

MISSION MINUTE

January 2024

Street Reach

We are thrilled to announce our newest program Street Reach. This ministry takes the programs and services we offer directly to the people who need it most.

Street reach is helping us to build trust with our neighbors. For those struggling with mental health or long-term addiction, seeking help can be a huge challenge. Street Reach provides a mobile service to reach out to these unsheltered individuals.

Trusting strangers for help or being around large groups of people can trigger responses of fear, panic and stress - responses programmed through a lifetime of abuse, neglect and trauma. Unable to seek help, many of these individuals become the "unsheltered homeless", living in tents or abandoned buildings, under bridges, in wooded areas, and in unsafe and unsanitary conditions. Valley Mission's Street Reach program locates these unsheltered individuals and provides a number of services including, but not limited to: an introduction to Valley Mission and community services available, food and water, clothing, winter gear (hats, gloves, coats, etc), summer gear (insect repellent, sunscreen, etc), prayer, encouragement, and human kindness.

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Avenues For Hope Outcomes: Thank You!

We are in awe of the generosity you showed during Avenues for Hope. We had a fundraising goal of $100,000. Because of your support, we were able to far surpass our goal, raising $142,375 to further our mission. Each gift made will play a critical role in allowing us to serve our community and create a larger impact.



We look forward to the future of Valley Mission with great anticipation as we use the funds raised during Avenues for Hope to help our hurting neighbors. Funds raised will help us move closer to getting Phase 1 of the building closer to completion, which will move our food pantry out of the church and into the new, single floor space. Our guests - and volunteers - will love it!

Your partnership with Valley Mission is important to us and we never take that for granted. It is because of your dedication to us that Avenues for Hope was a success. THANK YOU for your support and the countless ways you champion the work we are doing to serve the lost and hurting in our community.

I trust in the Lord. I will be glad and rejoice in your unfailing love

PSALM 31:6-7







Volunteer Spotlight

Nothing happens at Valley Mission Food Pantry without our amazing volunteers. Each month we look to highlight people who have done amazing things. For January, we want to recognize the more than 70 volunteers it takes to make the Food Pantry work like it does. Processing freight, sorting food, building food boxes, serving this amazing community - does not happen without all of them. THANK YOU for your heart, your humor and your dedication to helping the least of these in our valley!



Donor Highlight

What a great month we had with Avenues for Hope. As noted earlier, over $140,000 donated!

We had a local family visit our open house and decided to support our cause with a grant of $100,000. In addition, we had families like the Bell's, the Cooper's, the Meador's and others who gave significantly to the work of Valley Mission.

THANK YOU to all who supported Valley Mission in 2023. Your gifts move us closer to getting Phase 1 - Food Pantry and infrastructure - ready to go by summer/fall of 2024.

We are looking forward to another amazing year of helping get people the help they need in order to lead a better, healthier life!

God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; It is a gift from God.

EPHESIANS 2:8

