

# 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Jubilee Center 2020 Annual Report to the 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Colorado

**Pre-COVID:** The 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Jubilee center, a nonprofit Diocesan Institution, is dedicated to assisting our Northwest Denver neighbors, particularly those who have little or no income, have limited access to health care and in many cases, have limited or no housing and food resources. Prior to the pandemic, the Jubilee Center provided emergency food, transportation (bus passes) to medical, dental and mental health appointments, prescription co-pays, eye exams and glasses as well as referrals to other critical resources. Our educational programs have been a strong asset of the Jubilee Center, both the afterschool tutoring program and our Summer Educational Enrichment Kamp (SEEK). These programs have offered the children who attend the neighborhood schools academic focused enrichment.

**During the Pandemic:** Our programs were either curtailed entirely, and our doors were closed to our guests. We were relegated to helping safely as prescribed by the Diocese and state: -- Children were attending school virtually. Thus, our educational support was done virtually. --- Because children were not physically in school, they did not have access to breakfast and lunch meals. Through our partnership with the Foodbank of the Rockies, each week the Jubilee Center provided five breakfast meal, five supper meals and 10 milks to each child up to age 18. This was supplemented with extra food (fruits, vegetables, dairy, breads, etc.) for families and other guests who came to our “door.”

- Children who participated in the 2019 SEEK were provided backpacks and school supplies. --
- Once school resumed in the fall, most DPS students were again learning remotely. Homework help has resumed with most assistance done remotely with limited in person contact. --The feeding program for children has resumed. Emergency food is also being provided on a weekly basis for any guest in need.
- Assistance with eye exams and glasses, dental assistance, prescription co-pays, and transportation to medical appointments has resumed in a safe, no-contact way.

**Post Pandemic:** We pray for the day when we can safely open our doors and greet each guest with needed outreach services. Until then, we will continue with integrity and love to support as many guests as we safely can serve.



The 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Jubilee Center receives financial support from many sources: from the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado, from the Front Range Region, from many congregations in Colorado, from our board members, and from the community. 2019 revenues were \$90,403 compared to expenditures of \$89,727.. (Our fiscal year is January to January.) Over 94% of our funds went directly to supporting the people who benefit from the programs and services of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Jubilee Center.



## Our Programs

**Intake, Emergency & Referral Assistance:** Our intake desk receives guests who are seeking assistance with basic human needs: shelter, food, supplies, and fuel. During the two months prior to the pandemic, the Center welcomed and assisted 129 guests emergency food and hot meals, basic hygiene needs, fuel cards, access to phone, fax and copier, referrals for rent and utility assistance, and connection with agencies providing temporary, low income housing, and day shelters.

**Community Healthcare:** Our healthcare staff and volunteers provide medical education, basic healthcare screening and healthy eating guidelines for all guests, particularly low-income individuals and those without housing resources. Prior to our shutdown, we issued 189 bus passes so guests could get to medical appointments. We provided 14 individuals with eye exams and eyeglasses, and we have a long waiting list of guests needing eye exams and glasses who we can now help with our limited re-opening.

**Youth Enrichment Programs:** Our After School and SEEK (Summer Educational Enrichment Kamp) provide a safe and welcoming environment for students in need of academic enrichment. With COVID, our work continues primarily virtually. We are pleased that we are still able to utilize Regis interns during the pandemic.

**Immigration Advocacy Initiative:** Our work with the immigrant community, particularly those youth who were brought to the US as small children, continues. We provide financial support for DACA renewals and hope that this support will be more robust post-pandemic and with a more supportive political climate.

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The mission of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Center is to be welcoming, connecting and offering support to our Northwest Denver community.

We are a small 501 (c) (3) non-profit, charitable organization. All contributions are tax-deductible.



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