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ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

In 2015, Valley Interfaith Food & Clothing Center helped an average of 32 families each day for a total of 21,036 services rendered this year – more than 7,600 household visits! While this is a small decrease from 2014, attributed to a new household re-interview process used by Valley to ensure we are serving people in our designated area, this is quite an undertaking! The support of the exceptional individuals, organizations, businesses, faith communities and foundations enables us to serve the community at this capacity. You are a crucial part of our success and growth.

In addition to continuing to meet the immediate needs of our neighbors, VIFCC offers an exciting opportunity for struggling families in our community to build their stability. VINE, Valley Interfaith Neighbors Empowered, launched our first cycle in July 2014. In 2015 VIFCC offered two cycles of VINE, with 17 total women completing the program to date. The mission of our VINE initiative is to create an opportunity for individuals living in or near poverty to break the cycle and re-write their future story. We envision that those empowered will in turn empower their neighbors, creating lasting change in our community.

On other fronts, our DeFeet Hunger 5K walk raised over \$15,000. The Back-2-School program took place the first week of August. Three Christmas programs ran the third week of December. The Easter program assisted 50 families thanks to the Presbyterian Church of Wyoming. With the generous support of neighboring congregations, 250 families had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner delivered to their homes.

We at Valley Interfaith thank you and look forward to “Helping our Neighbors in Need” with you, today and in the future.

Blessings,
Kenneth J Radziwon

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The holidays are a special time at Valley Interfaith Food and Clothing Center! Each Christmas season we strive to provide toy and clothing gifts for children, as well as a holiday food basket, to local households. In 2015 we were able to make the holidays brighter for over 400 families, including almost 1,150 children through our Christmas Sharing Program.

We could not brighten the holidays for these families without the help of our sponsoring congregations and community groups who provide the toy and clothing gifts for children, \$15 Target gift cards for teens, and non-perishable food items, as well as numerous individuals who give generously of their time and money. The gifts and food baskets are distributed in mid-December to families in need and through our Final Friday Give-away program.

WITH THE HELP FROM THESE LOCAL BUSINESSES AND PARTNERING AGENCIES, WE WERE ABLE TO FULFILL OUR MISSION OF “HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED”

All Season Insulation • Arthur's Café • Beadantics • Bimbo Bakery • Gabby's/Distasi 400
Brownings of Wyoming • Bushelman Supply Company • Century Inn
Charles H. Egar, MD • Choice Brands Adhesives • Dater Foundation
Frame USA • Frohman & Associates • General Electric • Half Day Café
Hamilton Caster • Hollaender Mfg Co. • Hug Jewelers • IBM • Inner Peace Holistic Center
Internists of Wyoming, LLC • J & N Auto Parts • John D. Smith Co., L.P.A. • Kroger • KPMG
Larosa's in Wyoming • Little Caesar's • Luken's Paint & Body Shop • Make It Happen
Miami Industrial • Mike Albert Leasing • Montgomery Inn • Mount Notre Dame dance team
National Guard • Parlour on the Pike • Performance Lexus • Pure Granite & Stone
Reinhart Foodservice • Rivertown Brewery • Rod Sidley Architects • Running Spot • Ryan's All Glass
Santos Auto Service Company • Skidmore Sales • Skyline on Springfield Pike
Statements Salon • Target • Ted Marty & Assoc. Insurance • The T Shirt Company
Theodore S. Marty, MD • Thompson Hine Attorney • TMI Electric • Trader Joe's
Tri-Health Orthopedics & Sports Institute • Walmart • Woodhouse Day Spa • Wyoming Golf Club
Wyoming JWC • Wyoming Meat Market • Wyoming Middle School Student Council
Wyoming Newcomers • Wyoming Pastry Shop • Wyoming Wines • Zins Plumbing, LLC

... AND MANY OTHERS, INCLUDING OUR WONDERFUL
30 SPONSORING FAITH COMMUNITIES

VALLEY INTERFAITH NEIGHBORS EMPOWERED (VINE) PROGRAM

VINE incorporates the national program model titled “Getting Ahead in a ‘By World” (DeVol, 2012), along with other community programs, to offer a holistic approach to breaking the cycle of poverty. We are proud to announce a 100% retention rate for our most recent graduating class, a three cycle total retention rate of 79%, with many of our graduates finding new employment, reporting increased self-esteem and feelings of hope for the future, achieving individualized family goals, building resources, and forming significant relationships with one another. A national study released in 2015 found that nationally, Getting Ahead participants’ stress levels decreased while their mental health, social support, hope, goal directed behavior, planning and knowledge about poverty increased during participation.

In June of 2015, The Women’s Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation selected our VINE initiative for funding, stating the selection committee was impressed by our sense of collaboration and our ability to address the source of the issue with the knowledge to promote change.

In October, Program Director Casey Hinkel partnered with the Church of Ascension & Holy Trinity to offer a workshop titled “Tools for Tackling Poverty.” Community members donated their time to raising their understanding and awareness in regards to life in poverty. We are looking forward to the continued partnership with motivated community members who are driven to work shoulder to shoulder with our neighbors in need to strengthen the community we live in.

BACK-2-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Valley’s Back-2-School Program served **961 children** in August of 2015! The children received backpacks filled with supplies, a \$15 Payless gift card for shoes, and new or gently used uniforms. In addition to building the children’s self-esteem, supplying these essentials for the school year also removes a burden from the parents and guardians. This program was made possible by a grant from the Dater Foundation, donations from the Wyoming JWC, Frame USA, and more than 30 faith communities.

VIFCC has been dedicated to providing food, clothing and emergency financial assistance to our neighbors in need since 1963. Every 30 days, our clients are eligible to shop for two complete clothing outfits for each family member and a three day food supply from our Choice Pantry, based on the number of people in their household. Emergency Financial Assistance is limited, and typically provided to forestall utility disconnection or eviction. VINE (Valley Interfaith Neighbors Empowered), creates an opportunity for families to break the cycle of poverty. VIFCC has grown from a single church basement operation to today’s 501(c)(3) agency, sponsored by over 30 local faith communities. VIFCC assists clients in 12 area communities and is the official food agency of the FreeStore/Food Bank for these communities.

MISSION STATEMENT

We assist our neighbors in need with food, clothing, emergency financial assistance, and other necessary services.

VISION STATEMENT

We link willing and able clients with resources which will help them break their cycle of dependency, and provide them with a new beginning.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ann Taylor — <i>President</i>	Anita Berry
Gordon Dennis — <i>Treasurer</i>	Becky Regenold
Chuck Kellner — <i>Facilities Manager</i>	Carrie Short-Lippert

CURRENT STAFF

Ken Radziwon — <i>Interim Executive Director</i>
Casey Hinkel — <i>VINE Program Director</i>
Greg Wilks — <i>Pantry Manager</i>

STATEMENT OF INCOME

Revenues	2015	2014	% Change
Faith Communities	\$62,719	\$65,663	(4.5%)
Individuals	129,508	138,126	(6.2%)
Organizations	12,526	19,817	(36.8%)
Grants	41,570	39,819	4.4%
Fund Raisers	18,925	7,901	139.5%
V.I.N.E.	41,048	32,215	27.4%
Interest	549	563	(2.5%)
Sale of Clothing	<u>8,875</u>	<u>7,732</u>	14.8%
Sub-Total Budget	\$315,720	\$311,836	1.2%
Bequests		\$12,712	
In Kind Donations	<u>\$1,040,000</u>	<u>\$928,000</u>	12.1%
Non-Budget Revenues	\$1,040,000	\$940,712	10.6%
Total Revenues	\$1,355,720	\$1,252,548	8.2%
Expenses			
Client Services	\$112,722	\$121,381	(7.1%)
Administration	99,855	78,356	27.4%
Fund Raisers	40,266	41,719	(3.5%)
Occupancy	70,393	53,042	32.7%
Capital Equipment	<u>379</u>	<u>4,101</u>	(90.8%)
Sub-Total Budget Expenses	\$323,615	\$298,599	8.4%
Reserve Transactions		\$20,257	
In Kind Donations	<u>\$1,040,000</u>	<u>\$928,000</u>	12.1%
Sub-Total Non-Budget	\$1,040,000	\$948,257	9.7%
Total Expenses	\$1,363,615	\$1,246,856	9.4%
Net Income	(\$7,895)	\$5,692	

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets	2015	2014
WesBanco	\$64,018	\$70,874
Spring Valley	150,634	150,108
Undeposited Funds	<u>4,399</u>	<u>5,964</u>
Total Assets	\$219,051	\$226,946
Liabilities & Equity		
Equity	\$347,316	\$347,316
Retained Earnings	(182,543)	(188,235)
Income	(7,895)	5,692
V.I.N.E. Reserve	46,241	46,241
Startup Reserve	<u>15,932</u>	<u>15,932</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$219,051	\$226,946

CLIENT DATA

	Number of Clients			Client Visits		
	2015	2014	Percent	2015	2014	Percent
Households	1965	2259	(13.0%)	7620	9313	(18.2%)
Individuals						
Seniors (60+)	473	508	(6.9%)	2051	2338	(12.3%)
Adults (18-59)	2748	3245	(15.3%)	10354	14058	(26.3%)
Children	<u>2134</u>	<u>2568</u>	(16.9%)	<u>8631</u>	<u>11284</u>	(23.5%)
Total Individuals	5355	6321	(15.3%)	21036	27680	(24.0%)

CLIENT STORIES

From Clients whose lives have been touched by VIFCC

From a recent VINE graduate: *"I think when you change your way of thinking, knowing that you don't have to stay where you are, knowing you can be successful, and that you can overcome your environment. And learning to depend on (myself) and that I don't have to be stuck. Everything can change if you want it to change. (This group) has taught me that I am stronger than I think."*

Discussing her experience with VINE, a cycle 3 graduate stated *"I learned I don't have to stay stuck, that there are people that are willing to help me help myself. I am taking a different approach to obtaining employment. I also have started to manage money differently. I just hope to maintain the relationships we developed here. The program has helped me look at reality in a painfully honest way. The road to healing has to start with the truth."*