

# 2019 IMPACT REPORT



#### Dear ACO Friends,

It is my pleasure to share with you our 2019 Annual Report. It was an amazing year on many levels, but overall what is most important are the families that were served. Such as the moms and dads who slept knowing that they would keep a roof over their heads. And, the children who went to bed each night with full tummies and groceries for the next day's meals. It was the struggling single moms who needed guidance to better their education to secure a better paying job and the student who needed ACO's help receiving their GED after they dropped out of school because they couldn't fit the traditional classroom learning styles. What was important was the new school supplies and backpacks that ACO provided to the grandchildren because their grandparents were raising them on their limited income. What was most important were the families we saved from hunger and homelessness by providing a path to financial stability.

2019 was my first year serving as Chief Executive Officer. Though I joined the ACO team in 2001 as Director of Volunteer Services and served in several capacities including Chief Operating Officer before moving into this office. In my years with the organization, I have never been as proud and honored to be a part of such an amazing mission and group leading the cause. Our staff strengthened and focused on community development and our Board of Directors took an active role in leadership support and development. Taking a bold step in 2019, our leaders made the change of our name from Allen Community Outreach to ALL COMMUNITY OUTREACH to better reflect what we were already doing, which is serving all Collin County neighbors. You will see the gradual shift from only "Allen" in our name to "All" as we move into 2020. Allen remains our home base, and our support base that we are so grateful for.

I saw ACO take a turn to a positive new approach as we celebrated our first full year serving clients with the "Working Families Success Model" which is based on a nationally-proven program from the Annie E. Casey Foundation. In addition to addressing immediate needs of Collin County families, our case workers are sharing resources and a team approach to set them on a path for independence and financial security.

Thanks to donations from our community, ACO continues to provide quality selections of fresh foods to families facing hunger. By providing a shopping experience at the ACO Food Pantry, parents can best choose the foods they need and want to prepare for their children. No cardboard box of stables is simply handed out to people standing in line. With a cart and a supermarket atmosphere, ACO has available dairy and fresh produce, frozen meats and a variety of options for health and cultural needs. Donations of clothing and household items make shopping a breeze for families in need of clothes for work and school. They are given a gift card to shop at our resale stores to choose not only clothing, but furniture, small appliances and other much needed items. None of this would be possible without gently used donations made at our processing center, local food drives and community partnerships.

Struggles continue in Collin County. As much as we would like, we haven't worked ourselves out of our jobs-YET. And, as many think there is no poverty in Collin County, we see it each day. As our programs and services expand, the need for assistance continues to increase and more families from all over the county come through our doors. We will continue our mission each day to end poverty in our communities, one neighbor at a time.

Thank you for joining hands with ACO to provide hope and help, and support our mission.

#### Sincerely, Marjorie Vaneskahian Burr, ACO CEO



Marjorie Vaneskahian Burr Chief Executive Officer **CLIENT SERVICES** 

#### **INCOME SUPPORT INCLUDES:**

FOOD, CLOTHING, RENT/MORTGAGE, UTILITIES ASSISTANCE, MEDICAL VISITS, TESTS AND PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE. BELOW ARE THE FOOD PANTRY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OUTCOMES

# FOOD PANTRY 1,810 HOUSEHOLDS SERVED 5,025 INDIVIDUALS 805,711 POUNDS OF FOOD

# MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

411 HOUSEHOLDS SERVED IN BRANCH\*

## **KIDS SUMMER FOOD** PROGRAM

1037 BAGS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED TO 401 CHILDREN

# THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS FOOD PROGRAMS

1103 FAMILIES SERVED



Happy Holidays from

LLEN COMMUNITY OUTREACH **Preventing Hunger** 













# SPECIAL PROGRAMS

In addition to the services offered through Income Support, with generous help from the community, ACO is able to provide seasonal special programs for economically disadvantaged children and help them get ready to start school.

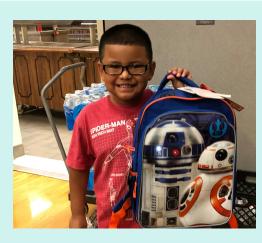




#### FILL THE BUS: SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

HUNDREDS OF CARING COMMUNITY MEMBERS DONATED BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTED AT 16 LOCATIONS





#### **BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**

428 CHILDREN IN ALLEN AND 258 CHILDREN IN BRANCH RECEIVED NEW BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES. THANKS TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ALLEN FOR THEIR ONGOING PARTNERSHIP.





#### ACO PARTNERED WITH TOYS FOR TOTS

#### 1,210 CHILDRENS TOYS DISTRIBUTED





# 1089 HOUSEHOLDS SERVED



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**GED PREPARATION CLASSES** 

**EDUCATION ASSISTANCE** 

**ACCESS TO A COMPUTER LAB** 



**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** 

**RESUME BUILDING** 

**INTERVIEW SKILLS COACHING** 

**EMPLOYMENT REFERRALS** 





# **TOTAL CLIENT SERVICES IMPACT**

8,060 INDIVIDUALS SERVED 26,077 ENGAGEMENTS WITH PEOPLE



# **RESALE OPERATIONS**

# \$202,815

#### VALUE OF ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES

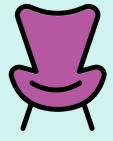
FOR CLOTHING, HOUSEHOLD & FURNISHINGS





**RESALE SHOP** \$634,332

TOTAL SALES



ACO BOUTIQUE \$212,419

TOTAL SALES



TREASURE CHEST

\$137,938

TOTAL SALES

PROCEEDS FROM SALES SUPPORT ACO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



Volunteers



# 32,331 Total Volunteer Hours

# 4,359 Total Number of Volunteers

# Total Hours Given to the Food Pantry

# Total Value of Volunteer Hours



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# FINANCIALS

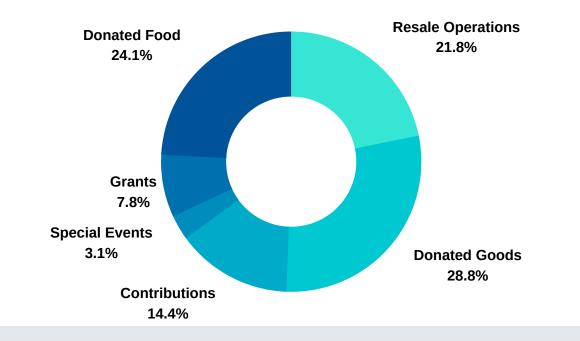
# **REVENUE & SUPPORT**

Contributions & Other Support Grants (GOV./Corp./Foundation) Special Events Donated Food (non-cash) Donated Goods (non-cash) Resale Stores Sales & Reclaim

## **TOTAL Revenue & Support**

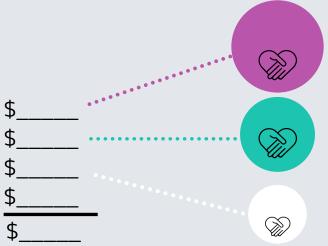
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- \$ 1,207, 622.06

### \$ 5,541,878.27



## EXPENSES

Programs & Supporting Services Management & General Fundraising Resale Operations TOTAL Operating Expenses





# DONORS

#### MAJOR CORPORATEAND ORGANIZATION SUPPORTERS

Allen Anesthesia Allen Kiwanis Club Allen Rotary Club Allen Economic Development Corp. Allen ISD City of Allen **Commercial Bank of Texas** Communities Foundation of Texas Communities Management Assoc. Community Waste Disposal **CoServ Charitable Foundation** County Collin State of Texas **Dallas Morning News Charities** Elke's Market Cafe Hempkins Insurance Independent Bank **Invictus Account Management** Junior League of Collin County **KCK Utility Construction** Legacy Texas Bank Lovejoy ISD **Micron Foundation** Neighborhood Management **Rodenbaugh Family** Smith Estimating Services **Texas Health Presbyterian Allen** TradeMark Car **TXU Energy Aid** Veritex Community Bank Wealth Management Group



ACO has been serving its neighbors and friends facing financial crisis in Allen and the surrounding communities in Collin County, Texas since 1985. ACO provides free comprehensive human services to help families avoid hunger and homelessness and gain financial security. ACO offers Income Support including food, clothing, utility and housing assistance, medical visits and prescriptions assistance; and Education and Employment Services including GED classes, college assistance, financial coaching, and career counseling.

MISSION: To help our neighbors to prevent hunger and homelessness while working toward financial stability.

VISION: To create a community free of poverty one neighbor at a time.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

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#### **EXECUTIVE TEAM**

Marjorie Vaneskahian Burr, Chief Executive Officer

Aaron Vaughn, Chief Operating Officer

Rhonda Ptak, Chief Community Development Officer

> Janet Smith, Director of Income Support

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Sandy Klieger, Director of Finance & Administration

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#### **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

801 E. Main Street Allen, TX 75002 Ph: (972) 727-9131 Fax: (972) 727-1995

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Hours:

MON - FRI

### OUR RESALE SHOPS

**RESALE SHOP** 801 E. Main Street Allen, TX 75002

> Hours: MON - SAT 10AM-6PM

#### ACO BOUTIQUE

Watters Creek 945 Garden Park Dr. Allen, TX 75013

#### Hours:

MON - FRI10AM-6PM SAT 10AM-9PM

#### TREASURE CHEST

301 W.Boyd Dr. Allen, TX 75013

#### Hours:

8AM-1PM Open on the 1st & 3rd THU, FRI, SAT of each month



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