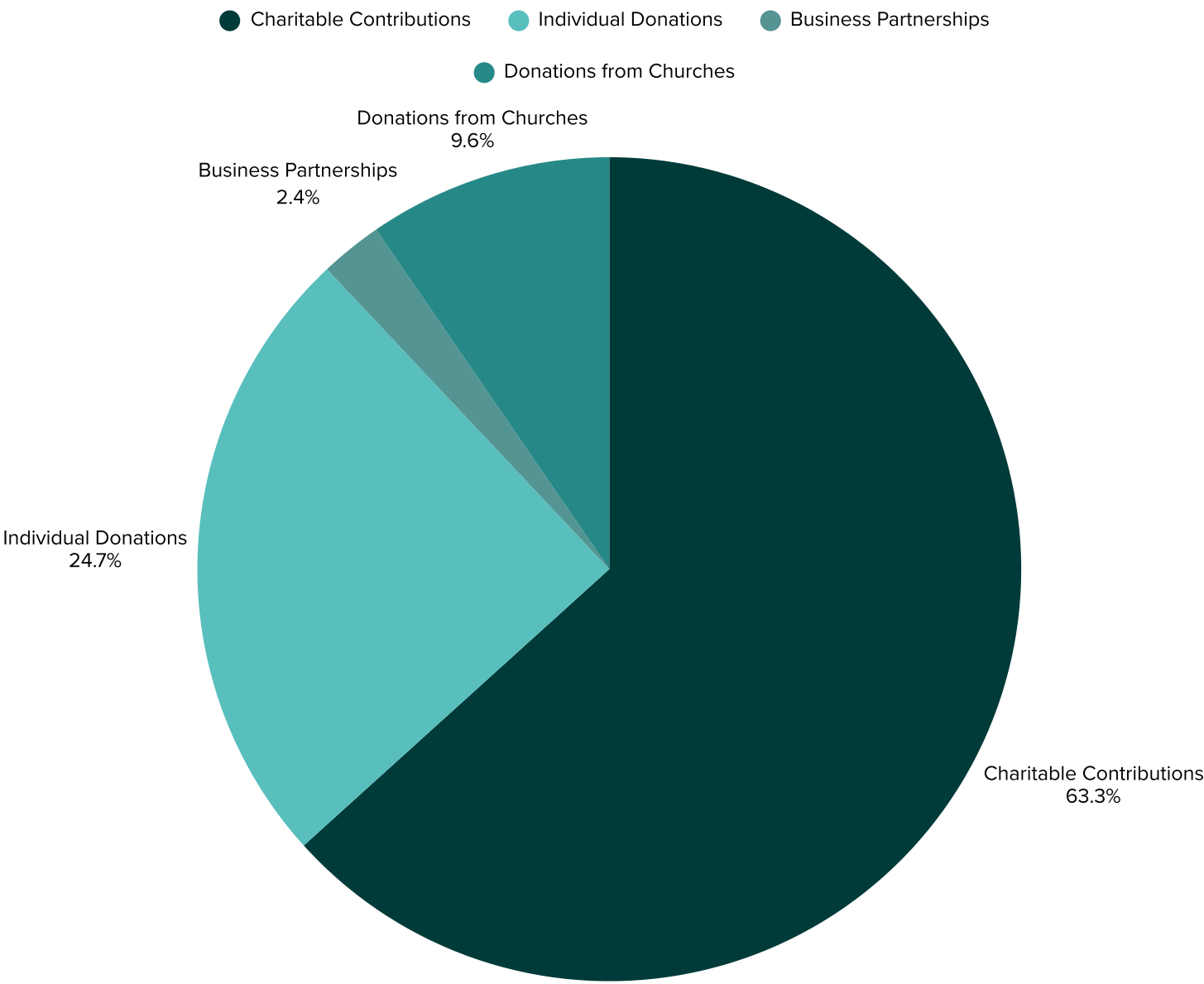
# Gratitude, Collaboration, and Continued Success

This year, we've witnessed how the power of partnership multiplies impact. Through our collaboration with Premier Pet Supply, we launched Dorney's Pet Pantry, providing essential food and supplies to care for the beloved animal companions of our neighbors experiencing hardship. With the support of the Wayne County Mobile Health Unit, our Faith Community Nurse Team has been able to provide crucial on-site wellness checks and health education for seniors, the working poor, and those experiencing homelessness. Local faith-filled dentists, hairstylists, and pet groomers have offered their services freely, reminding our neighbors of their God-given dignity through compassionate care.

Thanks to ongoing contributions from local parishes, we've been able to support our efforts through thousands of gift cards, warm essentials, pantry staples, and volunteers. We've strengthened relationships with other downtown ministries, offering access to breakfast, and hygiene facilities, and continue to receive weekly bagged lunches to share through our Street Ministry teams.

Together, these partnerships have enabled us to serve more people than ever before—offering not only food, hygiene, and health services, but also love, community, and spiritual renewal. Each connection made, each need met, and each moment of prayer and presence has been a chance to meet someone right where they are, with Christ's love at the center.

# Total Contributions in 2024



We envision a tomorrow filled with hope—embracing every opportunity to expand our reach, deepen relationships, and share the love of Christ with all we encounter.

# Envisioning Tomorrow, Embracing Opportunities

## Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... **teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”**

Matthew 28:19–20

As we look ahead, we carry with us a deep sense of hope and momentum. The seeds planted through faithful service and consistent presence in our neighborhood are always bearing fruit—not just in meals served or supplies distributed, but in trust built, lives touched, and hearts stirred.

We believe this is just the beginning.

The next chapter of our mission is about expanding our reach through collaboration. We are actively seeking new partnerships with local professionals—counselors, educators, entrepreneurs, and wellness experts—who share our desire to uplift and empower our community. Together, we can offer more than temporary relief; we can offer lasting transformation.

We envision new pop-up events that respond to the real and present needs of our neighbors—wellness fairs, mental health screenings, job and skills workshops, resource days, and more. Each one is an opportunity not only to provide practical support, but also to open the door for spiritual encounters and meaningful relationships.

As a beacon of light in Detroit, we are committed to unleashing the Gospel in both word and deed. We long to see revival in our streets, healing in our neighborhoods, and connection across every barrier. And we believe it will happen through bold evangelization, Spirit-led service, and a community that chooses to show up again and again with love.

We're ready to dream big and we invite you to dream with us. Your prayers, time, and support are powerful. Together, we can do more than meet needs—we can ignite hope, renew faith, and build a future where everyone belongs.



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