

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



INDEPENDENT
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

BY THE NUMBERS

2022 AT A GLANCE

144

FAMILIES
RECEIVED
FINANCIAL
ASSITANCE

1835

POINTS OF
ENGAGEMENT
WITH THE
CONGREGATION

1818

FRESH FOOD
BOXES GIVEN

413

INDIVIDUAL
VOLUNTEERS
IN 2022



COMMUNITY MINISTRY PROGRAMS



2022 AT A GLANCE

- First Light Shelter for Homeless Women and Children
- Blessing Boxes
- Harvest for Hunger
- Habitat for Humanity house build
- Crop Drop
- Christmas Stockings for Summer Learning and Lift Off programs
- Children's Fresh Air Farm Fun Days for SLP students
- Weekend Buddy Bags
- Chiapas Mission Journey
- Lunch and Learn with Mission Partners and Local Leaders
- Cleaning at Pepper Place Market
- Fresh food box partnership with PEER, Inc./East Lake Market
- Recycling #5 plastics with Community on the Rise
- Summer Learning Program at Children's Fresh Air Farm
- LIFT OFF to Learning program at IPC



SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE

Children's Fresh Air Farm

- Graduated 108 scholars from the Summer Learning Program at the Fresh Air Farm.
- Held LIFT OFF to Learning at IPC for 51 children in grades 3 and 4 from Hayes K-8 School.
- Designed and completed a garden renovation project at The Farm and had plans approved and began fundraising for the pool house renovation.
- Provided 190 Christmas stockings for all Summer Learning Program Graduates, LIFT OFF participants, and their families.

Earth Care

- The IPC Earth Care team initiated a new ministry of collecting recycle #5 plastics to benefit a non-profit ministry employing formerly homeless women, Community on the Rise, who are saving #5s from Birmingham area landfills and creating new objects of art and purpose. In 2022, we delivered 9 super sacks of plastic, saving about 450 cubic feet of #5 plastics from going into Alabama's landfills.
- On March 23, 2022, the Earth Care Team sponsored a special paper and e-recycling event, in partnership with Protec Recycling. This effort collected 1,324 lbs. of e-waste for responsible recycling, and 1,710 lbs. of paper for secure shredding and recycling.
- Starting in September 2022, our new Operations Director reinstated paper recycling and shredding on-site by partnering with a local nonprofit, Gone for Good.

Family Stability and Opportunity

- Worked one-on-one with 181 families throughout the year to support each families' goals and immediate needs.
- Deepened partnerships within the medical community to continue IPC's commitment to providing prescriptions for our neighbors.



COMMUNITY MINISTRIES TEAM

Homelessness and Housing

- Served more than 1,200 meals throughout the year to the women and children at First Light Shelter.
- Gave funds and participated in the annual Presbytery Habitat for Humanity Build.
- Provided water bottles and snacks to the Birmingham Warming Shelters throughout the winter months.



Hunger and Food Insecurity

- Began the Weekend Buddy Bag program for students at Hayes K-8 School, packing and delivering 1,844 snack bags in 2022.
- Our Fresh Food Ministry was rapidly changed by the closure of one of our greatest partners, City Meats in March. We were still able to provide fresh food with a new community partner, PEER Inc. through fresh food boxes containing fruits, vegetables, meat, and eggs.
- IPC's 2nd annual Crop Drop fed over 12,000 people in Central and Northern Alabama.



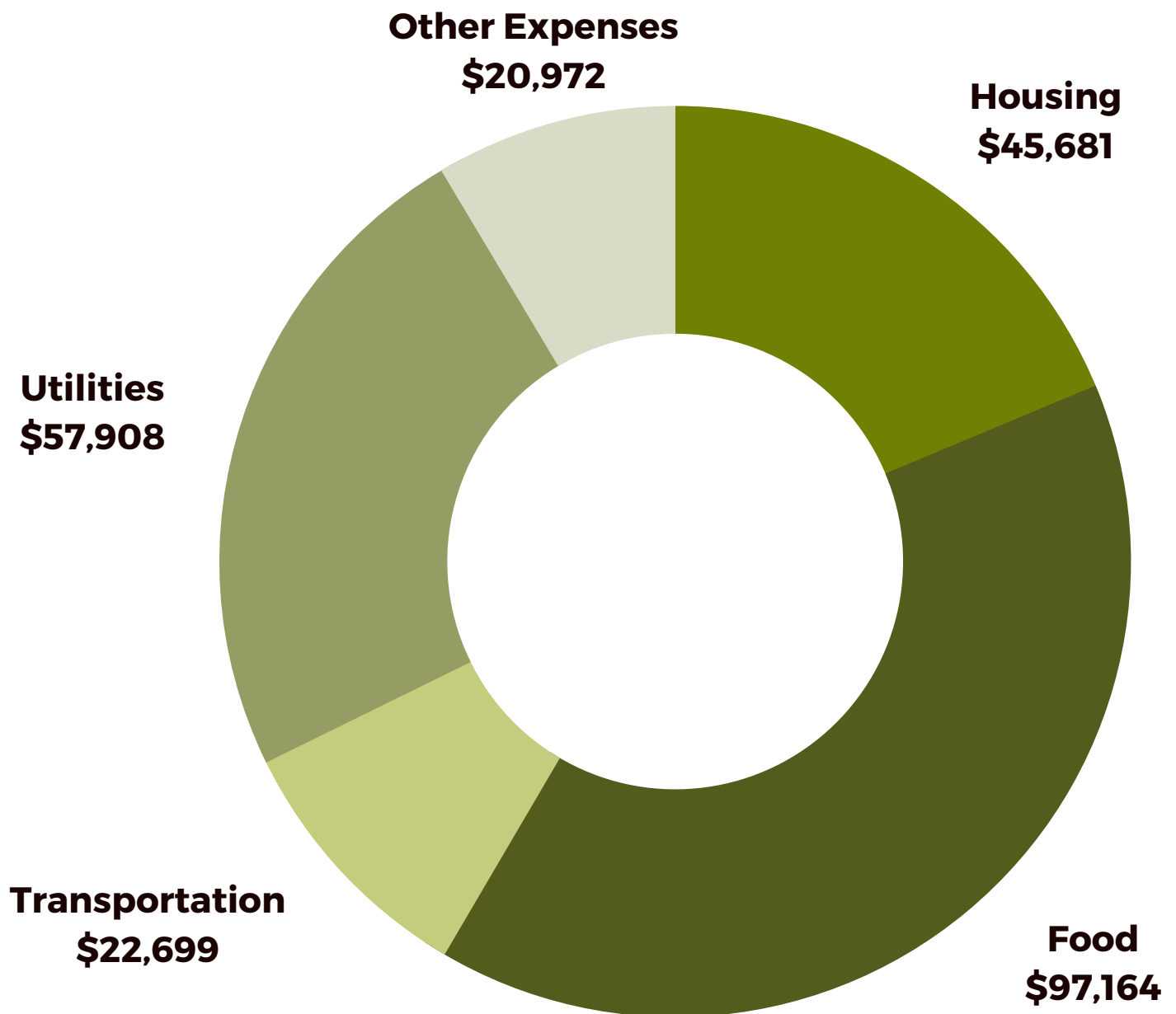
Global Missions

- Sent a team from IPC to Chiapas Mexico to work with our mission partners, Salvador and Irma de la Torre.
- Hosted over 400 community members at IPC to celebrate the Ukrainian Freedom Festival in August.
- Planned four Mission Journeys for 2023.

FINANCES

2022

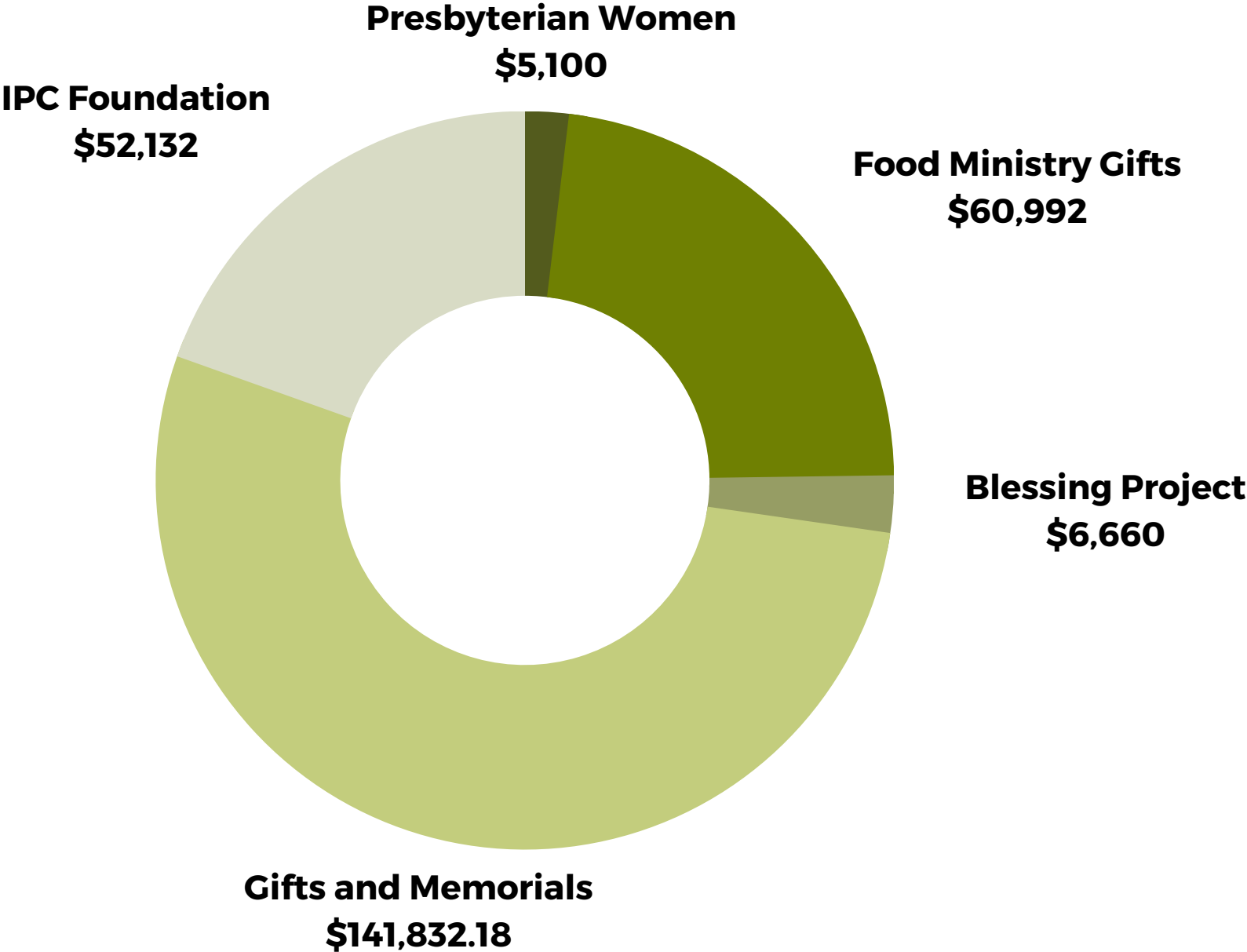
Total Expenses: \$244,424.25



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Total Gifts to Social Services:
\$266,716.18



COMMUNITY MINISTRIES DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE

At the end of 2021, Session set aside significant funds to support Community Ministries' priorities and special needs. Session soon after established the Community Ministries Discernment Committee to investigate and recommend the best use of these funds.

After almost 12 months of work, the Discernment Committee unanimously confirmed our recommendations, which were approved by Session at its November meeting.

The Committee recommended the funding of:

- A full-time position to support students and families of Hayes K-8 and the SLP year-round with critical needs affecting academic success including attendance, housing, transportation, social, and emotional support.
- Several part-time positions and an additional 2nd-grade class for the SLP. The funded positions will help increase the effectiveness and success of academic, social, and emotional learning and include a licensed counselor, an academic interventionist, and paid student interns allowing SLP graduates and IPC youth the opportunity to help with the SLP and develop their job skills and employment experiences.
- Specific critical but underfunded programs and services administered by IPC's Community Ministries Committee and staff to help Birmingham parents and children in need to access better job training, mental health counseling support, and safer transportation to school, especially for the students at Hayes K-8, who do not qualify for school-provided transportation nor have good options of their own.
- A full-time position, initially at i3Academy, to lead the implementation of Mobility Mentoring, a successful, national model of EmPath, "Bridge to Self-Sufficiency." Several willing i3 parents will be paired with a trained volunteer mentor, who will meet with them monthly to establish a multi-year plan with goals and objectives to further themselves beyond generational poverty.



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023

Food Ministries

- IPC's partnership with PEER Inc./East Lake Market is continuing to transform as we bring fresh foods and vegetables to communities that need it most. In 2023 we will have 5 Free Mobile Pop-Up Markets per month in West Birmingham, North Birmingham and Hayes K-8 School.
- IPC's commitment to feeding the hungry continues as we expand our Weekend Buddy Bag program beginning in April of 2023 to 2 drop offs per month equaling 320 snack bags for students at Hayes K-8.

Children's Fresh Air Farm Centennial

- The Children's Fresh Air Farm turns 100 in 2023! All year long, celebrations will take place at The Farm and IPC culminating in a weekend-long Centennial Celebration Weekend, October 28-29.
- The Farm has undergone a garden renovation and will have a new Pool House in the Summer of 2023 thanks to the generosity of the congregation through IPC's ongoing capital campaign.



Global Missions

- In 2023 IPC will sponsor three international mission journeys to Mwandu Mission in Zambia, Rwanda, and Chiapas Mexico. After a brief break from international missions during COVID, IPC is so grateful for the opportunity to spread God's love across the globe.
- IPC looks forward to continuing to support the Ukrainian Freedom Festival in August by hosting the group for their annual celebration.



SERVE WITH IPC

Ongoing Opportunities

- Weekend Buddy Bag packing and delivery
- Blessing Box filling and restocking
- Meals on Wheels driving
- LIFT OFF tutoring Tuesdays or Wednesdays during the school year
- Recycling #5 plastics/Delivering Super Sack
- Preparing and serving dinner at First Light Women's Shelter
- Summer Learning Program Tutors
- Gleaning at Pepper Place Market

Special Events

- Crop Drop: October 15th
- Harvest for Hunger: October 15th-November 19th
- Habitat Presbytery Build: Begins September 14th
- Summer Learning Program Christmas Gifts

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Thank you to Catherine Goudreau for her dedication and care for the Children's Fresh Air Farm and the families served in the past 5 years. We wish her well in her new adventure!



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Community on the Rise

City of Birmingham

i3 Academy

PEER, Inc./East Lake Market

Jeremiah's Hope

Birmingham Education
Foundation

Hope Inspired Ministries

One Roof

Jefferson Blount St. Clair
Mental Health Authority

Habitat for Humanity of
Greater Birmingham

Summer Adventures
in Learning (SAIL)

Society of St. Andrews Alabama
Gleaning Network

STAIR

Alabama Institute for the
Deaf and Blind

Housing Authority
Birmingham District

Determined to Be

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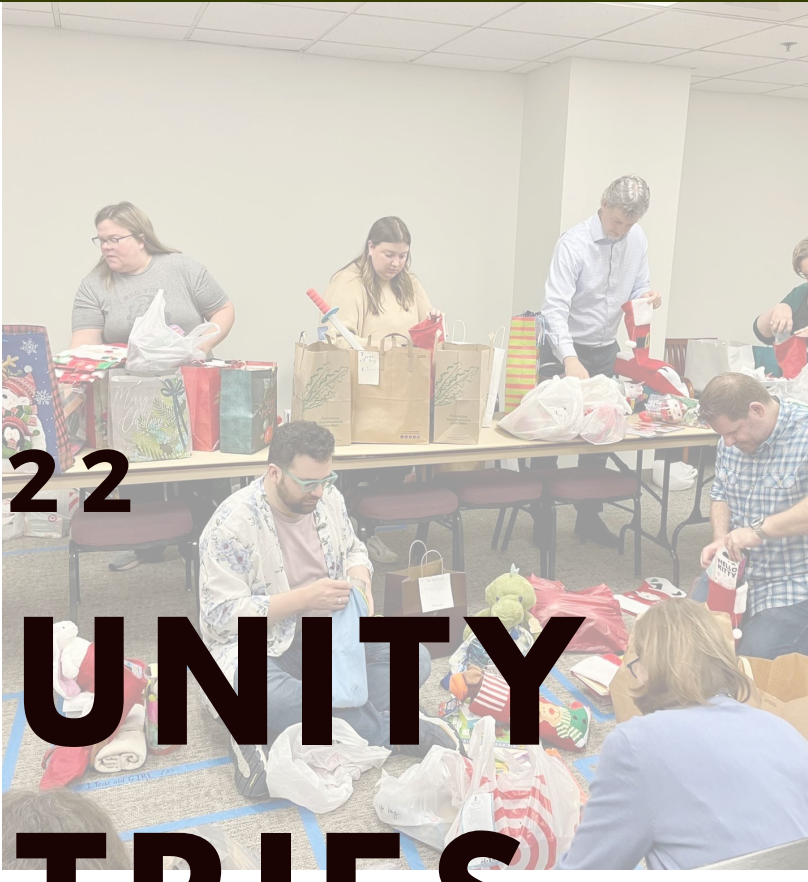
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