



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

April 2020

HIGH POINTS: COVID-19 RESPONSE

UNITED WAY EMERGENCY GRANT

On Monday, April 27, Churches United was blessed to be approved for a United Way Emergency Grant of \$3,000 to be used for food vouchers.

Food vouchers amounts are based on family size. This grant will allow us to expand out food voucher program by providing additional assistance with each voucher. This will help to reduce the number of times that a family in need will have to visit the store.

ON GOING RESPONSE

TO COVID 19

Churches United continues to assist low-income and homeless individual in our community. Applicants are asked to call our office at 218-444-1380 to make a sure we are open and complete a telephone application. Guests are asked to pick-up their assistance at the door.

We are still constructing our protected service counter. It should be operational by mid May.

Your prayers and support are most appreciated during this difficult time. Please contact me at 218-444-1380 if you would like to know more about how you can help Churches United or our community in general.

Practice social distancing & stay safe.

Till next month, *Wanda*



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MONTHLY SNAPSHOT- MARCH 2020

Total Intakes	68
Requests Accepted	69
Pending on 3/31/2020	4
Total number of individuals assisted.....	194
Adults	105
Children	89
Homeless	32
Total Cash Value	
Distributed	\$2,848.46
Partnerships Paid.....	\$7,825.36

Revenues:

Member Churches:.....	\$1,454.72
Private Donations:.....	\$777.00
Grants & Other:	\$0.00
Total Revenues:	\$2,231.72

Statistics and Discrepancies

If you look at the numbers of Intakes to Requests Accepted, you will note that we accepted more requests than we had for the month. The reason this happened was that at the end of February we had 12 cases pending for rent & utility emergencies. A total of 11 such cases were resolved in March. Churches United paid \$1,096.96, with our partners paying \$7,825.36.

Office Hours: Noon - 4:00 p.m.

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*Churches United is a 501c3 non-profit.
Donations are tax deductible*

CURRENT NEEDS

- ⇒ Food Safe Gloves
- ⇒ Hand Sanitizer
- ⇒ Hygiene Items [any size]
- ⇒ Dish Soap
- ⇒ Laundry Soap

THE FACE OF HOMELESSNESS IN 2019:

- 23% of all homeless applicants in 2019 were employed
- 30% were retired or disabled
- 21% slept in their car or outside
- 40% were children
- 30% of assistance provided in 2019 was to the homeless