



# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2016



## **ANN TAYLOR, BOARD PRESIDENT**

Valley Interfaith went through a year of transition in 2016. The Board spent 8 months working on a new direction for the Center and we are very excited about our new emphasis.

Valley has been a place for low income families and individuals to come for food, clothing and financial assistance for over 50 years and will continue these services in the years to come. In addition, Valley is choosing to work on the underlying causes of poverty and attempting to help lift some of our families out of this cycle. With this new priority being highlighted in our long term strategic plan, Valley seeks to partner with both clients in our service area and agencies in Hamilton County to provide needed tools to make long term impact on our households.

We are so grateful for our donors who make it possible for us to work with our neighbors. Please stop by to meet our new director John Keuffer, get a tour, and see Valley in action as we work toward these goals.

Thank You,

*Ann Taylor*

Dear Friends,



Did you notice the logo on the front cover? As of 2017, we are now known as Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center (VICRC), previously known as Valley Interfaith Food and Clothing Center. 2016 has been a year in transition. While we have continued, with your assistance, to support our clients with the same great services and programs as in the past, we stepped back and developed a new strategic plan for Valley Interfaith. Please take a few minutes to reacquaint yourself with the new Valley Interfaith.

With our strong team of volunteers, and your assistance, we continued to:

- Provide Emergency Assistance services to over 2000 unique families. This included provide food and clothing for over 8000 family visits and over 21,000 individuals
- Provided baskets of food to 300 families for the Easter Program
- Served 961 children with a back pack, school supplies, uniforms (if needed), and a gift card for Payless Shoes as part of our Back 2 School program.
- With a new offering, provided children with over 1,100 Power Packs, providing a day's worth of nutritious ready-to-eat food for children while they were home for the summer.
- Provided a food package for over 325 families as part of our Thanksgiving program
- As part of our Christmas program, we supported 433 households and over 1,500 people with a food basket (with Turkey), and toys and clothing to the children.

As part of the strategic plan, we held off starting a new cycle of our Valley Interfaith Neighbors Empowered program. We wanted to ensure that we were fully staffed and tweaked the program in order to better partner with the community.

In completing this strategic plan late in 2016, we are pleased to introduce some new personnel. John Keuffer is our new Executive Director. We have hired a new Volunteer Coordinator in Alicia Stollenwerk. Casey Hinkle, previously our Valley Interfaith Neighbors Empowered program director, has become our Programs Director.

Please take a minute to access our new website at [VICRC.org](http://VICRC.org) to see how you can assist the new team.

We at Valley Interfaith thank you and look forward to “Creating a Sustainable Tomorrow” with you, today and in the future.

Blessings,

*Kenneth J Radziwon*

Interim Executive Director

**IN FOND MEMORY OF THOSE WE’VE LOST IN 2016; LET US NOT FORGET THOSE WHO SERVED VALLEY INTERFAITH AS VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS EARTH.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THOSE IN NEED.**

VICRC has been dedicated to providing food, clothing and emergency financial assistance to our neighbors in need since 1963. Every 30 days, our clients are eligible to shop for two complete clothing outfits for each family member and a three day food supply from our Choice Pantry, based on the number of people in their household. Emergency Financial Assistance is limited, and typically provided to forestall utility disconnection or eviction. VINE (Valley Interfaith Neighbors Empowered), creates an opportunity for families to break the cycle of poverty. VICRC has grown from a single church basement operation to today's 501(c)(3) agency, sponsored by over 30 local faith communities. VICRC assists clients in 12 area communities and is the official food agency of the FreeStore/Food Bank for these communities.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Partnering with the community to provide necessary resources and build self-sustainability.

### **VISION STATEMENT**

Creating a Sustainable Tomorrow

### **CORE VALUES**

**DIVERSITY** – Commitment to the inclusion of every community member as a potential and equal partner

**INTEGRITY** – Responsibility and Accountability are the expectations of (and for) every partner

**RESPECT** – Equal regard for others is foundational to effective partnerships

**EMPATHY** – Connecting with others through compassionate consideration of their perspective

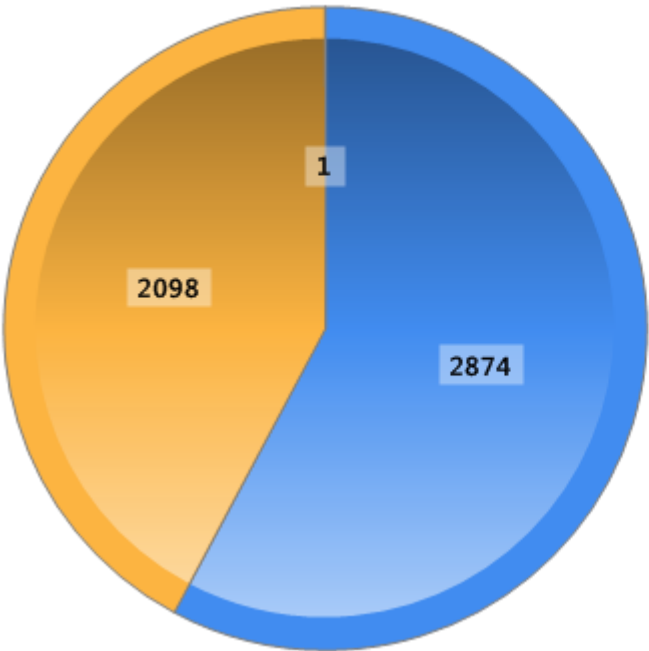
## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

\*Taken from 2016 IRS 990

Line Item	2015	2016
Contributions and Grants	\$1,336,246.00	\$1,336,909.00
Investment Income	\$549.00	\$434.00
Other Revenue	\$18,925.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,355,720.00</b>	<b>\$1,337,343.00</b>
Grants & Similar Amounts Paid	\$1,154,327.00	\$1,108,692.00
Benefits Paid to or for Members.	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salaries & Other Compensations	\$121,444.00	\$103,832.00
Total Fundraising Expenses		\$13,363.00
Other Expenses	\$87,844.00	\$94,978.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,363,615.00</b>	<b>\$1,307,502.00</b>
<b>Revenue Less Expense</b>	<b>(\$7,895.00)</b>	<b>\$29,841.00</b>
Total Assets	\$219,051.00	\$248,892.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$219,051.00</b>	<b>\$248,892.00</b>

# CLIENT IMPACT – 2016 BY THE NUMBERS

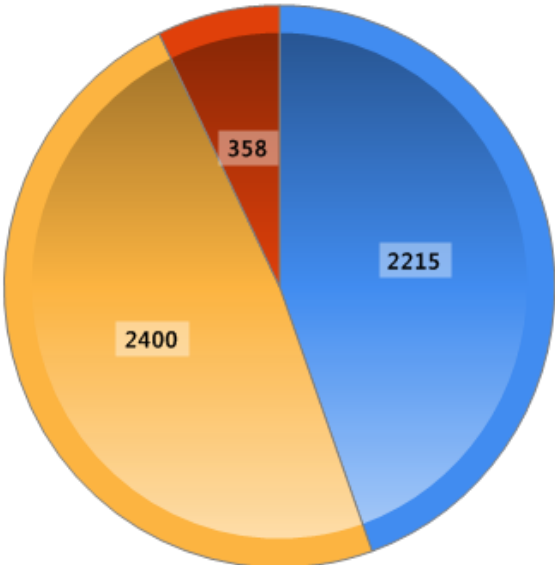
## 02. Age of People Served



- a. Adult clients
- b. Clients under 18
- c. Clients of unknown age

**1,873  
Households  
Served**

## 04. Race

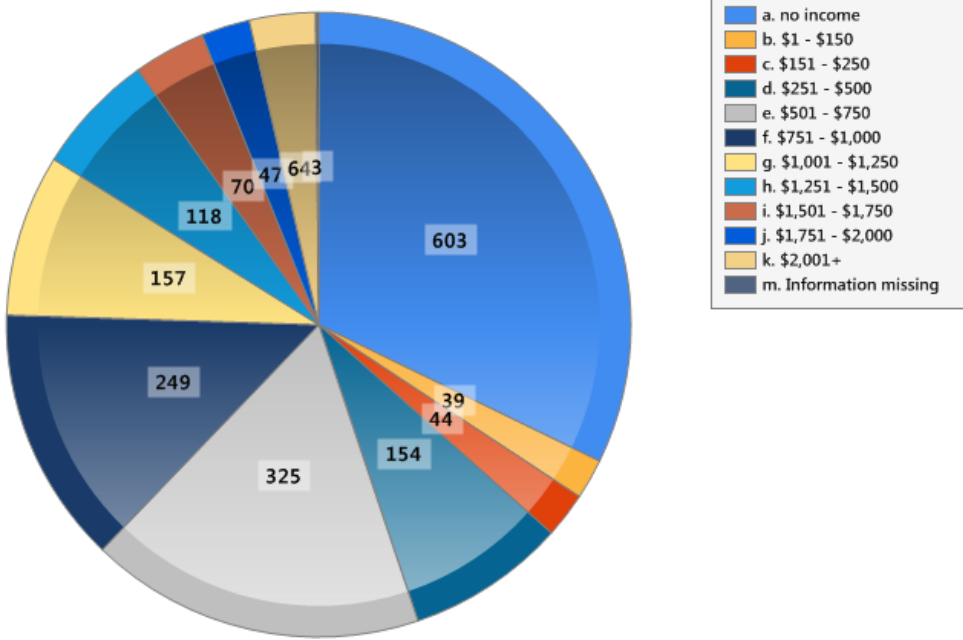


- a. White
- b. Black or African-American
- c. Other

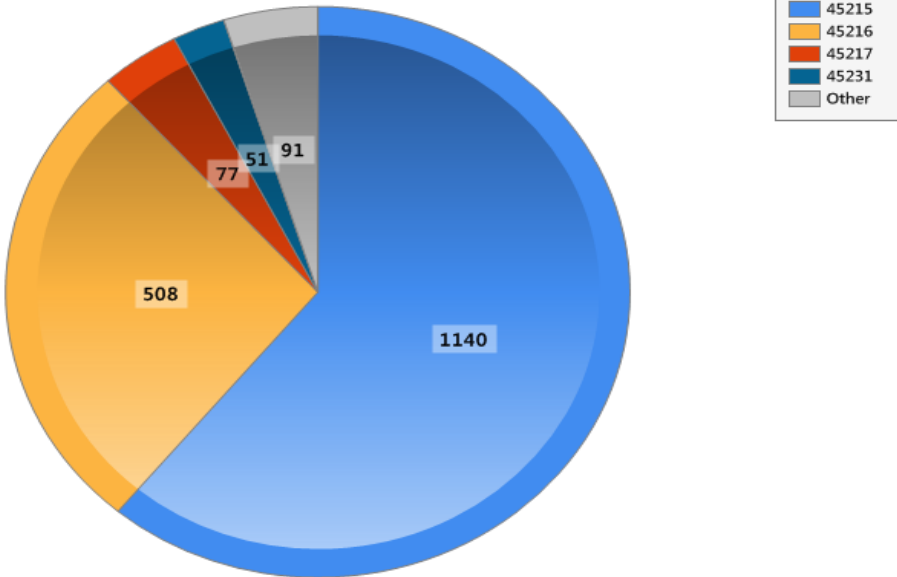
**4,973 Individuals  
Served**

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Appendix E. Financial status by income bracket



Appendix C. Zip code detail





## IMPACT STORIES

Shared by Clients of Valley Interfaith...

From a NEIGHBORS EMPOWERED GRADUATE:

“I think when you change your way of thinking, knowing that you don’t have to stay where you are, knowing you can be successful, and that you can overcome your environment. And learning to depend on (myself) and that I don’t have to be stuck. Everything can change if you want it to change. (This group) has taught me that I am stronger than I think.”

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From a NEIGHBORS EMPOWERED GRADUATE:

“I learned I don’t have to stay stuck, that there are people that are willing to help me help myself. I am taking a different approach to obtaining employment. I also have started to manage money differently. I just hope to maintain the relationships we developed here. The program has helped me look at reality in a painfully honest way. The road to healing has to start with the truth.”

**THANK YOU TO OUR GRANTORS IN 2016**



## 2016 PROGRAMS REPORT

### Neighbors Empowered Program

Neighbors Empowered (VINE) incorporates the national program model titled “Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin’ By World” (DeVol, 2012), along with other community programs, to offer a holistic approach to breaking the cycle of poverty.

The VINE Program was put on hiatus during our transition period. With the vacancy in the Executive Director’s position for a short period in conjunction with the need for staff to cover several areas of programs, this time was used to map out a more productive, impactful and directed approach for the next cycle in 2017 with a new full time Executive Director.

### Back-2-School Program

With the continued support of both the Charles H. Dater Foundation and the Wyoming Junior Women’s Club; the Back To School program continued its work in helping to make the first day back to school a special one.

Nine hundred and one students started the school year with all the necessary first day supplies in hand. Each child received a backpack, shoe gift card, a full range of school supplies and for some, a school uniform.

This year we experienced a decrease in numbers served of 7% which is following a trend since 2012. We added a Spanish translator to the program so we could more deeply serve our Hispanic community.



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## SEASONAL PROGRAM SERVICES

### **Easter Program**

This year Valley partnered with the Presbyterian Church of Wyoming to provide 75 Easter Dinner baskets to our clients. The church generously packed the baskets and delivered to households with children. They also provided staples for the children for lunches that they missed over the Spring break.

### **Thanksgiving Program**

This year Valley partnered with several local churches to provide Thanksgiving dinners to 300 households in our service area. Thanks to the generous donations from these churches and the delivery of the baskets, families received everything they needed for bountiful Thanksgiving dinner and staples to help with the Thanksgiving break



### **Christmas Program**

The Holiday Season at Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center collimates with three seasonal programs. In 2016 Valley gave out 100 food baskets to households consisting of adults. In addition, 275 food baskets and gifts of clothing and toys were distributed to families with children and provided holiday cheer to over 1,120 children. Our Final Friday program took place on our last working day of 2016 and provided clothing and toys for an additional 67 households with children as well as hats, mittens, and socks. The Holiday program is a result of generous donations from our faith communities, local businesses, individual donors and our volunteers. They enabled us to help over 400 households enjoy a joyous holiday season.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## **2016 STAFF**

Ken Radziwon  
Interim Executive Director  
Casey Hinkel  
Neighbors Empowered Program Director  
Greg Wilks  
Pantry Manager (PT)

**THANK YOU TO LOCAL BUSINESSES AND FAITH BASED  
COMMUNITIES FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

