



# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Twenty years ago, a diverse group of Christian lay people started Beacon Ministry. Denominational lines that divide were put aside, and a central place was launched where our community could send people in need. Churches account for approximately 40% of our budget. Individual gifts are the next largest source of funds.

Our blessings have been the faithful donors who for many years have supported our mission, whether it be by a monetary donation, volunteering, or donation of furniture. Your generous gifts of money, your time and furniture donations have helped us serve many people every year. For so many of the people in need in our area, we are one of the few agencies who are able to assist them in their immediate time of need. We continue to hear these needs and our hearts cry out for the ability to help them.

Two years ago we introduced you all to our Life/Finance Coach, Pandora Harris, and invited you to check out our website [www.beaconministry.org](http://www.beaconministry.org) and watch a short video of one of her counseling sessions. We invite you to watch this short video again. It is inspiring. When trust is built and truth is told, remarkable things can happen.

In 2017 Beacon served 1,522 families which included 793 children aged 0-17. 1,591 needs were served by

## COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

1. Homeless Backbone Support Group
2. Community Development Group

Beacon and Partner Churches, 681 of their needs were served by other Agencies including Catholic Urban Programs, St. Vincent DePaul, Salvation Army, and Intergovernmental Grants Department.

Our Relational Ministry is ongoing and several of our supporting churches have stepped up to the challenge of preparing lunches for the twenty or more people in need who show up not only for a good meal, but also to enjoy the company of others and participate in a roundtable discussion of things that matter to them, while at the same time imparting the Word of God to them so that they know they are loved by us and the God we serve.

We look forward to the upcoming year of working as hard as we can to help those who need a helping hand to lift them up and keep them from being trapped in the vicious circle of poverty. We cannot do it without the love and gifts that you give to enable us to do the work the Lord has called us to do. We thank you for your steadfast and loyal giving spirits.

3. Point in Time Count
4. Homeless Action Committee
5. Relational Lunches

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## BEACON AT A GLANCE

### RESOURCE CALL CENTER

**Families Served** **2,610**  
(This is 600 more calls than last year)

### Furniture Ministry

**Deliveries (178) Value \$32,050**  
**Donations (128) Value \$24,005**

### Life Coaching Ministry

**Total Coaching Sessions 126**

### 326 Total Volunteer Hours

**(Value @10/Hr)= \$32,600**

### Financial Support

**Fundraising 30%**  
**Grants 12%**  
**Churches 35%**  
**Individuals 23%**

### STAFF:

**Carol Haffner Meyer**  
*Business Office and Finance Mgr.*  
**Mike Stidham**, *Ministry Director*  
**Pandora Harris**, *Life/Finance Coach*

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### FINANCE/LIFE COACHING

The Life Coach Program is exceling and meeting objectives for the participants.

All of the participants currently have active checking accounts and are working either part-time or full-time jobs. We have been providing necessary resources to clients that have run into a rock block such as shortage of funds. We have linked them to local food pantries and Intergovernmental Grants Department for rental or utility assistance. We continue to connect participants to appropriate groups to support their mental and physical health.

The Life Coach program continues to focus on the needs of the participants and their individual needs. We currently have 7 active participants in the program. We have openings for 5 to 6 new participants.

### RELATIONAL MINISTRY

#### CHURCHES/GROUPS THAT PREPARED 2017 LUNCHES:

Turkey Hill Grange  
St. Augustine of Canterbury  
St. Mark Lutheran Church  
St. Paul UCC Mission Board  
Union United Methodist

O'Fallon First United Methodist  
Women4Given  
Eckert's Country Store and Farm

## **SPONSORING CHURCHES**

Calvary Church  
Central Christian Church  
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Christian Family Church  
Cornerstone Christian Church  
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Faith Family Church  
Faith Lutheran Church  
First Baptist Church --Belleville  
First Church of Christ Scientist  
First Church of the Nazarene  
First United Methodist Church O'Fallon  
First United Presbyterian

Grace Church  
Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
Life Church  
O'Fallon Assembly  
Our Lady Queen of Peace  
Parkview Church of the Nazarene  
Peace Lutheran Church  
Prospect Park United Methodist  
Radiance Center for Spiritual Living  
Signal Hill Lutheran (LCMS)  
Signal Hill United Methodist  
Skyline Church  
St. Augustine of Canterbury  
St. Clare Catholic  
St. George Episcopal  
St. Henry Catholic Church  
St. John United Church of Christ  
St. Luke Catholic Church  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church  
St. Matthew United Methodist  
St. Nicholas Catholic  
St. Paul United Church of Christ  
St. Peter Cathedral  
St. Stephen Catholic  
St. Teresa Catholic Church  
Shiloh UMC  
Sterling Baptist  
Swansea Baptist  
The Journey Church  
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Zion Lutheran Church

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