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....without you all, it isn't possible

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
Annual Impact Report

A Message from the Executive Director and Board President

Dear Friends and Partners,

As we look back on the past year, we're filled with gratitude for our dedicated staff, volunteers, and donors. The past fiscal year has been transformative for Western Wake Crisis Ministry, allowing us to support over 14,579 individuals—a 32% increase from the previous year—amid rising food insecurity and housing instability.

Thanks to our volunteers, we distributed 359,166 pounds of food, serving an average of 340 households each month. While many clients only needed short-term assistance, about a third required regular support due to ongoing challenges.

We also provided \$331,499 in financial assistance to help 710 households throughout the year with rent and utilities during a time when living costs rose sharply, especially for seniors and disabled individuals. Although we increased our utility assistance by 8%, we faced a 10% decline in donations, which impacted our service levels.

Looking ahead, we're committed to strengthening partnerships and expanding our services to better address food insecurity and financial instability in our community. We're inspired by the resilience of our neighbors and the commitment of our volunteers and staff.

Thank you to our generous donors. Your support is vital to our mission.

With sincere appreciation,



Dr. Atoya Hodges
Executive Director



Tom Gebbia
Board President



Mission

Partnering with those in crisis, helping them gain stability through basic supports for food, financial/housing assistance, education and opportunity.

Vision

A brighter future for all by cultivating a healthy, hunger-free and housing-stable community.

Mission Moment

A Journey to Safety: Maria and Alex's Story

Maria and her son, Alex, faced a difficult and dangerous situation as they escaped from domestic violence, leaving their home with little more than the clothes on their backs. They found themselves living in their car, struggling for stability while managing Alex's asthma. Each evening, they would park in a local restaurant's lot, searching for an outlet where Maria could plug in Alex's asthma machine. The weight of their circumstances was heavy, and hope was fleeting.

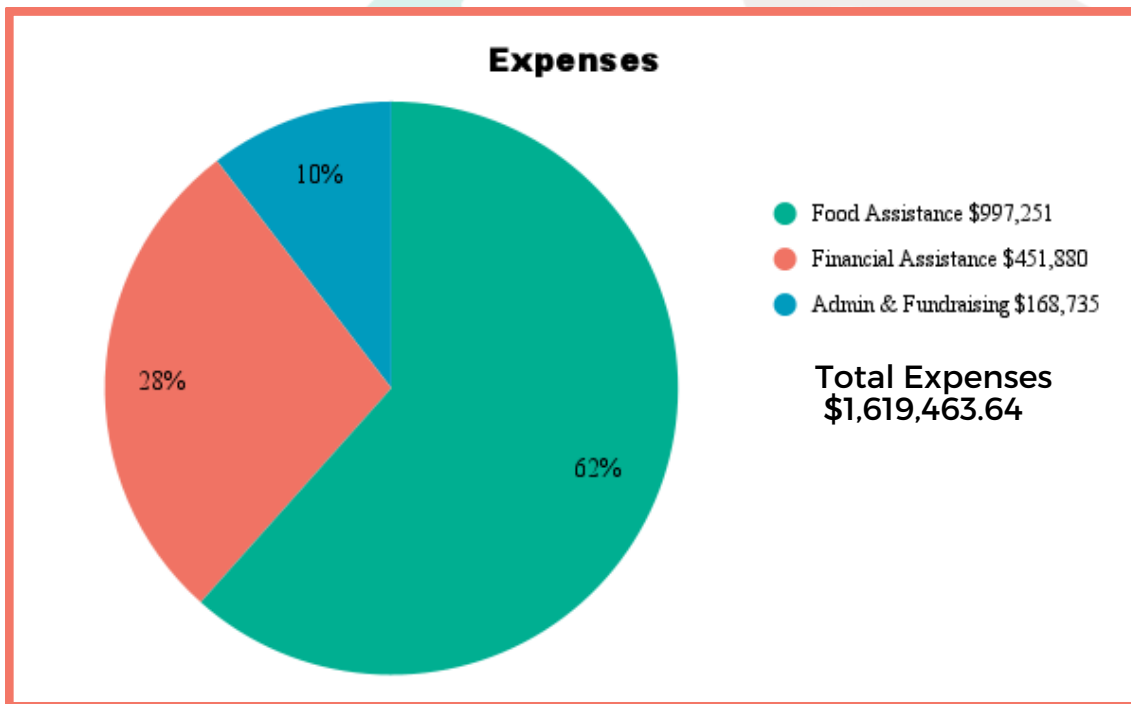
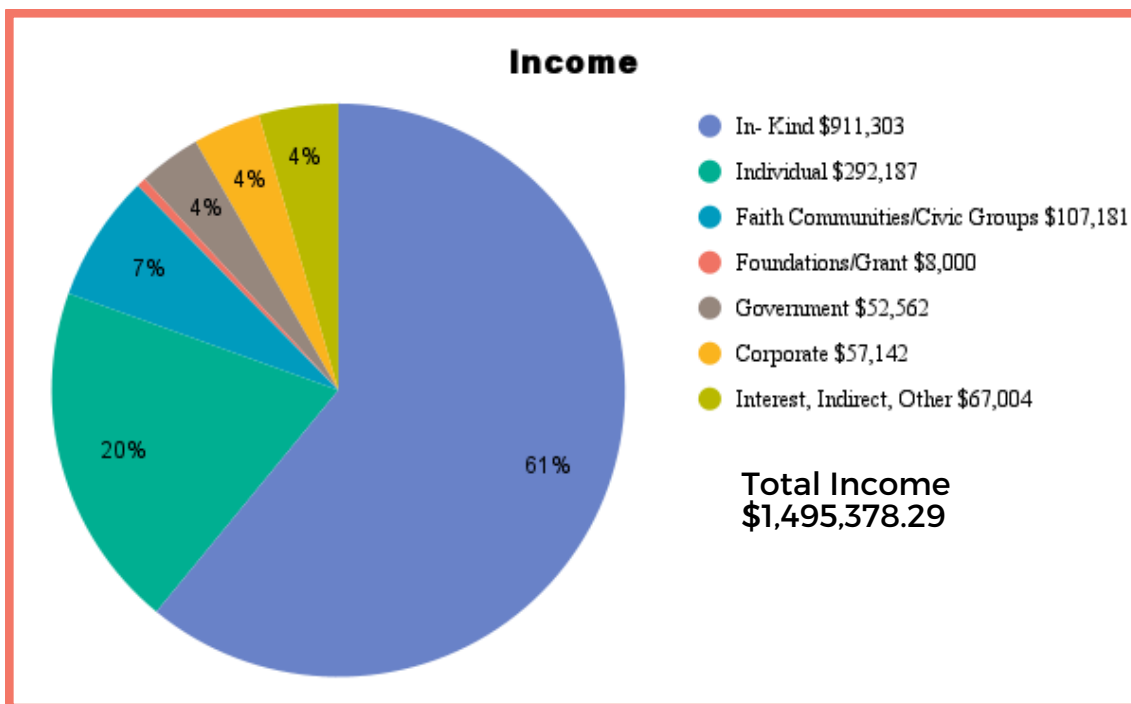
Everything changed when they discovered the WWCM. Although hesitant, Maria decided to reach out for help. The WWCM team welcomed her with open arms, providing not only nutritious food but also financial assistance for a security deposit on a new apartment.

Thanks to the support of WWCM, Maria and Alex were able to move into a safe new home, offering them a fresh start and the chance to begin healing.



Organization Financials

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Impact Numbers

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710 Families Helped with Rent or Utilities

\$458 Average Amount Spent per Household

14,579 Individuals Served

4,976 Unique Households Served

359,166 Pounds of Food Distributed

\$328,543 Direct Client Assistance for Rent & Utilities

\$839,454 Direct Client Food Assistance

14,104 Volunteer Hours



Every dollar helps a family stay in their home, put food on the table, and keep the lights on. Thank you to everyone who makes this possible.



Donate to WWCM today!

Dear Friends and Partners,

On October 25, 2024, we shared the Merger of Dorcas Ministries and Western Wake Crisis Ministry, a groundbreaking move to enhance community services. This strategic decision aims to combine efforts and expand services, enabling both organizations to better address the pressing needs within our communities.

The merger will strengthen our capacity to tackle critical issues such as food security, housing stabilization, workforce development, and emergency assistance. By leveraging Dorcas Ministries and Western Wake Crisis Ministry's strengths, the newly formed organization will offer a more comprehensive approach to community support.

We will continue communicating with our valued supporters and the community as we proceed with the merger process. This merger signifies a powerful collaboration aimed at building upon the strong foundation and rich history of both Dorcas Ministries and Western Wake Crisis Ministry, and we look forward to its positive impact on our community.

With appreciation,



Tom Gebbia
WWCM Board President



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