



A Year of Success:

Celebrating
Milestones &
Transformations

Christian Community Action
2023 Impact Report
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Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.

Isaiah 58:10

A photograph of Gilbert Montez, President and CEO, speaking at a podium. He is an older man with grey hair, glasses, and a mustache, wearing a dark suit and a yellow tie. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. The podium is made of light-colored wood and has a sign on the right side that reads "Coca-Cola". The background is a blurred indoor setting with warm lighting. The text "50 Years of Bringing Hope & Changing Lives" is overlaid on the image in a white, elegant font.

50 Years
of Bringing Hope &
Changing Lives

Gilbert Montez, President and CEO

Dear Friend,

You make a profound impact. Your generosity and prayers are instrumental in driving positive change, and Christian Community Action (CCA) is grateful for your support.

Thanks to your contributions over the past year, families have found stability, nourishment, and hope. Your belief in our organization and ongoing support provided food and essential resources to those in need.

Children have received healthy summer meals, back-to-school supplies, and experienced the joy of Christmas. Furthermore, lives have been enriched through education and empowerment programs, spiritual counseling, and assistance in finding employment.

Your donation is more than just a financial contribution; it represents a tangible difference in the lives of individuals who once faced overwhelming challenges. Your compassion brings hope, joy, and relief to those in need.

Moreover, your faith in our mission is a tremendous source of inspiration for our entire team. Your trust in our abilities drives us to push boundaries, embrace innovation, and explore new avenues for creating lasting impact.

Your generosity reminds us that we are not alone in this journey and it strengthens our commitment to serving those most in need, fostering a true spirit of neighbors helping neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ. None of our achievements would have been

possible without the collective efforts of our dedicated volunteers, staff, and partners. Your support creates a community of individuals united by a shared passion for making our communities a better place. Together, we accomplish remarkable things.

As we move forward, we pledge to continue maintaining the highest standards of transparency and accountability. Your donations are utilized prudently to ensure the maximum impact on the lives of those we serve. We will continue to keep you informed of our progress and share inspiring stories of lives transformed in the name of Jesus Christ.

Your belief in CCA and your commitment to our cause mean the world to us. With God's help, we are making a profound difference and forging a brighter future for those in need.

Here's to the next 50 years of transformative impact!

Blessings,



Gilbert Montez
President and CEO

HISTORY

Our 50-Year History

What began as a humble Bible study group of seven people in Flower Mound 50 years ago, with a simple act of collecting canned food for a hungry family, has evolved into an agency serving more than 16,000 individuals in need every year.

Throughout our history, CCA has remained rooted in our Christian faith and values. We believe that every individual is created in the image of God and deserves dignity, compassion, and support. Our commitment to serving others is driven by the teachings of Jesus Christ and the call to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Nestled in the city of Lewisville, CCA extends its services to the communities across Denton, Dallas, Collin, and Tarrant counties. Our service area encompasses the boundaries of eight local school districts, namely: Argyle ISD, Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD (Denton County portion), Coppell ISD, Frisco ISD, Lake Dallas ISD, Lewisville ISD, Little Elm ISD, and Northwest ISD.

With the support of our dedicated staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners, CCA has made a significant impact on the lives of thousands of individuals and families in need.



MISSION

Our Mission

In the name of Jesus Christ, Christian Community Action ministers to the poor by providing comprehensive services that alleviate suffering, bring hope, and change lives.

VISION

Our Vision

To create an environment where all interactions are Christ-centered, Spirit-filled, and life-changing.

Together, in partnership with foundations, businesses, churches, organizations, individuals and our supporters, we offer wrap-around services free of charge to bring hope and change lives.

PROGRAMS

Our Programs

Our programs are designed with a comprehensive approach that addresses the immediate needs of those in crisis, while also focusing on long-term empowerment and self-sufficiency.

The core pillars of our programs are built on three fundamental phases: **rescue, relief, and restoration**. These phases serve as the foundation for guiding families on a transformative journey towards positive change and a brighter future.

The *Rescue Phase:*

Response to the urgent needs of individuals and families in crisis

- **Emergency Assistance** provides financial relief for rent and utilities on an emergency basis, safeguarding against homelessness
- Self-Selection **Food Pantry** ensures food security for all
- **Rapid Rehousing** helps families exit homelessness and return to permanent housing

The *Relief Phase:*

Support to under-served children and seniors

- **Back to School** provides required academic supplies to ensure children's success in the classroom
- **Kids Eat Free** provides summer meals to keep children healthy and nourished
- **Christmas Cheer** ensures that children experience the joy of Christmas through gifts and celebration
- **Golden Angels** ensures seniors have access to nourishing meals through our Food Pantry, fellowship and fun

The *Restoration Phase:*

Comprehensive support and resources to help individuals achieve self-sufficiency and lasting change

- **Education & Empowerment** includes English as a Second Language, Job Readiness, Credit Repair, First Time Homebuying, Entrepreneurship, Computers, and Financial Literacy
- **Professional Counseling** equips individuals with the tools they need to overcome obstacles and break free from the cycle of poverty
- **Spiritual Care** nurtures spiritual and emotional well-being to help individuals develop a sense of purpose and resilience that goes beyond material success

NEED

The Urgent Need

Denton County is growing, and now surpasses 1 million residents. With that growth comes ample opportunity for ministry. The 2022 United Way Denton County Community Needs Assessment has brought to light a deeply concerning situation that demands urgent attention. The data reveals alarming statistics about the financial struggles faced by ALICE households, which stands for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed. These are families who earn more than the Federal Poverty Level but find it difficult to meet the basic cost of living. Shockingly, there are **102,000 households** in Denton County that fall below the survival threshold, which represents **1 in 3** households experiencing day-to-day financial instability.

To gain perspective on the magnitude of the challenge, let's consider the ALICE Survival Wage for a family of four. In Denton County, both adults in the household must earn a combined total of \$35.48 per hour, equivalent to an annual income of \$70,958, excluding childcare costs. However, when childcare expenses are factored in, the required minimum hourly wage jumps to \$40.00, necessitating an annual income of \$80,004. These figures shed light on the barriers faced by families who are striving to make ends meet and provide for their loved ones.

REALITY

The Reality

The numbers of families facing poverty continues to climb. We see it every day in the lines formed outside our offices. It is particularly disheartening to note that single female-headed households with children under 18 bear a disproportionate burden of poverty, adding complexity to the challenges faced by the community.

Another disconcerting trend is the persistent rise in the number of economically disadvantaged students in Denton County schools. During the 2020-21 school year alone, a staggering 45,173 students (34.6%) in Denton County faced economic disadvantage, highlighting the significant impact of poverty on the younger generation.

These sobering realities paint a clear picture of the urgent and critical nature of our mission to address the immediate needs of individuals, families, and children in Denton County. It is evident that comprehensive action is necessary to uplift those in vulnerable situations and break the cycle of poverty that perpetuates these challenges.

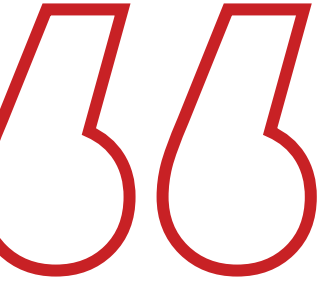
To tackle these issues, thanks to our donors and volunteers, CCA steps in and offers a holistic, faith-based approach to help families achieve financial stability and build a better future for themselves and their children.

VOLUNTEERS

Our Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Christian Community Action, and we acknowledge that their dedication and selflessness are gifts from God. From working in the Food Pantry, the seasonal warehouse, delivering meals, bringing joy to children at Christmas, teaching education and empowerment classes and many more, their dedication and selflessness are what keep CCA thriving and making a positive difference in the lives of many.

Last fiscal year, **14,720** dedicated volunteers generously contributed **30,059** hours of service, which, when combined, made a **\$1,136,430** economic impact on our community (includes instances of duplicated #'s and groups). This demonstrates not only the generosity of our volunteers but also the substantial value they bring to the community through their time and effort. Their commitment and dedication allows us to carry out our mission and serve the community in profound ways and we are forever grateful.



Barbara Bomar

Volunteer, 3 Years of Service

I volunteer at Christian Community Action because it's an amazing organization with a wide reach of help. When I first started, I signed up for a warehouse volunteer position and helped during Christmas about three years ago. Since then, I've been continuously amazed by the extent of their impact. While my role is small, I'm grateful to be part of their community support. It not only helps those in need but also enriches my own life. The team here is fantastic, and I've made wonderful friends along the way. That's why I keep coming back—I love it!



Scheels

Corporate Donor



Our partnership with CCA was one of the first connections we established for our SCHEELS Texas store. It was incredibly important for us to give back to organizations who are actively involved in our community and are truly making an impact for our city. We have gotten to witness first-hand the assistance & respect CCA provides to their clients by partnering with them on the Back to School Drive and our Dallas Mavericks Shopping spree. CCA is changing lives and bettering our community - one client at a time, and one day at a time.

Nicole Waldrop

EVENTS & MARKETING COORDINATOR

Valley Creek Church

Church Donor

Valley Creek Church supports Christian Community Action because of their shared mission to uplift and assist individuals in need, offering practical assistance, spiritual guidance, and fostering a sense of community and compassion.

Josh Ordonez, SERVE THE CITY DIRECTOR



Melissa

Client Story



"When my husband lost his job, life became incredibly tight. A friend mentioned CCA and the possibility of getting help until we could stand on our feet again. Walking through the doors of the Food Pantry was a mix of embarrassment and pride – I'd never been in this situation before. However, from the moment I stepped in, everyone at CCA made me feel at ease. These past few months, without the burden of grocery bills, CCA has been a lifeline, allowing us to prioritize our mortgage. A few weeks back, my husband began a new job, and it feels like our family is slowly regaining stability, all thanks to CCA. We can't find words to express our gratitude for everything you've done for us. May God continue to shower blessings upon you."

Client story has been edited for length and clarity. Her name has been changed, and stock photography used, to protect her identity.



“I was on short-term disability after a horrible car accident. Soon after the assistance ended, I lost my son to suicide. Coping was a real struggle, and if it were not for my 8-year-old son, I might have joined him. My life began spiraling out of control, and that’s when I heard about CCA. They stepped in to cover my rent and electricity, while also providing me with free counseling and pastoral support. I also participated in their Back-to-School program for my son. I cannot begin to tell you how much that helped. The financial assistance helped alleviate my bills that had piled up, which allowed me to focus on my well-being through counseling. I am better today, working full-time from home, and continuing counseling with CCA. I will never get over the death of my son, but thanks to CCA, I am able to cope, while I continue working on my recovery and supporting my young son.”



Camila

Client Story

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50-YEARS *50-Year Gala Recap*

On April 1, 2023, CCA hosted an extraordinary and unforgettable dinner at the Embassy Suites to commemorate our 50th anniversary. The event was filled with excitement and left a lasting impression on everyone in attendance.

A remarkable turnout of 800 guests joined us to acknowledge and honor the special individuals who have played a significant role in CCA's development. We also took the opportunity to pay tribute to our mission and the incredible community that supports us.

Donations, sponsorships, tickets, silent and live auction and more, helped us surpass our goal for the programs and services of CCA. We are immensely grateful for the community's support, and we recognize that it is through the grace of God that we achieved such success.

To our dear friends and colleagues who joined us, supported us, and celebrated with us, both physically and in spirit, we extend our heartfelt gratitude. Your presence and participation made this birthday celebration the most wonderful ever. This event also marked the beginning of our exciting journey into the next 50 years, where we will continue to bring hope and positively transform lives, all in the name of Jesus Christ.



Highlights from
the Gala

Because of You:

16,393 individuals, representing **5,324** families served

28,883 visits to the Food Pantry

\$1,458,579 provided to prevent homelessness

2,316,543 meals provided to individuals and families equating to a retail value of **\$4,253,174**

792,437 lbs. of food shared with multiple pantry partners through the Share our Surplus (SOP) program

830 children received essential school supplies

5,798 meals and groceries provided to seniors

1,393 spiritual care requests and prayer

934,891 lbs. of fresh produce provided

60,170 meals provided to children in the summer

1,588 children received Christmas presents

57 families experiencing homelessness moved into permanent housing

1,017 hours of Education & Empowerment programs provided

God Worked Through You to:

Empower *People*

Together we helped **16,393** individuals in need, representing **5,324** families.

Give *Generously*

Your generous contributions amounted to **\$7,450,664**, enabling us to fund this life-changing work.

Create Lasting *Change*

14,720 volunteers contributed **30,059** hours of service, which made a **\$1,136,430** economic impact on our community. (includes duplicated #'s and groups)



*Learn how to
volunteer at
CCAHelps.org*

213 New Donors equating to **\$177,662** in new donor revenue (**.07%** decrease over FY22)

\$726,408 Grant awards received from **31** foundations (excludes government grants: **209%** increase over FY22)

47 Churches contributed **\$249,452**

147 Good Samaritan monthly donors contributed **\$337,305**

64 Corporations contributed **\$190,300**

Join us in empowering individuals and families, just like Camila and Melissa

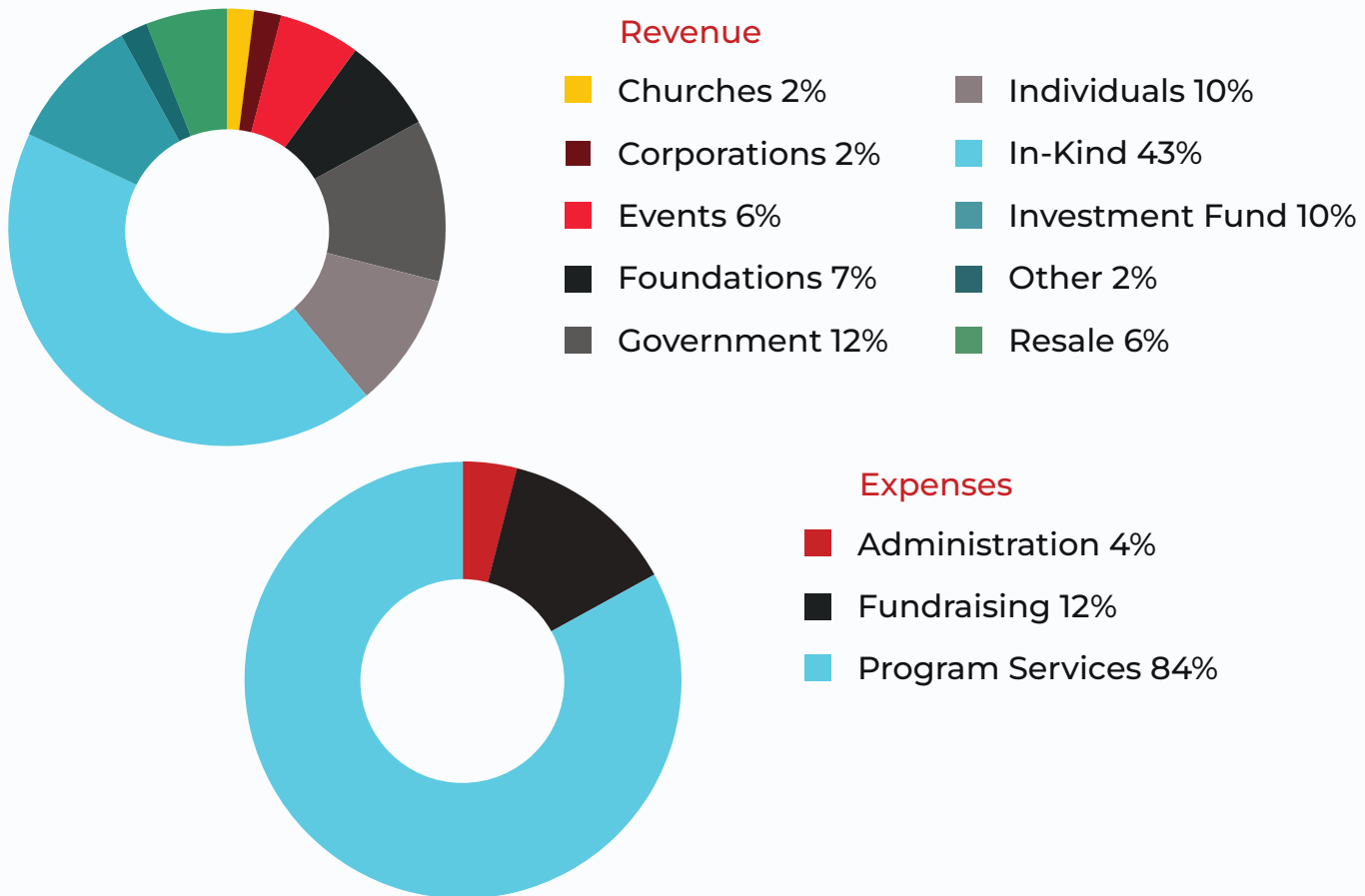
\$50,000	Housing for 2 homeless families (housing search, rent, move-in assistance, and case management) to exit them from homelessness
\$20,000	6,000 nutritious meals for hungry children, seniors, and families provided from the CCA Food Pantry
\$10,000	A week's worth of healthy meals for 500 children
\$5,000	Education and Empowerment services for 100 adults (ESL, computer education, faith and finance, job readiness, counseling, etc.)
\$2,500	Back to School supplies and clothing for 25 children
\$1,500	Full month of rent to keep a family from becoming homeless
\$500	Christmas gifts and stockings for 5 children and seniors
\$250	Electricity for a month for a family
\$100	Basic household items for a family rapidly rehoused after a homeless crisis
\$25	Gas card for a client to get to work and visit our Food Pantry



Explore all the ways you can give at [CCAHelps.org](https://www.CCAHelps.org)

CCA Statement of Activities

June 30, 2023 (unaudited) excludes non-operating items



Financial Policies:

Clifton Larson Allen audits the financial statements for CCA. Numbers will be updated on our website following completion of the 2023 audit.

LEADERSHIP

Our Leadership

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Janet Moore

Controller

Trent Smith

Director of Operations



Learn to do right;
seek justice. Defend
the oppressed. Take
up the cause of the
fatherless; plead the
case of the widow.

Isaiah 1:17



Our Journey *Continues*

From the beginning, in the name of Jesus Christ, we have been steadfast in our commitment to instilling hope and fostering profound transformations for those confronted with adversity. Today, propelled by an extraordinary community of compassionate donors and volunteers, our mission endures, allowing us to uplift countless individuals and families year after year.

Our hearts are stirred by the selflessness of our supporters who have rallied together to serve others. We are humbled by the courage and resilience exhibited by the individuals and families we have the privilege to assist.

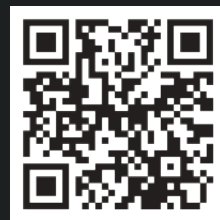
The lessons we have learned throughout the years have provided us with strength, empowering us to face each day with unwavering resolve. Above all, we remain committed in our determination to witness a future where every person within our communities has equitable access to fundamental necessities and educational opportunities, propelling them towards self-sufficiency and flourishing.

Let us make a toast in celebration of the forthcoming 50 years, overflowing with limitless possibilities and profound impact, all while faithfully dedicating ourselves to serving our Lord Jesus Christ.





**We extend our thanks for your support.
Together, with God's guidance, we celebrate
milestones and transformations.**



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