

Meeting Neighbors where they're at

showing Love, bringing Hope & Compassion



Annual Report
2019

map of
EL PASO
COUNTY



MERCY'S GATE
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Dear Community Partners,

2019 was a year of internal focus. I began the year with plans to intentionally build a solid infrastructure for our ministry. I wanted Mercy's Gate to be stable in anticipation of growth. We certainly made progress on those efforts—by hiring new staff members and implementing changes that add emphasis to our programs and daily operations.

In addition to internal efforts, God grew His ministry at Mercy's Gate! Four new churches engaged, while volunteers contributed a massive 10,636 hours and many new donors gave to the mission. **All this allowed Mercy's Gate to serve 13,834 new individuals, providing 17,144 services totaling \$1,315,934 in program costs.** The Lord is amazing! Will you pray with us as we continue to follow His leading in 2020 that He would continue to amaze us with His love, favor and blessing?



I am humbled to serve our community, partners and donors as part of this ministry.

For the Kingdom,

Jason Dilger,
Executive Director
Mercy's Gate

“ Mercy's Gate lifted a weight off my shoulders financially and lifted my spirits through prayer and kindness when I was going through a rough patch. ”



Community Impact



Housing

257 individuals and families stayed in their homes with rent or mortgage assistance.

Utilities: 548 households received utility assistance, totaling \$213,876.40, from generous partners Colorado Springs Utilities and Energy Outreach CO.



Medical Consultations

Through partnership with Penrose St. Francis, a Faith Community Nurse provided 360 medical consultations.



Food

2019 was a record year, as the Food Pantry served 4667 households—representing 15,022 people.

Hot Meals: Church Partners served 6636 hot meals to Neighbors during Sessions in 2019.



Seasonal

1031 families celebrated the holiday with a Thanksgiving Meal Basket.

1413 tax returns filed through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program—saving Neighbors \$353,250 in filing fees.



Clothing

In partnership with ARC and Goodwill, 538 families received vouchers to meet basic clothing needs.

Gas: 699 households assisted with transportation through gas vouchers.

Financial Statement

Income

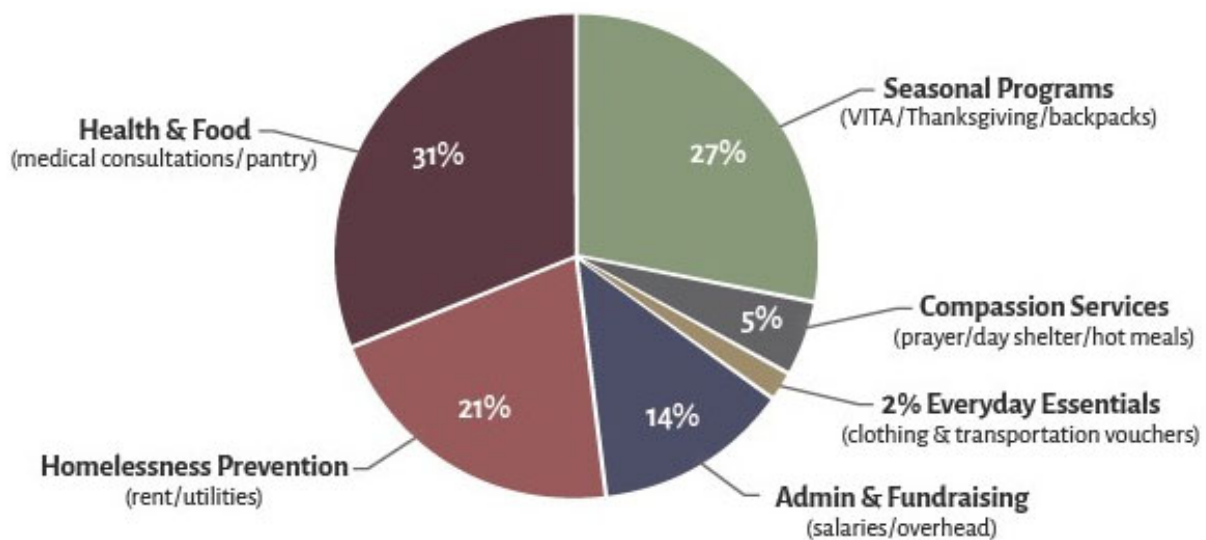
Churches	\$ 232,608
Individuals	\$ 228,939
Grants	\$ 105,066
Businesses	\$ 13,943
In-Kind Donations	\$ 973,641
Other Income	\$10,499
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,564,696

Expenses

Homelessness Prevention	\$320,239
Health & Food	\$467,502
Seasonal Programs	\$417,804
Compassion Services	\$71,130
Everyday Essentials	\$34,793
General & Administrative	\$122,360
Fundraising	\$85,342
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,519,170
NET INCOME	\$ 45,526

Stewardship Summary

In 2019, 86% of all spending went directly to programming, serving the Neighbors of El Paso County.



To our Community Partners,

Church Partners, you are a blessing. In each of the ways you engaged with Mercy's Gate this year—from volunteering to serving meals to providing Thanksgiving Meal Baskets, you continue to demonstrate you are the Body of Christ in action! Your ongoing financial provisions, as well as invaluable prayer support, demonstrate your care for Neighbors as individuals and our community at large. We are grateful!

Grantors, your resources provide Neighbors with access to services that truly sustain them when no one else can. In their moment of crisis, what you give makes all the difference. Your partnership is deeply appreciated!

Donors, this is your ministry, to your Neighbors. Your awareness of need in the community and your compassion to do something about it is reflected in your faithful generosity to Mercy's Gate. Thank you for being there when Neighbors desperately need you.

Volunteers, where would we be without you? Your selfless commitment is the difference Neighbors feel when they walk through the doors. When Neighbors give feedback, they constantly praise your kindness, love and understanding. Thank you for sincerely giving of yourselves to make life better for others.

Thank You!

Neighbor Comments

“ I couldn't relax or enjoy my life and new job because my power was months behind and about to be shut off. I had nowhere else to turn for help. Mercy's Gate helped me and made my stress and blood pressure go back to normal. ”

“ By the Spirit I was led in the time of need and all was met. To the detail... even the need for a roll of toilet paper. ”



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“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.” Eph. 3:20 NLT



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