

## Building Relationships ~ Restoring Hope ~ Transforming Lives

# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

March 2022

### MINISTRY IMPACT

Calls for Help .....	901
Households Served .....	197
New Verified Clients .....	30
Clients who Received New Beds .....	28
Personal Care Deliveries.....	688
Furniture Deliveries .....	35
Linens Deliveries .....	75
Hygiene Deliveries (In Class) .....	47
Building Hope Classes .....	25 participants
Faith and Finance Class .....	19 participants
Spiritual Exploration Class .....	6 participants
Resolving Conflict Class .....	7 participants
Stepping Stone Grants .....	1 awarded
Thanksgiving Baskets .....	51 households
Christmas Baskets .....	30 families
Christmas Gifts .....	39 children



In spite of all the pandemic challenges, 2021 was a very fulfilling and successful year for the Mid-Hudson Love INC ministry. The creativity, flexibility and commitment of our staff and volunteers continues to drive our success in serving our neighbors during these unsettled times. The number of help requests received and households served continued to increase this year making the varying Gap Ministry deliveries that much more critical for our neighbors\*. We were able to enhance our

Relational Ministry class offerings by introducing two new classes – *Faith and Finance* and *Resolving Everyday Conflicts*, which were very well received by those attending. After 18 months, the two remaining *Coaching* teams came to a successful closure in assisting our neighbors in achieving their goals. Both Coaches and neighbors found it to be a very rewarding experience. An initial *Stepping Stone Grant* was awarded to assist a neighbor in obtaining resources to return to college. The initial phase of our *Children’s Ministry Program* to implement a children’s class centered around spiritual growth has been completed with the first class starting in March 2022. Finally, partnering with churches, we had the privilege to provide neighbors in need with *Thanksgiving Baskets, Christmas Food Baskets, and Christmas Children’s Gifts*.\*

As we enter 2022, plans are to continue to grow the Relational Ministry class offerings by adding a *Healthy Lifestyles Workshop* where neighbors can learn and experience a healthy regimen. With more graduates expected, we hope to grow the team of *Coaches* to assist neighbors in achieving their defined goals. We’re exploring future *Children’s Ministry Program* plans involving mentoring and teen initiatives. We would like to also offer *Redemptive Compassion* study groups throughout the year to share the wholistic approach to caring for our neighbors so be on the lookout for these opportunities.

The continued support from the churches, volunteers, and community throughout 2021 has been so appreciated. Together, in partnership with local churches, we will continue to transform lives in our community.

\*Refer to the Ministry Impact information ~ John Marrine, Executive Director

### OUR MISSION

*To engage local churches to transform lives and our community In the Name of Christ*

## CLIENT SERVICES



As we look back at the past year, we see the support we found in people around us and the same is true for our neighbors who united with Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ. As clearinghouse volunteers engaged with neighbors, they shared life together. As neighbors welcomed a new child or celebrated a graduation, volunteers shared in their joy. As neighbors experienced difficulties in relationships, volunteers offered encouragement from their similar experiences. As neighbors experienced times of tight finances, volunteers shared ideas for resources and prayed with neighbors for God’s provision. When neighbors experienced grief or loss, volunteers listened, prayed, and felt their sadness with them. Recently, a neighbor offered in a phone call, “You are an angel to me today. Thank you for the conversation and prayer.” Thanks to God for these opportunities in the thousands of phone calls over the past year. And thanks to volunteers who gave of their time and extended themselves to minister.

~ Charissa Danielson, Coordinator of Client Services

# RELATIONAL MINISTRY



This past year, we gathered and grew in so many ways through our Relational Ministry classes and one-on-one coaching program. Our classes of Building Hope, Spiritual Exploration, Faith & Finances and Resolving Everyday Conflicts were a place for our neighbors to learn valuable life skills, study the Word, pray for one another and share their stories. We heard how the classes helped them “*focus on being a better person,*” taught them “ *coping skills to deal with stress,*” and showed them “*how to budget and pay off my debt,*” while others said the connections, relationships and support they received from the volunteer teachers and from one another helped them restore hope through tough times. As the class participants grow in faith and make positive life changes, we see transformation starting in their lives. One neighbor told us, “*I am no longer stuck in the place I was a year ago and am so grateful that Love INC has put me on this path*”. In the year ahead, we trust God will continue to guide us in fulfilling His purpose for our Relational Ministry programs as we continue to gather together and grow for His glory!

~ Joanne Temmel, Relational Ministry Coordinator

## New Children’s Ministry Coordinator Hired!



Mid-Hudson Love INC is pleased to announce the hiring of **Susan K. Buckley** in the new position of Children’s Ministry Coordinator. Starting in March 2022, she will facilitate classes for the children of adults attending Relational Ministry classes.

Sue comes to Love INC with decades of experience working with children in a variety of settings. She served for many years in Children’s Sunday School and Vacation Bible School programs at New Beginnings, and has volunteered with many other organizations including the Girl Scouts. In addition, Sue is a retired educator, working over 22 years at New York State Office of Children and Family Services as a teacher of incarcerated youth.

Sue is passionate about the calling to minister to children, “*Teaching children about God is the most important work/privilege we have as Christians. My love of God and teaching children cannot be separated.*”

We are excited to welcome Sue to the Love INC Children’s Ministry program. This part-time position is made possible through a grant from the Jeannette F. Schlobach Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.

## A Neighbor’s Stepping Stone Grant Love Story

In 2021, a *Stepping Stone Grant* was implemented to assist neighbors in funding all or part of a specific goal, up to a maximum \$500. Goals are identified during the final core class and with the assistance of an assigned Coach, a plan is developed to achieve the goal.

The initial grant was awarded to a neighbor, who briefly attended college a few years ago, but unfortunately had to drop out due to personal life situations. After attending Love INC classes, this neighbor identified a goal of returning to college to obtain a degree. In working with his Coach, he was able to develop a plan to return to college, which quickly identified the need for assistance in purchasing a computer. He and his Coach researched viable options and derived a solution for a laptop and amenities totaling \$500. The grant provided the funding to make the purchases and his goal a reality to return to college to continue his studies. The neighbor commented, “*I am really happy to have this goal of returning to school. It is a step I’ve needed to take for a while now, and I finally feel ready to do this. I am in such a better position now than I have been before, and this opportunity gives me something positive to work towards. It is fulfilling a dream for me.*”



**Thanks  
to Our  
Volunteers!**

In 2021, **147** volunteers from **33** churches invested over **8,260** hours in ministry through Mid-Hudson Love INC! That equates to **\$235,740\***. Please refer to ‘*Ministry Impact*’ on page 1 for a summary of their accomplishment in serving those in need.

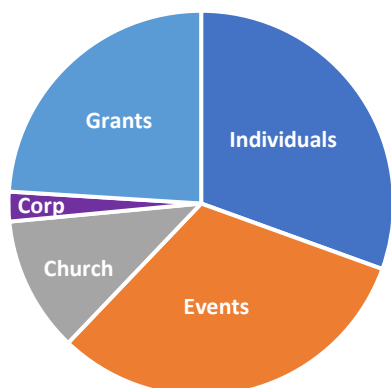
**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!**

\*The Independent Sector estimated national value of \$28.54 for each 2021 volunteer hour.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering opportunities at Mid-Hudson Love INC, please contact Jewel Ratzlaff (info@mhinc.org) or visit our website (www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org).

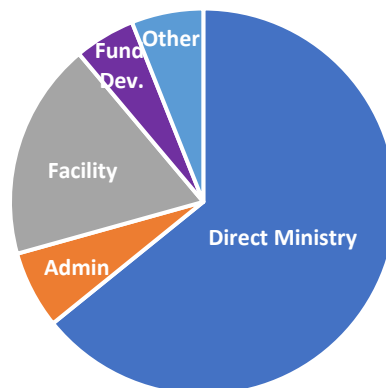
# 2021 FINANCIALS

## Contributions



Churches	\$12,070
Individuals	\$32,391
Corporate	\$ 2,642
Grant*	\$25,478
Events	<u>\$33,532</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$106,112</b>

## Expenses



Ministry	\$49,553
Facility	\$14,053
Fund Dev.	\$ 3,938
Admin.	\$ 5,015
Other: (Dues, Ins.)	<u>\$ 4,650</u>
<b>Total Exp.</b>	<b>\$77,210</b>

\*2020 & 2021 Payment Protection Program (PPP) Loans were forgiven in 2021 totaling \$17,900 which is included in the Grant contributions.

## 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Linda Haas Manley**, St. John's Lutheran Church  
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**Jewel Ratzlaff (Chair)**, New Beginnings Church  
**Charles Webb (Treasurer)**, Valley Bible Fellowship Church

**THANK YOU** to **Robert Welser** and **Carolyn Landry** for their service on the Board.

*I chose to join the Board as I was working towards stretching myself and growing as a Christian community member. Being an agent of change with like-minded Christians serving God's people while transforming the lives of our neighbors spiritually, physically, financially and mentally has given me the opportunity to do so! ~ Lisa Isabell ~*

## 2022 Staff

**John Marrine**, Executive Director  
**Charissa Danielson**, Client Services Coordinator  
**Joanne Temmel**, Relational Ministry Coordinator  
**Susan Buckley**, Children's Ministry Coordinator

# THANK YOU!

## 2021 BUSINESS SUPPORT (\$250+)

- ♥ Pagonos Insurance Agency
- ♥ Steve Jones, FIC, Thrivent Financial
- ♥ Real Property Abstract
- ♥ Package Pavement
- ♥ Lambert Plumbing and Heating
- ♥ Miscedra & Associates Inc

## 2021 GRANTS

- ♥ Fidelity Charitable
- ♥ ImpactAssets
- ♥ Thrivent Charitable Impact & Choice Dollars
- ♥ Blackbaud Giving Fund

REDEMPTIVE  
COMPASSION

If you'd like to participate in one of our **Redemptive Compassion** small groups to discover how to offer wholistic help to those in need based on Biblical teachings, send an email to [info@mhinc.org](mailto:info@mhinc.org) to join.

**"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12**

# 2021 - 2022 PARTNER CHURCHES

Mid-Hudson Love INC is a partnership of churches

## PARTNER CHURCHES \*

Beulah Baptist Church  
Changepoint Church  
Community Baptist Church  
First Baptist Church  
Hopewell Reformed Church  
Immanuel Church  
Living Water Church  
New Beginnings  
Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church  
Reach Out Church  
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
St. Nicholas-on-the-Hudson Episcopal  
St. Timothy Lutheran Church

\*contribute space, finance, volunteers in ministry work

## PARTICIPATING CHURCHES \*

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church  
Calvary Chapel, Hudson Valley  
Church of the Resurrection  
Community at Creekside Church  
Faith Assembly of God Church  
Fishkill Baptist Church  
Full Gospel Church  
Goodwill Beacon Church  
Mid-Hudson Chinese Church  
Mission Church  
New Hackensack Reformed Church  
Odyssey Church  
St. Gregory's Greek Orthodox Church  
St. Martin de Porres  
S. Westerlo Congregational Christian Church  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
Valley Bible Fellowship Church  
Vassar Road Baptist Church  
Zion Episcopal Church

\* provide individuals volunteering in ministry work



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***“Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.” John 12:26***