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WESTMINSTER Neighborhood Services, Inc

# Letter from the Board Chairman & our Executive Director

### Dear Friend,

In 2021, Westminster said good-bye to the Westminster Presbyterian Church. A church that holds fond memories for many. Forty years ago, when a group of churches came together, I am sure they never imagined the long-standing impact they would have on the Near Eastside. An idea for a place for youth to come and get homework help, that has had thousands of kids come through its doors over the last forty years. An idea that blossomed, a food pantry and soup kitchen, has evolved to serve the entire family though a multitude of partners.

Westminster continues to be a safe place for people to have educational opportunities, access to basic needs, and access to community connections to begin to break down barriers that are holding so many in poverty. Whether you have been around for years or are a new supporter, Westminster's impact on the Near Eastside of Indianapolis is because of you.

Westminster was able to flourish in 2021. With the sale of the State Street Church, Westminster was able to pay down some of the debt on the New York Street building, build a reserve fund, and will begin to explore Endowment options to continue to ensure Westminster is financially sound in the future.

Westminster is excited about the future. 2021 continued to provide hardship for so many and Westminster knows that they are in the best position to continue to make an impact for the next forty years.

Food Pantry doors were opened back up and our dining room became a place for neighbors to come to gather, in a safe way, and enjoy fellowship and warm food. Youth program continues to see educational gains and huge growth in social and emotional skills. Program partners are beginning to provide services again. Without your help, these things don't take place. Impacting lives doesn't happen without you.

"Thank you" never seems like enough for the lives being changed because of your generosity. Westminster wants you to know that we are forever grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

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Ann Kitchen Chairman of the Board

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Chrissy Petersen Executive Director

# **Our Mission and Vision**

Westminster Neighborhood Services provides education support, access to basic needs, and community connections to empower neighbors and strengthen youth and families on the Near Eastside of Indianapolis.

Westminster Neighborhood Services envisions a collaborative community in which all residents are supported to reach their full potential; thus, fulfilling Christ's call of bringing hope to the people of God.

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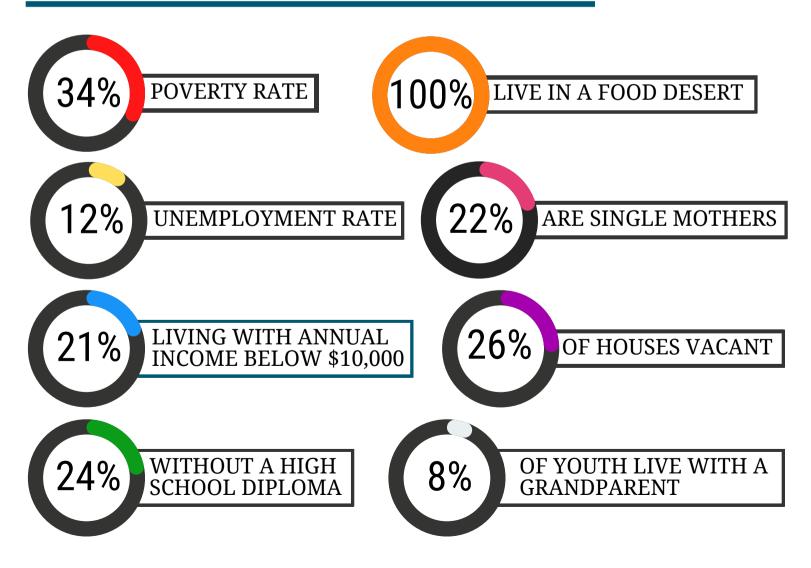
Director of Economic Development, NEAR

# The Community We Serve

Westminster's holistic approach to serving the entire family is important to the many neighbors that come through the doors annually. The relationship built with the families is so important; at times we might be the only ones cheering on these families and helping them navigate hard situations they face daily.

With 37% of the neighborhood living below the poverty level and experiencing barriers that they need help overcoming, Westminster's services are essential to help families break down those barriers and break free from the obstacles holding them back in life.

# **Get to Know Our Neighbors**



# Youth Services Program

### A Place to Grow

Not only do our afterschool and summer programs provide a space for Westminster kiddos to learn and have fun, but they also foster a safe environment for students to grow socially and emotionally.

Alexsander has been attending our



afterschool program for nearly two years. Since he has been enrolled in our program, he has established positive relationships and increased his ability to selfregulate his emotions. He is incredibly imaginative and artistic; he loves to draw and paint and often communicates his thoughts and feelings in his art. Last school year, Alexsander was ecstatic to tell our staff that he was named Student of the Month at school; he was so proud of himself, and it was wonderful to see such an increase in his self-confidence and self-esteem. In addition to our youth afterschool and summer programs, Alexsander and his family also access Westminster's food pantry and participate in our annual events such as Christmas Baskets and Back to School Bash.

8000 meals served	<b>61%</b> attendance rate	90% maintained or improved reading ability		80 afterschool academic enrichment hours	
<b>70</b> summer academic enrichment hours	<b>100%</b> gained a new skill		<b>840</b> hours of youth programming		<b>55</b> students served

# **Adult and Family Services**









### The Westminster Family

Through a year of challenges and uncertainty, the members of our community came together to ensure Westminster continued to serve our neighbors in need.

Every single person that comes through our doors becomes part of our Westminster family. We couldn't serve our community without the help of each and every staff member, volunteer, donor, and partners.

Whether it was the chance to catch up with neighbors during pantry or read with our students during youth program, we are so grateful for the time spent with our community.

At Westminster, our neighbors are more than numbers. They are our friends, and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve them. Thanks to our generous donors, we have become a safe haven in our neighborhood.

Thanks to support from hundreds of individual supporters, thousands of people have received services from us this year. We truly could not have accomplished this work without all of our supporters.

# A Year in Review

**3,112** VOLUNTEER HOURS

### **57** NEIGHBORS RECEIVED WINTER COATS



**18,628** WARM MEALS SERVED IN THE SOUP KITCHEN





**475** CHILDREN RECEIVED SCHOOL SUPPLIES



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**1,099** NEIGHBORS RECEIVED CHRISTMAS BASKETS

# **Join Our Monthly Donors!**

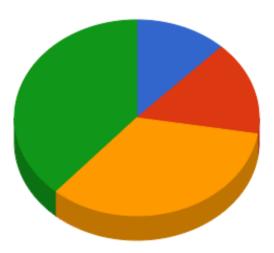
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# 2021 Financials



TOTAL : \$997,912.09



### **EXPENSES**

Management	\$108,269.66
Fundraising	\$137,848.09
Family & Adult Services	\$\$301,321.20
Youth Services	\$343,755.28
TOTAL : \$	891,194.23





Thank you for supporting our mission on the Near Eastside of Indianapolis and helping serve families in need!



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