WE WERE BUILT FOR THIS MOMENT.
IT IS WHO WE WERE ALWAYS MEANT TO BE.

OUR PROMISE: 1. RESPOND 2. RECOVER 3. REIMAGINE 4. REBUILD

WE DIDN’T NEED A CRISIS TO TELL US THAT PEOPLE WERE HURTING. WE DIDN’T NEED TO WATCH OUR NEIGHBORS STRUGGLE THROUGH JOB-LOSS, OR WORRY WHETHER OUR OWN PAYCHECKS WOULD BE ENOUGH, TO SEE THAT EVEN WHEN WE LIVE IN UNCERTAINTY...

THERE IS HOPE.

IT TAKES THE SHAPE OF FRIENDS, AND OF STRANGERS, WHO SHOW UP WHEN THE NEEDS ARE GREAT. PEOPLE WHO UNITE IN COMPASSION AND ARE COMPELLED TO ACT.

THIS IS WHAT YOUR DONATION SUPPORTS!

EARLY LEARNING:
Child Development Center: El Campito
Early Childhood Intervention Center: Center for the Homeless
Hope 4 Kids: Hope Ministries
Yo Puedo Leer Preschool: La Casa de Amistad

YOUTH SUCCESS:
Academic Empowerment 2.5 Plus: Transformation Ministries
Academic Enrichment Program: Boys and Girls Club of St. Joseph County
Augustus F Hawkins Literacy Center: South Bend Heritage Foundation
Autism Therapy: LOGAN Community Resources Inc.
Auto After School: La Casa de Amistad
Camp Tannadoonah Campership: Camp Fire River Bend
Children’s Trauma Informed Care Service: YWCA of North Central Indiana
Education Creates Hope & Opportunity (ECHO): Catholic Charities
Five Star Life After School Program: Five Star Life
Five  Youth: Hope Ministries
Nuestras Hijas: La Casa de Amistad
Reins of Life School Program: Reins of Life
Resilience After School Program: Center for the Homeless
The Seeds Project: Green Bridge Growers

STABLE FAMILIES:
Bilingual Legal Outreach Program: La Casa de Amistad
Breaking the Cycle of Substance Abuse: Upper Room Recovery
Centro de Ayuda Digital: La Casa de Amistad
English as a New Language for Integration: La Casa de Amistad
Family Support Services Program: AIDS Ministries
Makin’ It Work: Hope Ministries
Offsite Housing Services: Center for the Homeless
Star Programming: Center for the Homeless
Young Mom’s Self Sufficiency: Youth Service Bureau

CRITICAL NEEDS:
Community Kitchen: Hope Ministries
Critical Needs Management: LOGAN Community Resources Inc.
Dining Services: Center for the Homeless
Diabetes Resource Center Emergency Financial Assistance: AIDS Ministries
Domestic Violence Shelter and Services: YWCA of North Central Indiana
Emergency Services: Center for the Homeless
Financial Assistance & Nutritional Supplement Program: Riverbend Cancer Services
Feeding the Hungry: St. Margaret’s House
Food Pantry and Nutrition Program: AIDS Ministries
Food Pantry: Catholic Charities
Food Rescue: Cultivate Culinary
Food Pantry: La Casa de Amistad
Safe Station: Youth Service Bureau
Sweet Dreams Mattress Ministry: St. Vincent de Paul Society

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call 2-1-1 or visit: in211.communityos.org
DO YOU KNOW ALICE?

Often referred to as the “working poor”, ALICE families are those who do not fall within federal poverty guidelines—therefore do not qualify for public assistance programs, yet, struggle to stretch their income from pay check to pay check. We know these families are disproportionately affected by economic change and will face more barriers than most in recovering from economic crisis.

To maintain a survival budget in St. Joseph County for a family of 4—a single working individual must earn $30.38/hr, (or $15.19/hr. each, for 2 working adults.)

To put these budgets in perspective, the median hourly wage for cashiers, one of the top five most common occupations in Indiana, was $9.68 per hour in 2018, or $19,360 if full time — which is not enough to maintain a single adult on a survival budget, let alone a family of 4. ($21,300/yr=$10.65/hr)

In the 2018 ALICE Study of Financial Hardship, community data showed that 37% of families in St. Joseph County were struggling. 23% of those were ALICE households and 14% were households in (Federal) poverty. This study was conducted in a pre-COVID economy.

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