



Mission Statement

Churches United is a nonprofit organization of Bemidji area churches lead by the Spirit of Christ to work together to meet the emergency needs of homeless and low-income people in a prayerful way.

"Welcoming the Stranger as Jesus"

Monthly Newsletter

October 2019

HAHAW HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK is November 17th - 24th



<https://www.facebook.com/Churches-United-163938251208138/>

Hunger & Homelessness Chicken Dinner & Raffle

Tuesday, November 19 from 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Bemidji United Methodist Church

Adult Tickets \$10.00

Child Tickets \$8.00 [Nuggets]

MONTHLY SNAPSHOT-

SEPTEMBER 2019

Total Intakes.....	104
Requests Accepted.....	90
Total number of individuals assisted	237
Adults	145
Children	92
Homeless.....	62

Total Cash Value

Distributed	\$2,607.56
Partnerships Paid	\$4,276.71

Revenues:

Member Churches:	\$2,917.94
Private Donations:	\$50.00
Grants & Other:.....	\$0.00

Total Revenues: \$2,967.94

Coming Soon: See our website for a more detailed activity report.

Churches United will be partnering with Bi-CAP, Evergreen Youth & Family Services, Northwoods Habitat for Humanity, Village of Hope Homeless Shelter, Bemidji School Dist. 31, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring awareness to the issues of hunger and homelessness as they affect so many members of our community.

On any given night, an estimated 200-300 Minnesota youth and 1,300 young adults experience homelessness on their own (not with parents).

- In 2015 in Beltrami County, 59.8 % of students received free or reduced-price lunch.
- When housing is unaffordable, families are forced to chose between paying for housing or other needs, such as food or medicine.

HAHAW members utilize the funds raised to provide quality direct services to those challenged by hunger and homelessness.

37% of Minnesota's homeless persons live in greater Minnesota.

CURRENT NEEDS

- ⇒ Backpacks [plain]
- ⇒ Travel size lotions, shampoo, conditioner
- ⇒ Deodorant

FALL UPDATE MEETING

The Churches United Fall Update meeting was held on Thursday, October 17. Seven of our 27 Member Churches were represented: Mt. Zion, Bethel Lutheran, First Lutheran, Evangelical Free, Calvary Lutheran, St. Philip's, and Aardahl Lutheran.

The next meeting of the full board is the Annual Meeting, Thursday,

February 20, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. Notices will be sent out via email.

Please note that voting at the 2020 annual meeting is limited to those churches who have supported Churches United through monetary donations in 2019.

Some of the data that was presented is included in this newsletter.

Till next month, Wanda

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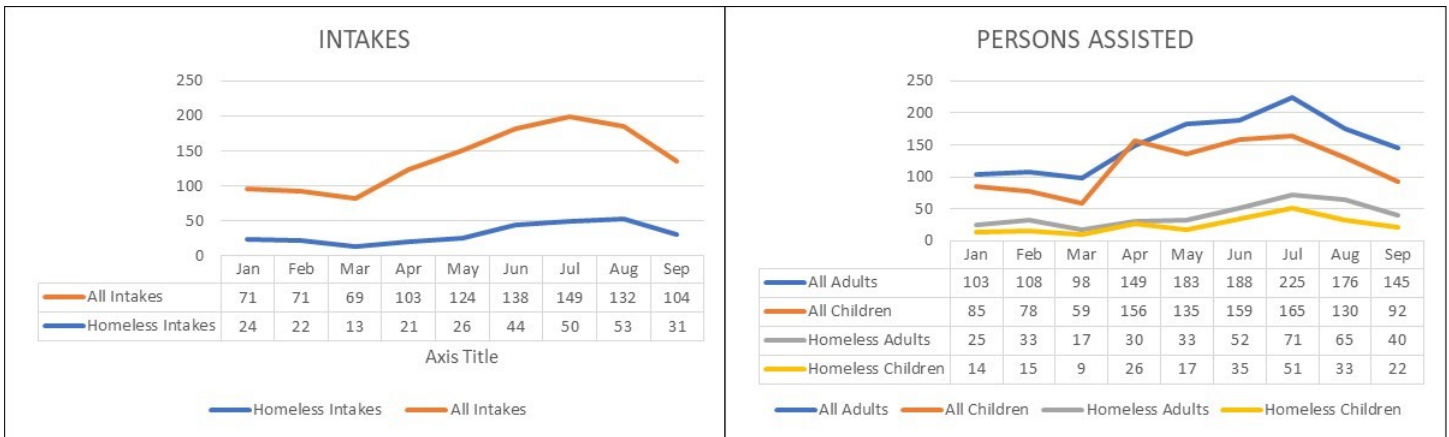
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YEAR-TO-DATE OVERVIEW

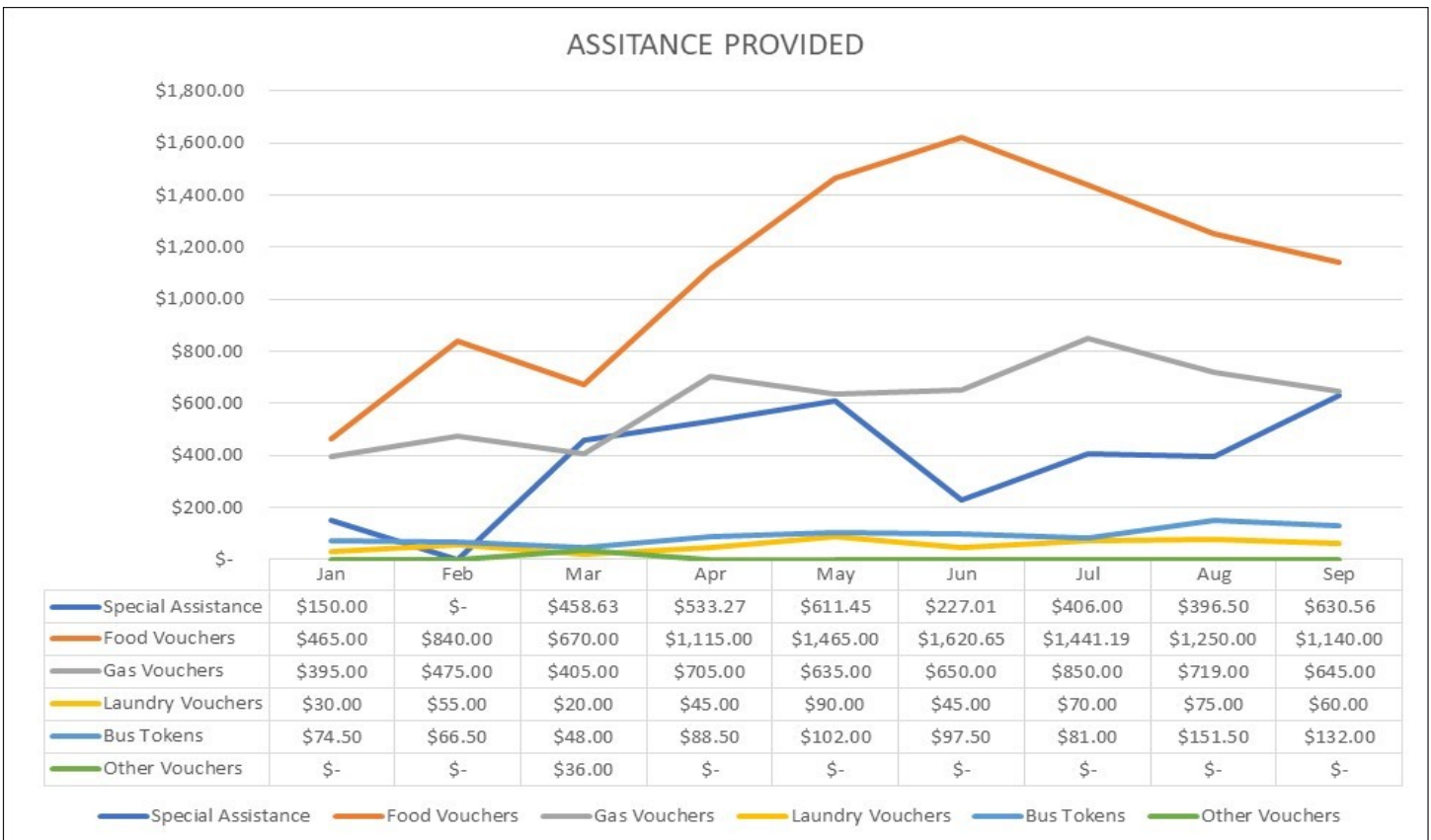
JAN 1 TO SEP 30, 2019

Total Intakes 961
 Requests Accepted.....806
Total number of individuals assisted..... 2434
 Adults 1375
 Children1059
 Homeless.....588
 Homeless applications = 30% of total for the first 9 months of 2019

Total Cash Value
Distributed\$20,266.76
 Partnerships Paid \$38,240.34
Revenues:
 Member Churches:..... \$28,124.02
 Private Donations:.....\$6,062.00
 Grants & Other:..... \$11,500.00
Total Revenues:\$45,686.02
 See the next page for more donations information.



The number of intakes peaked over the summer and has dropped a bit this fall.
 So far, in October the numbers are starting to climb again.



Special Assistance includes help with Rent, Electric, Natural Gas, Propane, Car Repairs, Etc.

CHURCHES UNITED REVENUES

From 1/1/19
To 9/30/19

MEMBER CHURCHES	Amount Received	In-Kind Donations	# of Current Volunteers
Aardahl Lutheran Church	\$ 150.00	161	1
Assembly of God Missionary	\$ -	0	0
Becida Community Church *	\$ -	0	0
Bethel Lutheran Church	\$ 1,743.22	483	1
Calvary Chapel	\$ 200.00	547	0
Calvary Lutheran Church	\$ 3,628.99	1460	0
Crossroads Church	\$ 566.80	0	0
Destiny Fellowship	\$ 250.00	0	0
Evangelical Covenant Church	\$ 1,000.00	0	0
Evangelical Free Church	\$ 800.00	0	0
First Assembly of God Church	\$ -	109	0
First Baptist Church	\$ -	0	0
First Lutheran Church	\$ 1,730.76	15	0
First Presbyterian Church	\$ 750.00	0	0
Malvik Lutheran Church	\$ -	10	0
Mount Zion Church	\$ -	0	2
New Salem Lutheran Church	\$ 589.25	797	0
Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church	\$ -	23	0
Our Savior's Lutheran Church (NBELP)	\$ -	0	0
Seventh Day Adventist Church	\$ 5,000.00	0	0
St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church	\$ 650.00	0	0
St Philip's Catholic Church	\$ 9,000.00	0	3
Tenstrike Community Church	\$ 250.00	0	0
Trinity Lutheran Church - Bemidji	\$ 500.00	47	0
Trinity Lutheran Church of Debs	\$ 350.00	67	0
United Methodist Church	\$ 965.00	91	0
Zion Lutheran Church (NBELP)	\$ -	24	0
TOTAL MEMBER CHURCHES	\$ 28,124.02	3834	7
PRIVATE DONATIONS			
Individual Donations	\$ 3,281.00		6
Business Donations	\$ 2,781.00		
TOTAL PRIVATE DONATIONS	\$ 6,062.00	2478	6
GRANTS			
United Way	\$ 9,000.00		
Bethel Paulson Grant	\$ 2,500.00		
TOTAL GRANTS	\$ 11,500.00		
OTHER INCOME	\$ -		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 45,686.02	6312	13

NOTE: Two of the volunteers are students, 1 of the others is in training

* Becida Community Church is now known as River City Church