

Metro Lutheran Ministry's Impact

MLM believes that every person should have a life of dignity and hope for the future. Poverty makes that right seem like a far-fetched dream for far too many people throughout the metro area.

The root causes of poverty are complex; it may be triggered by a job loss, divorce, unexpected family crisis, illness, or underemployment. For those suffering its effects, poverty presents many impossible choices every day. One participant commented, "If I pay the rent and bills, I have no money for food." Basic needs must be sacrificed for other basic needs.



4,835 Households received food from our pantries in KCMO, KCK, and NKC

Cost— \$1.7 million

1038 households received gifts from the annual MLM Christmas Store

Cost—\$30,000



51 Houses repaired and wheelchair ramps built by the Minor Home Repair Team

Cost—\$55,000



921 Households received emergency rent or utility assistance

Cost— \$644,180



31 Homeless people with disabilities live in their own apartments thanks to the Permanent Supportive Housing Program

Cost—\$440,000



84 Fruit trees and 12 raised garden beds at the MLM Orchard provided free produce to neighbors

Cost—\$7,000



133 People found jobs through the employment supports program

Cost—\$100,000



8,346 Sack lunches were made by volunteers for hungry people who visit MLM

Cost—\$15,000



236 Hot breakfasts served every week through the Saturday Breakfast Ministry

Cost—\$55,000



350 Seniors received a box of food each month



1,253 MLM volunteers provided over 13,000 hours of service



390 BackSnacks given to students every Friday to reduce weekend hunger

21,172 At-risk and homeless individuals received assistance this year