

## Milford Miami Ministry 2015 Impact Report



**Mission Statement:** *Through the affirmation of our faith in Jesus Christ, we will act in love as the hands and feet of our Lord and Savior, seeking to provide service and support to members of our community in their time of need.*

**Who We Are:** Milford Miami Ministry is a Christian, humanitarian 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization comprised of 20 Milford-area churches collaborating to help children, families, and our community reach their full potential by tackling poverty. Since 1996, Milford Miami Ministry has served the poor and the oppressed regardless of a person's religion, race, ethnicity or gender.

**Who We Serve:** Residents of Miami Township and the City of Milford, Ohio. The population of Miami Township is 40,848 and the City of Milford is home to 6,709 people in 3,019 households.

**What We Do:** Milford Miami Ministry offers two community-based programs: A community food pantry and an emergency financial assistance program.

Food Pantry: Families living in the Milford/Miami Township area are eligible to visit the food pantry every 30 days. A family of 4 (the average size family seeking assistance) receives about 36 lbs. of food per visit - about 36 meals. In addition to non-perishables (e.g., soap, paper goods), each family receives 1/2 gallon of milk, 1 dozen eggs, a meat item, and bread/baked goods. Families can also receive cleaning and personal care items. Shopping in the 425 square-foot pantry takes about 10-15 minutes

Emergency Financial Assistance: Helps families struggling to pay rent, utilities, prescription medicines, and other emergency situations. Milford/Miami Township residents who provide documentation of need (disconnect notice from the utility company, notice to leave the premises from their landlord, etc.), can apply for assistance. The amount of assistance is determined by the client's need and funds available at the time of the request. MMM also conducts holiday food and gift drives and collects book bags and school supplies for low-income children attending Milford Exempted Village School District schools.

### **2015 Community Impact**

Food Pantry: In 2015, Milford Miami Ministry provided 64,620 meals to an average of 150 families per month (1,795 families consisting of 6,401 people, including 2,778 children).

Emergency Financial Assistance: In 2015, 323 requests for emergency assistance were processed. There were 204 requests for utilities, 116 for rent/mortgage, and 3 for medicines. A total of \$59,786 was paid, or an average disbursement of \$184.08.

Thanksgiving and Christmas: 242 Thanksgiving meals and 266 Christmas meals were provided along with 1,400 Christmas gifts for children.

**Partners and Collaborators:** Primary partners are the 20 member churches, many individuals who serve as donors and volunteers, the Milford Village School District, and the general Milford Miami community. Milford Miami Ministry has been a member of the Milford Chamber of Commerce since March 2013.