MILE HIGH MINISTRIES

TRANSFORMATION AMONG THE POOR

ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2012

Since 1988, MHM has been inviting people from all walks of life to participate in a blend of practical efforts renewing lives and communities—projects such as transformational housing, legal advocacy, small business development, and training urban leaders. Our work is practical, hands-on, and results-oriented.

We mix these practical activities with a "secret sauce" of spiritual practices and careful listening to the voices of our city.

We do what we do because we are dreamers. Of course, we are aware of some painful realities found within low-income, high-risk urban communities: poverty, homelessness, injustice. Our work addresses these problems in very practical ways.

But underneath all of that pragmatic, outcome-oriented activity lies a dream.

We are bold enough to believe that the dream comes from God. The biblical vision for human life–for life in the city–addresses practical concerns such as economics, justice and legal advocacy, housing, and youth development.

And so every Tuesday morning, you'll find the MHM staff team gathered together, along with a handful of friends and partners from across the city. At about 9 am, someone will stand up and say, "We share a dream with God for our city…" And then we go to work!

The results that you are reading about in this annual report flow from that dream. We are grateful to live in Denver, where so many aspirations are realized within the beautiful neighborhoods of our city. And we are grateful that you have found a way to connect your own life to this practical, visionary work. Together, we are all seeking to experience transformation among the poor.

~ Jeff Johnsen, MHM Executive Director

We share with **GOD** a *dream* for our CITY: that *this* will be a PLACE where those who were once poor, now **prosper**; where **children** are no longer doomed to misfortune; and where unlikely **partners** live and work together, in *peace*.

With that dream in mind...

We mobilize our communities and equip leaders for God's transformational work among the poor.

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Our year of growing dreams.

On the following pages you'll read about the great work of our programs, affiliates, and resources. However, one of our biggest accomplishments this year was launching a ***capital campaign for our expansion project.***

Every MHM program has reached maximum capacity, while requests for our services continue to grow. A new 6,500 sq. ft. structure, to be erected using green construction next to the current Joshua Station, will allow us to house 8-10 additional families and accommodate 50% growth in JAMLAC's legal services—as well as offering a landscaped courtyard, community garden, and larger gathering spaces for growing partnerships.

This is truly ***a transformational season.***

EMPOWER

We increase the capacity of the poor to thrive, serve, and lead, both within Mile High Ministries and throughout our city. Our response to the needs of homeless families and individuals caught in poverty has always been to provide the highest level of service—with a commitment to empowering the poor to shape their own worlds. We know that empowerment is central to creating lasting change and self-sufficiency.

TRANSFORMATIONAL HOUSING
JOSHUA STATION
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Joshua Station • Operating out of a converted motel off I-25, this faith-based community helps families make the transition from homelessness to healthy, stable living environments. Since 2001, Joshua Station has provided long-term transformational housing and support for hundreds of high-risk families, including some who are not eligible for other programs.

Last year Joshua Station provided safe housing and a full complement of services to 32 formerly homeless families, comprised of 35 adults and 58 children. Twelve months after leaving Joshua Station, 93% of families remained in stable housing and 66% continued to participate in the Joshua Station community by attending Thursday night community meals, aftercare, ongoing counseling, and employment training.

TRANSFORMATIONAL LEGAL ADVOCACY
JUSTICE AND MERCY LEGAL AID CLINIC
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JAMLAC • The Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Clinic (JAMLAC) is a non-profit law firm located at Joshua Station that provides transformational legal advocacy for vulnerable and impoverished people throughout Colorado. Founded in 2006, this clinic offers holistic legal representation and support to increase clients' ability to break out of the cycle of poverty.

In the past fiscal year, JAMLAC served 563 low-income clients, 94% of whom were victims of crime. Together with the Christian Legal Society, JAMLAC provided legal consultation to an additional 740 low-income individuals through triage clinics. 100% of client impact surveys reveal that JAMLAC clients felt safer, better understood their rights, and believe they have an advocate within the legal system.

EQUIP

We are committed to equipping leaders for an urbanizing world—leaders who can identify both the needs and assets of struggling communities. Leaders will have the tools for effective, sustainable leadership within lower-income, higher risk urban communities, and will be leading others in the work of community transformation.

ENGAGING LEADERS IN AN URBAN WORLD
ISSACHAR CENTER
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Issachar Center • The Issachar Center for Urban Leadership equips young adults from and for low-income, high-risk urban communities for transformative servant-leadership. The vision of this cutting-edge leadership development program is to raise up young urban leaders to become agents of change for the purpose of strengthening communities. Our young apprentice leaders at Issachar draw from their spiritual roots as they engage with some of the most challenging issues facing our city and neighborhoods.

In the past fiscal year, Issachar Center for Urban Leadership trained 13 emerging leaders as "apprentices" in the best practices of community development and leadership in high-risk environments. At the same time, apprentices worked toward their college degrees, for which each receives a full scholarship. Six apprentices completed Issachar's residential component while continuing their college studies, and one apprentice graduated with a college degree. Five current apprentices moved into new leadership roles while more continued to grow in their existing positions of leadership.

Denver Urban Semester • Denver Urban Semester (DUS) creates college-accredited internship opportunities for young adults to work within non-profits serving Denver's vulnerable populations. DUS encourages college students, many of whom come from rural areas, to consider challenges from the margins of urban society and to reflect upon God's direction for their personal and professional lives.

Last year DUS guided 31 college students from across the country in service-learning at more than 35 partner non-profits in the heart of Denver. DUS also trained more than 145 additional college students on the best practices of life and leadership in urban settings for long-term mission trips.

STUDENTS ENGAGING THE CITY
DENVER URBAN SEMESTER
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MOBILIZE

We expand the capacity of faith communities to engage in mutually respectful interactions with the poor and to apply best practices of empowerment and community development. We do this through a variety of innovative service and study experiences designed to equip people and groups to engage with the poor in the most genuinely helpful ways, encouraging transformation for everyone. This past year, more than 1,800 volunteers gave over 21,400 hours of service and grew in their understanding of the issues surrounding poverty.

As followers of Jesus from a variety of traditions, we value the holistic transformation — *spiritual, social, economic* — of both people and places.

Affiliates

Access • The Access spiritual formation community guided 150 people through prayerful reflection and experiences of service with the poor.

Project Loving Arms • This inter-cultural team of 15 from urban and suburban churches has held summer camps for orphaned children in Romania for more than a decade. This past year, the Loving Arms missional community served orphaned Romanian youth through year-round, in-depth, programmed contact with 50 orphans and additional contact with 50 more.

Sankofa • The Sankofa Institute for African-American Leadership, an affiliate program led by Robert Gelinas of Colorado Community Church, continued its two-year training and discernment program for 11 local African-American professionals.

Resources and Events

The Christmas Store • The MHM Christmas Store helped low-income parents of 1,000 children provide toys for Christmas and trained our partner Journey Church to host its own store for 350 children of Bishop Elementary. A partner Christmas Store hosted by Colorado Community Church in Aurora provided low-cost gifts to the parents of 1,750 more children.

Denver Justice Conference • We participated with partner organizations and churches in hosting this 2nd annual two-day conference that drew hundreds of attendees to examine the issues of homelessness, education, and immigration.

Street Psalms Press • Our new publishing arm released its first book, *Geography of Grace: Doing Theology from Below*, to positive reviews, and began work on several others including *Meal From Below*.

Urban Entry • Urban Entry videos were shown to more than 5,000 people nationally—engaging classes, mission teams, volunteers, and church groups in a variety of urban issues.

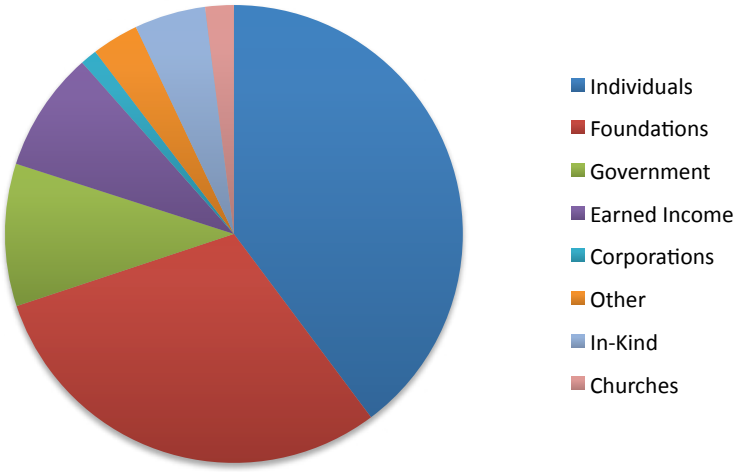
FINANCIALS

Income

Individuals	$1,332,641
Foundations	$1,009,145
Government	$337,151
Earned Income	$284,882
Corporations	$39,657
Other	$110,870
In-Kind	$168,410
Churches	$67,496

Total Income $3,350,252*

**includes both operating and capital income*

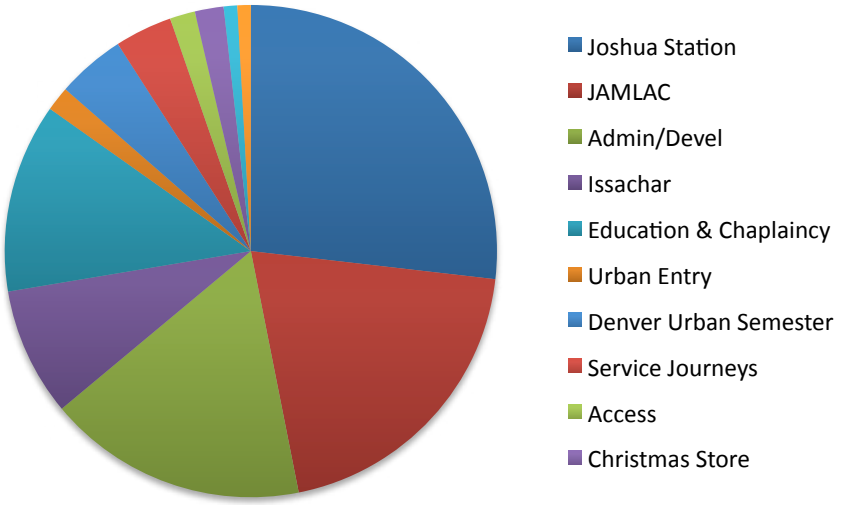


Expenses

Joshua Station	$628,048
JAMLAC	$469,695
Admin/Devel	$399,427
Issachar	$197,369
Education & Chaplaincy	$291,333
Urban Entry	$37,768
Denver Urban Semester	$105,187
Service Journeys	$88,238
Access	$38,870
Christmas Store	$44,252
Sankofa	$20,800
Employment Program	$20,572

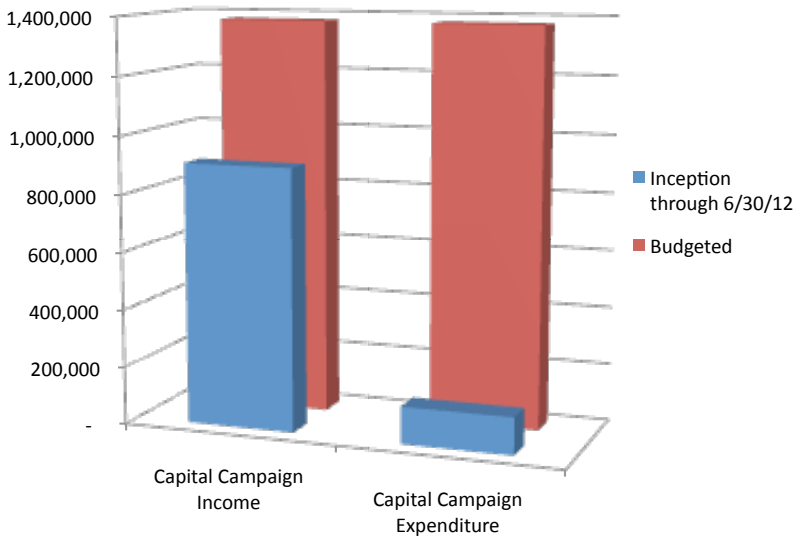
Total Expenses $2,341,559*

**includes both operating and capital expenses*



Capital Budget Phase 1

	Income	Expenditure
Inception-6/30/12	907,258	127,627
Budgeted	1,374,970	1,374,970



PARTNERS

Individuals—We are grateful to the 1,558 individuals who contributed to MHM in FY12!

Volunteers—Thank you to 1,800 volunteers who donated more than 21,400 hours to MHM in FY12!

Foundations

A.V. Hunter Trust, Inc.
Anschutz Foundation
Brega Family Foundation
Charles D. Trover Family Found.
Daniels Fund
Downing Street Foundation
El Pomar Foundation
Armstrong Family Foundation
G&G Outreach Foundation
Gates Family Foundation
Highlands Ranch Rotary Found.
Janus Foundation
John G. Duncan Charitable Trust
Julia-Ray Foundation
Kramer Foundation
Leptas Foundation
Living Legacy Foundation
Martin Family Foundation
Mellott Family Charitable Fund
National Christian Charitable Foundation
Nord Family Foundation
Penny Harvest Foundation
Petra Foundation
Robert McCormick Tribune Found.
Ronald & Mary Pott Family Found.
Schlessman Family Foundation
Steward Shipping Foundation
Swanson Biggs Adams Family Foundation
The Charitable Fund
The Colorado Health Foundation
Walmart Foundation
Wells Fargo Community Support
Wilford Foundation
Xcel Energy Foundation

Ministries & Organizations

Adventures in Missions
Center for Student Missions
CHCC 4th Graders
Cherry Hills Christian School
Christian Legal Society
Christian Living Communities - Holly Creek
City Connexx
Colorado & Denver Bar Association
Community Learning Centers
Concerts for Kids
Cornerstone Christian Academy
Denver Seminary
Front Range Christian School
Gilbert Public Schools
Girl & Boy Scout Troops
Grace Place
Inner City Health Center
Junior League of Denver
Lanteri Center for Ignatian Spirituality
Lutheran High School
Mile High United Way
National Charity League
Providence Network
Servicios De La Raza
Valor High School
Women of Vision
World Vision
Youth Works

Corporations

1st Net Real Estate Services
4 Seasons Management Group
ASR Companies
AutoTailor
Bachus & Schanker
Barbee's Freeway Ford
Benefitsmart
Benson & Associates
BluSKY
Branaugh Law Office
C & R Industries
Canon Catering
ClearPath Security
CoBank
Cohen & Cohen PC
Colorado Rockies
Community Management Specialists
Construction Support Services
Continental Realty Advisors
Cornerstone
Old Fashioned BBQ
Down the Road Corvettes
Dufford & Brown, P.C.
Earls
FirstBank
Fisher Associates Architects and Engineers
Fisher DesignWorks
Flatirons, Inc.
General Air Service & Supply
Greenline Ventures
IBM Employee Sevices Center
Instar Services Group
J.R. Accounting
Multilift
Kroenke Sports Enterprises
Kyle Kucharski Landscapes
Lucky Strike Lanes
Martin Ray Laundry Systems
Microsoft
Monica Perez Enterprises, LLC
Morgan Stanley
MSI, LLC
Mulhern & Company
Nelnet Corporation
Noah's Ark
Norwood Architecture
O'Malley Law Office
Orten, Cavanagh, Richmond & Holmes LLC
Palace Contruction
8z Real Estate - Patrick Finney
Patriot Management Inc.
Pineapple Interiors
Poysti & Adams
Prep Athletes
Prime Electric
Rahe Engineering
Reconstruction Experts
Salt Electric, LLC
Sleep Supply
Source Four, Inc.
Straightedge Inc.
StratCom Group
Studio TBD
The Limbaugh Law Firm
The Marquis at the Parkway
Total Impact Solutions
Thrivent Financial For Lutherans
Turner Morris, Inc.
UMB Bank
United Transportation Services
Urban Mattress - Aurora Store
USF Reddaway
Value Properties LLC
Westec Construction Management
Westwind Management Group
Whole Foods

Churches

Anchor of Hope Church
Applewood Community Church
Aspen Grove Community Church
Bandon First Presbyterian Church
Bear Valley Church
Belleview Community Church
Bergen Park Church
BridgeWay Church
Celebration Community Church
Centennial Covenant Church
Central Christian Church
Cherry Hills Community Church
Christ Community Church
Christ Episcopal Church
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Church of the Beloved
Church of the Holy Family
City Presbyterian Church
Colorado Community Church
Corona Presbyterian Church
Covenant Chapel
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
Denver Community Church
Denver United Church
Faith Fellowship Church
Faith Lutheran
First Baptist Church
First Christian Reformed Church
First Presbyterian Church of Golden
Galilee Baptist Church
Greenwood Community Church
Heather Gardens Chapel
Highlands Church
House for All Sinners and Saints
Jewel Christian Reformed Church
Journey Church
Joy Lutheran Church
Light of Heart Church
Lighthouse Church
New Denver Church
NewLife Evangelical Free Church
NorthField Church
Oh-Be-Joyful Church
Open Door Fellowship
Pathways Church
Platte Park Church
Pinebrooke Community Church
St. Gabriel Episcopal Church
The Micah Project
The Refuge
Third Christian Reformed Church
Trinity Lutheran Church
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Verdella FWB Church
WaterStone Community Church

Strategic Partners

17th Judicial District VALE Board
2nd Judicial District VALE
Buena Vista University
Center for Transforming Mission
Central Christian College
Central Denver Young Life
Christian Community Development Association
Communities of Faith United
Covenant College
Denver Leadership Foundation
Denver Rescue Mission
U.S. Department of Justice - Office on Violence Against Women
Dordt College
Father Ed Judy House
Fundatia Crestina Elim
Hope College
Judson University
Mercy Ministries
Network Ministries
Northwestern College
Open Door Ministries
Providence Network
Save Our Youth
Servicios De La Raza
Sterling College
Taylor University
University of Sioux Falls
Wheaton College
Whitworth University
Whiz Kids

**Not all partners listed due to space.*

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