



2020 IMPACT REPORT

Layoffs, furloughs, 15-percent unemployment rates, evictions, shelter-in-place orders, food insecurity, no toilet paper, empty store shelves, and face masks. One tiny virus changed our lives and the world in 2020. But one thing that did not change was YOU.

During a very challenging year, you and **1,836** other donors gave a combined **\$649,521**, which helped us serve an average of **3,741** clients each month—an increase of 40 percent more from 2019. Through our modified drive-through food pantry program, we distributed **365,187** pounds of food to **43,365** individuals. And, despite a two-month mandatory shutdown and COVID-19 social-distancing limits, STH staff and volunteers were able to:

- Move **45** individuals experiencing homelessness into safe housing
- Keep **70** clients housed with rental and utility assistance
- Serve **6,892** meals from the kitchen
- Provide supervised enrichment to an **average of 6 children** each month
- Make **444** home visits to clients in the Gateway Permanent Supportive Housing program



Julie was new to the area and visited the drive-through food pantry at Sojourner Truth House (STH) for the first time. She arrived 30 minutes early and was the first car in the line. She was self-employed, but said business had slowed because of the pandemic, and she was caring for her two children and her mother.



Kellie and her two children, ages 2 years and 2 months, had survived a house fire but lost everything. She was told that STH could help her. The first thing she noticed at STH were the cars in line for the food pantry. She asked what she needed to access this service, and cried when told the requirement was simply proof of residency.



Alvin is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps who visited the pantry after other veterans in the Midtown, Gary area told him about it. He shared a big smile, a big heart and a big thank you with staff.

Through your generous support—and following the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ core values of Community, Simplicity and Dignity, Openness to the Spirit, and Dignity and Respect for all—STH in 2020 met critical needs for women, families and neighbors in the Gary community. Thank you!

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