

The MISSION of Eastern Area Community Ministries is to partner with people in need or crisis and to equip and support them in achieving life-long stability and dignity.



“Not only has EACM helped me with food, clothing, etc. for my family, they taught me how to trust people and have faith.”

- Feedback from EACM's
Helping Hands Partnership

EACM is supported by

38 partner churches

grant funds, and donations from businesses and individuals.

Over 200 volunteers

combined for a total of **8,910 hours** in 2018. At \$21.38 per volunteer hour, that is equal to **\$190,852.20!**



“I have been able to budget my household bills, save my house from foreclosure, and get back on my feet.”

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Families on the Brink

\$14.17



\$13.34

hourly wage needed to afford a 2-BR apartment in Louisville.*

est. average renter hourly wage in Louisville**



1 in 6 Louisville children experience food insecurity.*

\$400

46% of American adults say they could not cover an emergency expense of \$400.***

*National Low Income Housing Coalition *Out of Reach 2015 Study*

**Greater Louisville Project *2017 Poverty Beyond Income Report*

*** US Federal Reserve, *Report on the Economic Well-Being of U.S. Households in 2015*

Kevyn's Story

Kevyn and his wife Alejandra never imagined they would live in the United States, much less leave their home in Venezuela to seek political asylum.



However, as the political climate worsened in their home country, they left behind their careers as engineering professors and brought their two young daughters to the U.S. in 2014. With their assets frozen by Venezuela's government, they arrived in Louisville with their entire lives packed into four suitcases.

Kevyn and Alejandra took grueling jobs: Kevyn washed dishes at a restaurant and Alejandra cleaned hotel rooms. It was a struggle to provide for their family, and a friend referred them to Paty Robles, director of EACM's Multicultural Community Services program.

Kevyn's family attended EACM's free English classes, with childcare provided for their daughters. They received diapers, clothing, and food from EACM, allowing them to save money for their immigration paperwork. Kevyn was amazed by this generosity: **“Wow, this is good! This is blessings!”**

EACM's Helping Hands Partnership provided financial education classes. As Kevyn says, **“When you have good knowledge about what is the best way for managing your money, you can grow.”**

And grow they did! Kevyn and Alejandra now teach English full-time for Jefferson County Public Schools. In 2017, the family grew to five with the birth of their first son. With their careers on track, and permanent resident status approved, they planted deeper roots in Louisville and purchased their first house in the US.

At EACM, we're honored to partner with and support wonderful neighbors like Kevyn and his family! To watch a video of Kevyn's story in his own words, visit [EACM's YouTube channel](#).

The VISION of Eastern Area Community Ministries is a community where every person is empowered to be fed, sheltered, and safe.



“Thank God for EACM!”

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EACM Programs

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE provides housing and utility aid to families facing eviction or service disconnection.

EACM'S FOOD PANTRY is a distribution site for Dare to Care and the USDA resources.

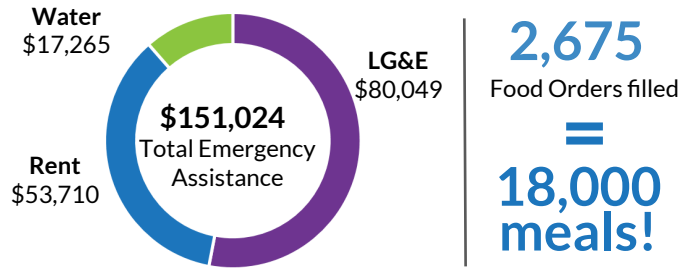
HELPING HANDS PARTNERSHIP empowers struggling families and individuals through education, case management, and mentorship as they work toward long-term stability.

MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY SERVICES facilitates the immersion and integration of our multicultural neighbors in the community. This involves free English classes, case management and advocacy services, and a summer program for children.

GOOD START FOR KIDS supports parents in providing basic needs to their young children, such as diapers and baby supplies, personal hygiene products, and clothing through size 6.

MEALS ON WHEELS provides a hot meal and personal contact to our homebound neighbors every weekday.

Community Impact



77%

of Helping Hands participants reported a positive change in their financial management!

Multicultural Services



- 163** English Students
- 30** Kids in summer classes
- 120** Case management services
- 146** Advocacy services

Helping Hands Partnership

- 20** Avg. monthly workshop attendance
- 51** Avg. monthly online workshops completed
- 12** Enrolled in mentorship or case management

2,552



Hot meals delivered to seniors at home!



57 families

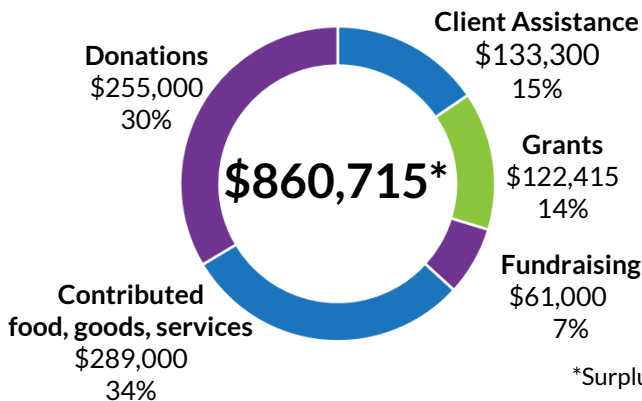
received diapers and baby food.

200+
volunteers

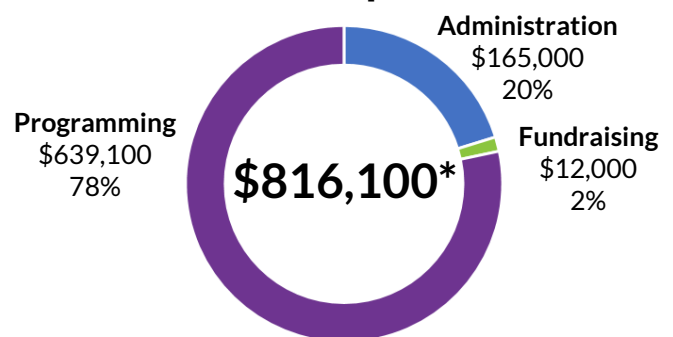
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Volunteer hours logged

2018 Income



2018 Expenses



*Surplus income reflects Emergency Assistance funds earmarked for use in 2019.