

FOCUS

NORTH + AMERICA

Annual Impact Report



2024

Serving the Needs of Our Neighbors Together

Our Mission



As *an expression of Christ's love*, FOCUS *serves the poor* by bringing together Orthodox Christian churches and community partners to provide *Food, Occupation, Clothing, Understanding, and Shelter* and other assistance to address the needs of local communities.

Our Vision



We envision a world where everyone experiences and shares *the transformative love of Christ*.

Our Values



Hospitality

Just as Abraham offered hospitality to strangers, we welcome all who come to us with open arms.

Excellence

As a ministry serving in the Lord's name, "good enough" is never enough for us. We pursue excellence in every action and task, knowing that our work honors God and serves others with the highest quality and care.

Authenticity

Through our service to others, we seek to become fully who God uniquely created each of us to be, living out the beauty of being made in His image and likeness.

Relationship

Our work can only be accomplished through cultivating meaningful relationships with one another, creating community grounded in faith, hope, and love. In coming face-to-face with each other, we come face-to-face with God through His living icons.

Transparency

Our commitment to openness goes far beyond finances; with open hearts, we embrace transparency, allowing God's light and truth to shine brightly through our work and into the world.

Dear Friends of FOCUS,

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away. (Revelation 21:4)

What a whirlwind the last few years have been...

In 2023, FOCUS launched its new Center Development Initiative in Cincinnati and Houston. Operations in both cities continue to mature and strengthen, by God's grace.

Continuing to develop and refine the process, in 2024, we developed four new Centers in Atlanta, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and Phoenix. We also began work on a Center in Grand Rapids which, given its complexity, continues this year.

Seeing the growth of the ministry of FOCUS is bittersweet. It would be better to live in a world without poverty, a world where all experience and share the transformative love of Jesus Christ in tangible ways. But reality is far more tragic, so it's our responsibility—as we grow into the domestic charitable arm of the Orthodox Church—to bring Orthodox Christians together to see and serve Christ in our neighbor.

To the glory of God, Orthodox Christians are answering this call in droves. Last year, we coordinated over 5,115 volunteers and volunteer opportunities to serve our neighbor in need by serving meals, distributing clothing and other essential resources, and leading classes.

Yet FOCUS is not just a nonprofit. Our mission is not simply to share material goods but rather to share a tangible experience of the Lord's Kingdom. When we sit down with someone to share a meal, we are doing more than simply filling their stomach: we are offering a sign of the World to Come, where hunger no longer afflicts us. When we give someone a new winter coat or pair of shoes, we are doing more than simply keeping them warm: we are offering a sign of the World to Come, where nakedness and cold no longer afflict us.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.

By God's grace, and through your continued support, FOCUS shared the love of Christ in so many ways and with so many people in 2024. As you flip through these pages, we hope you'll join us in continuing to dream about how the Orthodox Church can remain on the forefront of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the unhoused, and making the Kingdom manifest in tangible ways.

In Christ,



St. Chris
Steven Christoforou
Executive Director

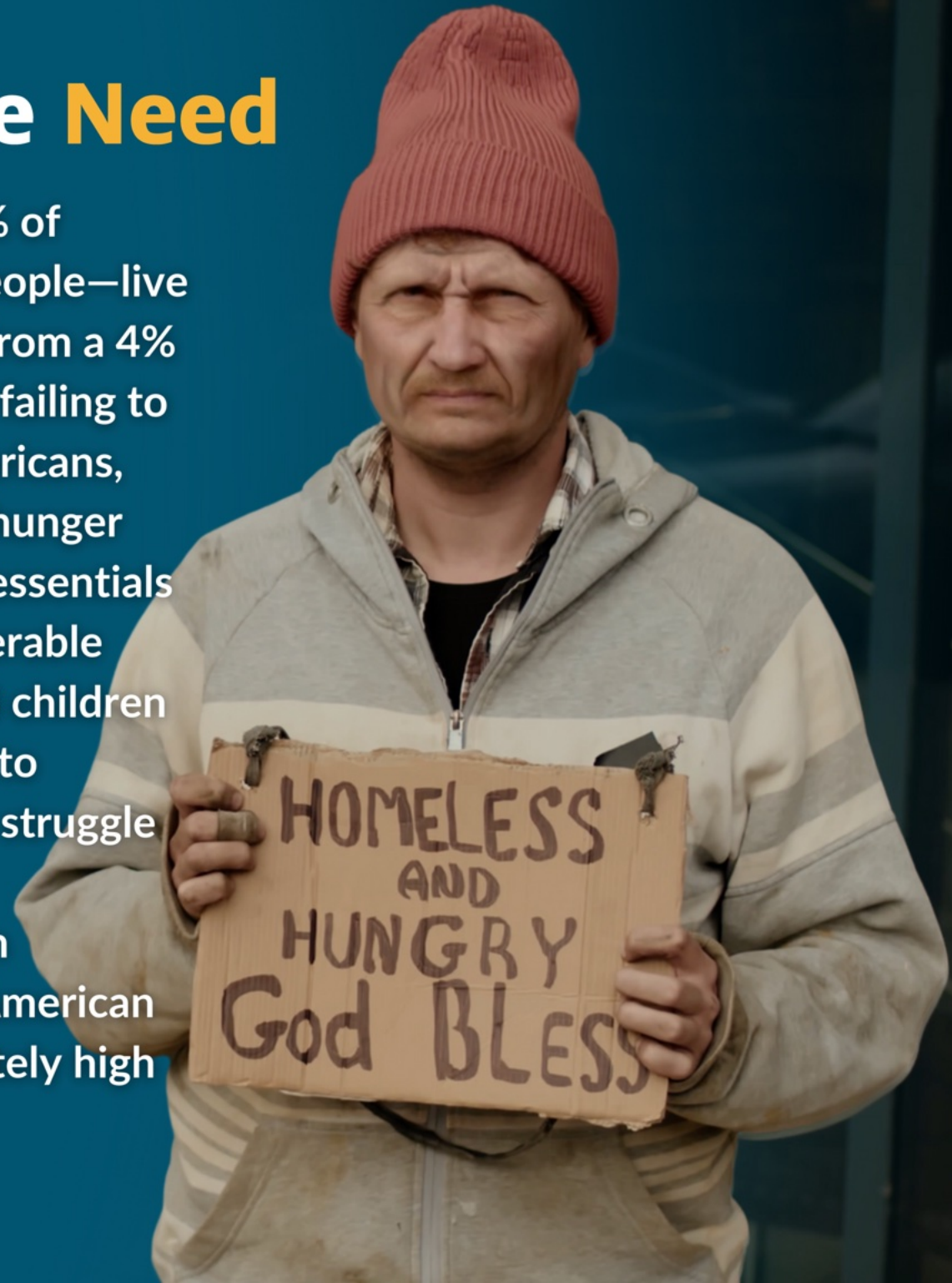


Brian Bullard
Brian Bullard
Chairman, Board of Directors

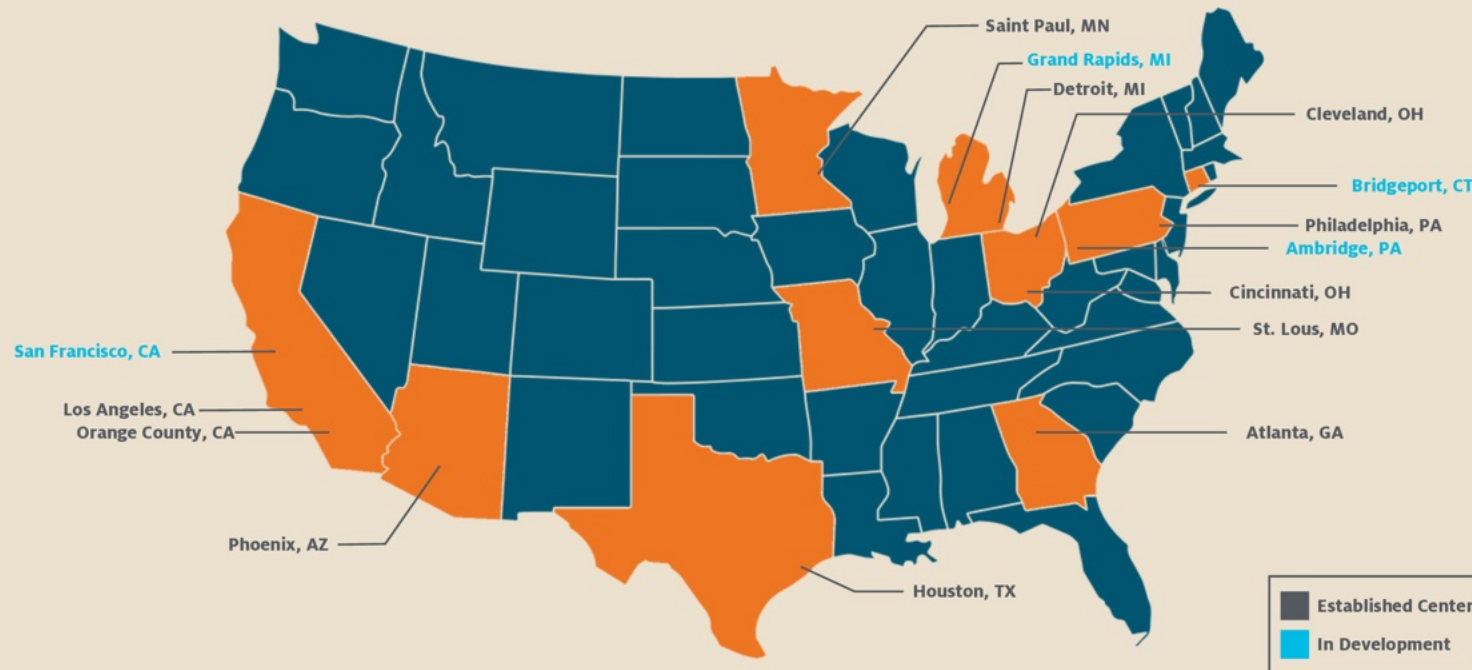


Establishing the Need

Recent statistics show that 11.1% of Americans—about 36.8 million people—live in poverty, with economic gains from a 4% rise in median household income failing to reach many. Over 33 million Americans, including 9 million children, face hunger daily, forced to choose between essentials like food, rent, and utilities. Vulnerable populations bear the brunt: 1 in 8 children risk developmental setbacks due to hunger, seniors on fixed incomes struggle with rising costs, and minority communities—particularly African American, Hispanic, and Native American households—face disproportionately high rates of food insecurity.



Where We Serve



As of 2025, FOCUS North America has grown from its founding in 2009 into a national organization overseeing and supporting 11 FOCUS Centers across the country. In addition to its direct service work, FOCUS has expanded its reach by developing national programs that extend to youth and young adult engagement through YES (Youth Equipped to Serve). While nearly half of our Centers are currently concentrated in the Midwest, we are steadily growing our presence nationwide. **We are currently in the exploratory phase for three new Centers in Grand Rapids, Bridgeport, and San Francisco, which we hope will result in the establishment of FOCUS Centers in each city by the end of the year.** We are also working on reviving a dormant Center in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. *This expansion would bring the total number of FOCUS Centers to 15 by the end of 2025—tripling our footprint since early 2023, when only five Centers were in operation.* This remarkable growth reflects the increasing demand for Orthodox-led service initiatives and our commitment to expanding our impact in communities across the country.

2024 **Impact** Statistics

-  **124,178 Meals**
-  **238,420 lbs. of Food**
-  **\$891,365 of Clothing & Essentials**
-  **5,115 Volunteers & Volunteer Opportunities**
-  **2,700 Donors**
-  **170 Parishes Provided Program Support**
-  **110 Parishes Included FOCUS in Their Charitable Giving**
-  **155 YES Series Participants**
-  **25 Trained YES Series Leaders**
-  **10 YES Trips**



LOAVES & FISHES - ATLANTA



Center Director: Reese Martin

Services: Community Meals, Food Distribution, Clothing and Personal Hygiene Distribution, and Partnership with Local Nonprofits.

The Story: Loaves & Fishes began as a parish ministry (St. John the Wonderworker, OCA) and joined FOCUS in August 2024.



Food

- Serves 2 ½ meals every weekday:
 - coffee and pastries;
 - a hot breakfast; and
 - a hearty lunch which guests are given to take with them at the conclusion of daily service.



Local Partnerships

- FOCUS Atlanta also partners with other local nonprofits to offer a variety of services, such as:
 - haircuts; and
 - a weekly mobile health clinic.

In 2024, We Served 12,067 Meals



CINCINNATI



Center Director: Charlene Myers

Services: Community Meals, Food Pantry, and Local Events.

The Story: Established in 2023, this was one of the first two Centers to be developed through the FOCUS New Center Development process.



Food

- FOCUS Cincinnati offers 2 monthly meals and 2 food pantry distributions at each of 2 local parishes:
 - Holy Trinity-Saint Nicholas, GOARCH in Finneytown; and
 - Christ the Savior OCA in Norwood.



Local Events

- FOCUS Cincinnati holds local events to help support the expansion of programs such as the Norwood Warming Center.



2024 IMPACT:

1,448 Meals Served

952 Pounds of Food Distributed

\$1,276 of Clothing and Essentials Provided

511 Volunteers

1,754 Volunteer Hours

Volunteer Spotlight:

I am very thankful and fortunate to serve on the Advisory Committee of FOCUS Cincinnati as we expand our impact and strengthen our outreach in the community. Volunteering with FOCUS Cincinnati has been a beautifully fulfilling and rewarding experience to be able to serve and meet our neighbors while also helping unite the local pan-Orthodox community. I love seeing our volunteers coming together, united by faith, to fulfill a shared mission. The sense of unity and purpose among our volunteers serves as a wonderful reminder that service is at the heart of our faith.

Our meal services focus on providing the community with an opportunity to gather and form friendships in addition to sharing a delicious meal together. I am just as thrilled to see familiar faces at our events as I am to see new faces and know that we are not only growing our outreach but also becoming a valued part of the lives of those we serve. The relationships formed during our events are just as valuable as the meals served or food provided.

Hannah, FOCUS Cincinnati

“Volunteering with FOCUS Cincinnati has been a beautifully fulfilling and rewarding experience to be able to serve and meet our neighbors while also helping unite the local pan-Orthodox community.”





CLEVELAND - ST HERMAN HOUSE

Center Director: Kirk Ries

Services: Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Community Meals, Clothing and Personal Hygiene Distribution, and Employment Opportunities.

The Story: St. Herman House was founded in 1977 as an Orthodox Christian monastery with a mission of serving the homeless and poor. In 2013, St. Herman's became part of FOCUS North America. FOCUS Cleveland is no longer a monastery but its original purpose remains the same: serving the homeless and poor.



- St. Herman House - FOCUS Cleveland provides:
 - a 28-bed emergency shelter for men;
 - a 12-bed transitional house for men;
 - case management;
 - a resident services & referrals program; and
 - a job & life skills program.



- Serves 3 hot meals every day for residents and the community.
 - About 60,000 meals per year.
- Distributes grocery bags during the last five weekdays of each month to families with dependents.



- Distributes clothing and hygiene products.
- Distributes sandwiches and toiletry kits daily as needed.



2024 IMPACT:

5,752 Pounds of Food Distributed

61,619 Meals Served

3,829 Volunteer Hours

1,296 Volunteers

\$160,242 of Clothing and Essentials Provided

From Guest to Volunteer:

Being a guest of FOCUS was really new to me and fresh because of all the different cultures and the different type of people that come around. While I was homeless it really inspired me to meet new people - it's just exciting to know that it's still people out here that really care and love you and that you can meet up with certain people and feel love, regardless of your skin color, or anything like that.

My experience being a volunteer made me want to do more because of the atmosphere - how they love with their whole hearts. You just want to extend your arms to anybody and work on them, and you just want to do more, and build up something that can be consistent and inspiring and motivating other people to do more too.

I volunteer because I love giving back to the community. I once was like this, went through the experience of being homeless when I was younger; so, that's what made me give y'all even more helping hand. I just can't turn you all down!

Edward, FOCUS Gateway City



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Donor Spotlight: Dn. Justin Bosl

My Journey with FOCUS North America: Serving Christ Through Service

My name is Archdeacon Justin Bosl from the San Francisco Bay Area, and I am honored to serve on the Board of Directors for FOCUS North America. My involvement with this incredible ministry is driven by a deep passion for serving those in need through the lens of my Orthodox Christian faith.

My wife, our four children, and I first became aware of FOCUS when Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in San Francisco sponsored a 5k fun run to support the ministry in 2014. Since that time, my excitement and support for FOCUS's mission has grown. I joined the Board in 2019 and have had the opportunity to work with my own parish and neighboring parishes on initiatives like Back-to-School Backpacks. It has been such a blessing to work with FOCUS and to see its growth in recent years.

Excitement for the Future of FOCUS

FOCUS North America is in an incredible period of growth, and I am excited for what lies ahead. I see more and more Orthodox Christians coming together, eager to serve but unsure where to start. FOCUS provides the perfect opportunity to unite in service.

We've developed eleven strong Centers across the country, and I believe they will continue to flourish. At the same time, we still have so much room to grow. There are countless places where Orthodox Christians want to make a difference, and FOCUS can help them get started.



Why FOCUS Speaks to My Heart

There are many organizations that provide aid to those in need, but what sets FOCUS apart is that our work is rooted in Orthodox Christianity. We don't just help others in a general sense—we see our service as an expression of the Faith.

For me, this manifests in two ways. First, when I serve, I recognize Christ in those I help. Each person we serve carries the image of Christ, and that changes the way I approach this mission. Second, our service is not just about doing good deeds—it's an act of love. Christ first loved us, showing His mercy and philanthropy through His life, death, and resurrection. In response, our love for others must also be a self-offering. It's not just about providing food, clothing, or shelter—it's about giving a part of ourselves in service.

How You Can Get Involved

There are many ways to be part of this mission. First and foremost, I ask you to pray. The most important thing you can do for FOCUS is to pray for our success—pray for our staff, our volunteers, our donors, those we serve, for smooth operations, and for financial stability. Your prayers sustain and strengthen this work.

Beyond prayer, I encourage you to donate—financial support from monthly donors across the Church is essential for sustaining and expanding our efforts.

There are also hands-on ways to serve. Start something small in your parish, like participating in our Back-to-School Backpack program or encouraging your parish council to add FOCUS to the annual parish budget. Gather members of your community and support local children in need. If you're unsure where to start, reach out to us! FOCUS can help assess your community's needs and connect you with others who share your passion for service.

Why I Give

I support FOCUS with my time, talent, and treasure because I believe so strongly in the power of Orthodox Christians coming together to serve. Every time I interact with our staff, volunteers, and those we help, I am deeply inspired. The people who work for FOCUS are incredible—they dedicate their lives to serving others and inviting fellow Orthodox Christians to join them in that mission.

There is nothing more meaningful than serving someone directly—giving them food, clothing, or simply sharing a conversation. Even in the midst of hardship, I see Christ in them. That moment of connection is what drives me to continue this work.

Join Me in This Mission

My journey with FOCUS has shown me the transformative power of faith-driven service. Giving back isn't just an obligation—it's a calling, an opportunity to live out the Gospel.

I invite you to join me. Support FOCUS financially, start an initiative in your community, reach out for guidance, and most importantly, pray for our success. Together, we can serve Christ in those around us.





With the support of many generous donors, FOCUS finished 2024 in a strong financial position, thank God! The balance of unrestricted cash and investments at December 31, 2024, was \$2,623,334. Approximately \$2.3 million of this balance has been allocated at the donors' request to specific Centers or Programs within FOCUS.

The cash balance increased by just over one million dollars from December 31, 2023. The sale of a farm that had been donated to the ministry at Saint Herman's House - FOCUS Cleveland accounted for approximately \$680,000 of that increase. These funds have been invested until such time as plans for facility improvements or expansions there are finalized.

The sale of this aforementioned farm also provided a favorable impact to the organization's Statement of Activities for the year ended December 31, 2024 in the form of a \$587,374 gain on the disposal of asset. The total change in net assets (net income) for the year was \$1,240,394. In addition to the income from the sale of the farm, fundraising and matching grants for new Centers, \$328,952, played a significant role in the overall surplus.

Because of the very cyclical nature of donations, our goal is to have a cash surplus at the end of the year that is equal to at least to 6-months of expenditures, so that we can continue to operate during the lean revenue months of the next year and to account for any unforeseen circumstances that might arise. Expenditures for 2024 were \$4,460,173 resulting in a desired cash reserve of approximately \$2.2 million. Given our unrestricted cash and investment balance of \$2.6 million, this objective was accomplished with a \$0.4 million surplus.

Blessings,



David Smeltzer
David Smeltzer
Chief Financial Officer



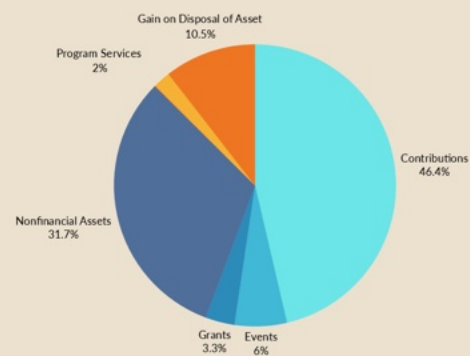
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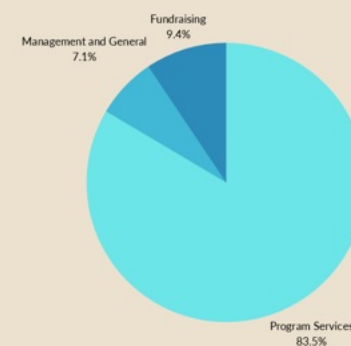
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenues:			
Contributed revenue:			
Contributions	\$ 2,488,886	\$ 107,257	\$ 2,596,143
Events	335,936	-	335,936
Grants	154,445	32,854	187,299
Contributions of nonfinancial assets	1,777,378	-	1,777,378
Total contributed revenue	4,756,645	140,111	4,896,756
Earned revenue:			
Registration fees	5,180	-	5,180
Program services income	109,957	-	109,957
Other income	1,806	-	1,806
Total earned revenue	116,943	-	116,943
Gain (loss) on disposal of asset	587,374	-	587,374
Net assets released from restrictions	73,189	(73,189)	-
Total revenues	5,534,151	66,922	5,601,073
Expenses:			
Program services	3,725,061	-	3,725,061
Management and general	315,685	-	315,685
Fundraising	419,427	-	419,427
Total expenses	4,460,173	-	4,460,173
Change in Net Assets from Operations	1,073,978	66,922	1,140,900
Non-Operating Gains and Losses:			
Investment income	84,612	14,882	99,494
Total non-operating changes in net assets	84,612	14,882	99,494
Total Change in Net Assets	1,158,590	81,804	1,240,394
Net Assets:			
Beginning of year	2,727,016	3,469,819	6,196,835
End of year	\$ 3,885,606	\$ 3,551,623	\$ 7,437,229

	2024	2023
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 482,772	\$ 1,426,180
Certificates of deposit	2,140,572	-
Accounts receivable	-	28,584
Pledges receivable	99,989	27,950
Other assets	20,469	14,281
Restricted cash	551,623	469,819
Assets held by community foundation	99,729	69,508
Finance lease right-of-use asset	12,645	15,620
Operating lease right-of-use asset	57,639	36,962
Property and equipment, net	4,186,717	4,286,477
Total Assets	\$ 7,652,155	\$ 6,375,381
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 6,602	\$ 3,838
Accrued liabilities	137,311	121,823
Finance lease liability	13,069	15,620
Operating lease liability	57,944	37,265
Total Liabilities	214,926	178,546
Net Assets:		
Without donor restrictions	3,885,606	2,727,016
With donor restrictions	3,551,623	3,469,819
Total Net Assets	7,437,229	6,196,835
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 7,652,155	\$ 6,375,381



Revenues



Expenses

DETROIT

Center Director: Adam Murphy

Services: Community Meals and Clothing and Personal Hygiene Distribution.

The Story: FOCUS Detroit was founded in 2015 and has greatly evolved over the years.



Clothing

- FOCUS Detroit operates Outfitted for Good, a 40-foot shipping container-turned-free store where our neighbors can shop for gently used clothing, basic needs, and hygiene products.
- Holds a Saturday Feeding Ministry in partnership with Oasis of Hope Christian Church to prepare and serve a hot meal on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.
- Serves Tuesday Community Dinners for students/families at Commonwealth Community Development Academy (also includes activities and community events).



Food

2024 IMPACT:

6,250 Meals Served

176 Pounds of Food Distributed

\$15,085 of Clothing and Essentials Provided

300 Volunteers



GATEWAY CITY

Center Director: Christine McDonald

Services: Community Meals, Food Pantry, and Clothing Distribution.

The Story: FOCUS Gateway City (Saint Louis) was founded in 2010 and has greatly evolved over the years.



Food

- FOCUS Gateway City runs Apostles Community Kitchen
 - Sunday Suppers - first 3 Sundays of the month where warm meals are served. Guests may also use the food pantry and receive hygiene items.
 - Warm Breakfast - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.



and more!

- Provides other services including:
 - St. Xenia's Closet - clothes and blankets open during Sunday Supper.
 - St. Elijah's Bus Tickets - Metro bus tickets and Greyhound long distance.
 - St. Elias Haircuts & Hygiene - during Sunday Supper.

2024 IMPACT:

1,448 Meals Served
952 Pounds of Food Distributed
\$1,276 of Clothing and Essentials Provided
511 Volunteers
1,754 Volunteer Hours

HOUSTON

Center Director: Susanne Haddad

Services: Education and Resource Distribution

The Story: Established in 2023, this was one of the first two Centers to be developed through the FOCUS New Center Development process. FOCUS Houston is also the first of its kind ministry for mothers.

Motherhood & Family Support

- Distributes Resources including:
 - Diapers, wipes, formula, bottles, baby clothing, children's clothing, and more.
- Baby Bucks - earned by participating in programs to redeem for items.
- Referrals to partner organizations.
- Also provides: ESL, Early Childhood Development classes and Socials to give the mothers confidence in navigating life.



2024 IMPACT:

- 2,200 Diapers Distributed**
- 32 Packs of Baby Wipes Distributed**
- 171 Items of Children's Clothing Distributed**
- 82 Items of Women's Clothing Distributed**
- 15 Winter Coats Distributed**
- 211 Hygiene Items Distributed**



LOS ANGELES

Center Director: Sasha Dempsey

Services: Food Distribution

The Story: FOCUS Los Angeles continues ministries begun by FOCUS Southern California, which has since been split into separate Centers in Los Angeles and Orange County.



Food

- FOCUS Los Angeles hosts twice monthly food distribution at St. Nicholas in downtown Los Angeles through partnership with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank.
- We're currently exploring additional sites.



2024 IMPACT:

171,940 Meals Served

\$25,000 of Essentials Provided Through

LA Fire Relief

563 Volunteers

1,970 Volunteer Hours



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home like community.
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Encouragement From Our Neighbor:

This is a place that helps you and that gets you back on your feet. There are great people who work here—very home like community.

The people here, I feel very comfortable. Very comfortable with you guys. And you're so needed in the community you really are. You're helping me so much. I feel better that I found y'all! You guys have helped the community so much! You just don't know how much little things like this have on people and it's like a butterfly effect, you know what I'm saying?

Because one person tells another person, then you help another person, right? So you guys got to keep doing what you're doing because y'all so needed. It's the little things that people need like a hot meal. Y'all do that! I didn't even know you guys were here and then I was passing you guys and I was hungry and y'all were passing out sandwiches and that's how I found out about you guys last year.

Kina, FOCUS Minnesota

MINNESOTA

Center Director: Dustin Hertzog

Services: Community Meals, Meal Distribution, Food Pantry, and Clothing Distribution.

The Story: FOCUS Minnesota began in 2010 as one of the original three FOCUS Centers.

2024 IMPACT:

38,562 Meals Served

50,446 Pounds of Food Distributed

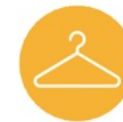
\$516,243 of Clothing and Essentials Provided

5,839 Volunteer Hours



Food

- Free community meals on Sundays.
- Supplemental food shelf on the 3rd Saturday of the month.
- Weekly lunch bag distributions Monday-Thursday.
- Shelf-stable mini-meals for the homeless and highly mobile students.
- Emergency food requests.
- Thanksgiving/Christmas Holiday meals.



Clothing

- Distributes:
 - Clothes from the clothing closet Monday, Wednesday, and Thursdays (or by appointment).
 - Bus tokens (when available).
- Also provides:
 - “Lighten Your Load” Laundry Program which assists guests with accessibility to laundry facilities.
 - Utilities assistance.



ORANGE COUNTY



Center Director: Valeska Hall

Services: Food Distribution.

The Story: Formerly known as FOCUS Southern California, FOCUS Orange County began in 2010 as one of the original three FOCUS Centers.



Food

- FOCUS Orange County distributes food and other household items in partnership with the Emergency Food Assistance Program.
- Provides meals at a local shelter (Yale Navigation Center).
- In the process of cultivating new partnerships to develop new in-person ministry opportunities.



In 2024, We Distributed \$179,081 of Clothing and Essentials

PHILADELPHIA

Center Director: John Pogas

Services: Meal Distribution.

The Story: Established in 2024, FOCUS Philadelphia began through the FOCUS New Center Development process and assumed direction of an existing weekly meal distribution (Twelve Baskets Full).



Food

- FOCUS Philadelphia distributes a meal (Twelve Baskets Full) in Aviator Park every Thursday.
- Will also begin hosting meals and a food pantry at a parish in the Philadelphia area.





PHOENIX

Center Director: Christopher Lopez

Services: Resource Distribution.

The Story: Established in 2024, FOCUS Phoenix began through the FOCUS New Center Development process.



Shelter

- FOCUS Phoenix hosts an outreach event at Holy Trinity Cathedral on the first Saturday of the month in partnership with other local nonprofits (meals, haircuts, medical testing, etc.).
- The ultimate goal is the development of a new homeless shelter.



**In 2024, We Distributed
\$4,866 of Clothing and
Essentials in One Month
of Operation**



Director: Wadeed Fakhoury

Services: Formative opportunities for youth and young adults centered around service.

The Story: Youth Equipped to Serve (YES) began as OYO (Orthodox Youth Outreach) through the Antiochian Archdiocese and became a program under FOCUS in 2009.



Individual Opportunities

- YES serves youth and young adults through:
 - the YES Internship Experience (Remote),
 - the YES Series (Remote), and
 - the YES Servant Leadership Gathering.



Parish & Group Opportunities

- YES also serves parishes and groups through:
 - YES Trips for College Students, Young Adults, and Parishes,
 - College Days,
 - Reach Outs (intergenerational), and
 - Local Initiatives (Back to School Backpacks, etc.).

2024 IMPACT:

155 Series Participants
25 Series Leaders
10 Trips
8 Interns
8 Mentors
48 Parishes Engaged in Service
Through Local Initiatives



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planning.

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Become a FOCUS Growth Sponsor

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In 2025, we have an extraordinary opportunity to double the impact of every gift made toward New Center Growth through a generous matching challenge:

- **\$215,000 Matching Grant for New Center Growth**

Provided by the *Orthodox Vision Foundation*, this matching grant fuels the expansion of Orthodox service by launching and sustaining new FOCUS Centers, while also helping build a strong local donor base in each new city.

The *Orthodox Vision Foundation* has given more than \$350,000 to FOCUS North America each year for the last few years, demonstrating a deep commitment to growing the Orthodox witness through service. Their matching gift is intended to inspire sacrificial, multi-year commitments from major supporters who are ready to bring Christ's love to new communities across the country.

Center Partner (\$75,000)

Establishing Full-Time FOCUS Centers for Maximum Impact

Center Partners play a vital role in establishing and sustaining FOCUS Centers with a full-time Center Director. These gifts enable deep, long-term investments in local neighborhoods, supporting robust programming, full-time staff, and strong partnerships with churches, schools, and service providers. Center Partner gifts are used to inspire matching local gifts, encouraging regional investment and multiplying the impact of every dollar.

Center Patron (\$45,000)

Fueling Regional Growth and Part-Time Center Launches

Center Patrons help lay the groundwork for FOCUS Centers operating with a part-time Center Director, with the goal of growing into full-time hubs of service. These gifts fund critical programs, volunteer mobilization, and strategic outreach in communities with high need but limited resources. Center Patron gifts are used to inspire matching local gifts, encouraging regional investment and multiplying the impact of every dollar.

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