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2015 – YEAR END REPORT

Dear Friends,

Your love and support impacted the lives of 14,286 people at Wings of Love and Care Youth Center through your weekly food distributions and children’s programs in 2015.

When we measure the impact of your programs, numbers cannot do justice in sharing the individual impact your programs have on local families in south St. Louis. Here are letters from two families that have been touched by your weekly **After School Program**:

***I thank you for everything.** I am truly blessed to have Wings of Love and Care in my children’s life as well as mine. They are great teachers of God. They talk to the children as well as listen. They always have a story to tell when they get home. I love Wings because they help me out with children by helping with homework and giving a hot meal. They also check on the family when they bring the children home. They are very reliable and most important, the children enjoy themselves very much. And they love the volunteers there, so that is another blessing. Thank you for everything.*

Yours truly, Tracy

***To the Love and Care family,** on behalf of our family, we would like to thank yall for everything that yall have done for us. Our children put God first more now than ever because of the understanding that you all have placed in their hearts. And yes, they still sing “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”. We just want to thank you to the Wings of Love and Care family for showing us love. XOXO*

Love, Ross

Your **Food Distribution Program** served 13,593 people in 2015. We were blessed to provide meat on a regular basis as well as fresh vegetables, fruit, canned goods and dry goods as available. Your giving made this possible! Special thanks to our dedicated volunteers who were faithful to pick up and package the food every week so it was ready to distribute to the community.



The **Easter Outreach** in partnership with Cherokee Recreation Center provided a fun day of activities and goody bags for 153 children.

Summer VBS was another great time the children gathered at Wings. Volunteers from *Good Shepherd Lutheran* and *St. Charles Assembly* made VBS successful. They gave the children one-on-one attention that they soaked up. The children worked on individual gifts and

talents that they then presented in a beautiful presentation at our end of summer **Backpack Outreach**. *Good Shepherd Lutheran, Life Church, St. Charles Assembly* and YOU supplied the backpacks and school supplies for 198 children. **We are so thankful for YOU and all our partner churches that make these programs possible.**

Thanksgiving Food Distribution seems to be our most well attended event! This event would not be possible without the provision of food received from “**NO HUNGER HOLIDAY**” (a project of Knights of Columbus). Last year we were able to provide 293 turkeys and a bag of other trimmings to families in need. This was a huge blessing to those who were barely getting by. Holiday meals can be stressful for those in need, but last year 293 families were able to enjoy making a Thanksgiving meal for their family. Special thanks to Faith Lutheran Church and Mehlville High School for cleaning the Center in preparation for this event!



The children LOVED your annual **Children’s Christmas Party** as they enjoyed face-painting, crafts, singing Christmas carols and hearing the Christmas story. The children received a stocking to enjoy that day. We also prepared bags with three age appropriate gifts per child. **Your donations and gifts are what made this wonderful event possible. Because you gave, 287 children had gifts to open Christmas morning!** We also could not have done this event without our

wonderful team of volunteers from *Life Church, Monarch, St. Charles Assembly, The Loft, Victory Church*, and other individuals.

The **Christmas Food Distribution** was the last event of the year. You provided 221 families turkeys and all the trimmings once again so they could prepare Christmas dinner at home for their family. The children from the After School Program were thrilled to sing “Joy to the World” and “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” from the stage!

As we review the success of 2015, we are so grateful for our faithful donors and volunteers. It is YOU who provided for not only the practical needs of children and families in south St. Louis, but for the spiritual and emotional needs as well.

God put great plans and big goals in our hearts for 2016. We hope you will continue to partner through donations, volunteer service and gift-in-kind donations to reach those in our community. Please call us anytime to learn more about the impact of your giving and how you can serve more families at Wings of Love and Care. God bless you!

By His grace,

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