Churches Improving Communities 2016 Annual Report

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Note from the President

What a year for the churches in Classis New Brunswick! There are so many expressions of God's love bursting forth from our congregations, and so many lives have been touched as our churches serve our sisters and brothers in the world. The board and staff of **Churches Improving Communities** (CIC) feel particularly blessed to have assisted many wonderful Classis churches meet the needs of their communities.

This year, CIC has helped churches within the Classis connect with and serve their communities. Programs such as **Church Based Mental Health Services (CBMHS)** and our second **Classis-wide Mission Trip** have been collaborative efforts that bring the varied strengths of multiple Classis churches together to serve the greater community. We hope to offer more programs that can be shared by multiple churches in this next year, including a social adult day program operating at different churches on a rotating basis.

We have expanded the scope of services offered by **NeighborCorps Re-Entry Services (NC)** by adding an Employment Coordinator to our staff. Jacob Rogers-Martin works with Program Director Justina Otero to help people transitioning out of jail find viable employment and gain a solid footing.

In early 2016, CIC partnered with an anonymous Classis church to create a new **Classis New Brunswick Focus Church Campaign (FCC)** initiative. As part of this program, our staff and board are working side-by-side with First Reformed Church of New Brunswick for one year to identify goals to expand the breadth and depth of FRCNB's community ministry.

Finally, our work restoring homes at the Jersey Shore through **Churches Accomplishing Long-Term Recovery (CALTR)** continues with the help of many wonderful volunteer groups. While there is still great need, CALTR is one of the last remaining non-profit group working on Hurricane Sandy relief in New Jersey.

Our Congregational Engagement committee has been working hard this year to reach out to congregations and to invite them to participate in a monthly phone meeting to share ideas with each other and to discuss unmet needs in our communities. Please contact me at cic.president3@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in one of the monthly calls, or visit ImprovingNJ.org/events/ for call dates and the conference call number. You are always welcome!

We are grateful for all CIC and its programs have accomplished in 2016, and hope that you enjoy this Annual Report. In it, you will find information on programs that are currently under the CIC umbrella. Each program became a reality because a church congregation asked a question, dreamed a dream, and planted and cultivated an idea like a tiny seed that grew into a tree. Perhaps the report will give your church an idea that CIC can help you plant and cultivate in your community!

It is always a blessing to work with, and to walk with, the Classis New Brunswick churches as they help bring God's Kingdom to our communities. Please contact us if you would like to discuss how we can walk with your church!

In Peace,

Brian P. Szura

Annual Classis-Wide Summer Mission Trip

This year's Annual Summer Mission Trip traveled to Georgetown, South Carolina, and included 32 volunteers from First Presbyterian Church in Metuchen, the Reformed Church of Highland Park, Spotswood Reformed Church, and the New York Korean Evangelical Church in Arden, NY. With so many people the group was able to repair five homes in Georgetown that had been damaged by devastating flooding. Together the group completed the following tasks: roof repair, sheet rock repair on walls and ceilings, sub floor installation, laminate floor installation, painting (a lot of painting), baseboard molding repair, clean up, insulation installation and more. The team's eagerness to learn and to do was deeply rooted in the character of everyone on this trip. Even the heat and at times difficult tasks were no match for the groups perseverance and heart.

Each night after work the team went back to thier temporary home at the Jerusalem Center in Andrews, SC where they cleaned up, relaxed, ate and then joined together for worship. Together the group thanked God each evening for the opportunity to serve and shared what we learned about the world and each other. Communal songs, worship, and prayer helped the group to bond quickly. Worship was led by Anthony Di Grigoli, Pastor Daniel Woo, Joanne Jeong, and Harry Pangemanen. Music was led by Keiko Kereh, Jonathan Austin and Timothy Kim with a special song by Sammy Djuang performed on his accordion. One the group learned about a recent work trip to Haiti attended by Judie Nicol. Coming together at the end of a workday to praise God together highlighted the reasons we were there – sharing kindness, respect and love as God has shown us. Not just in South Carolina or where ever we may have been previously or may be next year, but in each day.

CALTR - Churches Accomplishing Long-Term Recovery
online at: ImprovingNJ.org/CALTR

CALTR rehabilitates homes along the New Jersey shore that were devastated by Hurricane Sandy in Monmouth, Middlesex and Ocean Counties, utilizing donated supplies and group volunteers from around the country, as well as local unemployed volunteers who improve their job prospects and earning potential.

2016 Accomplishments
Four years out from Hurricane Sandy, there is still a great need for rebuilding at the New Jersey shore. Project Coordinator, Harry Pangemanan, along with local and week-long volunteers, continues to be a weekly presence. Since 2014, CALTR has repaired more than 200 homes. 2016 saw the following accomplishments:

- 171 week-long volunteers from 7 groups across the U.S. and Canada
- 38 local unemployed volunteers mentored in job skills
- 5,784 estimated total volunteer hours
- $147,871: Approximate dollar amount in savings by homeowners on labor and materials

CALTR Highlights
In addition to our Annual MLK Interfaith Day of Service on Martin Luther King day this past January, CALTR hosted a total of 5 Days of Service in 2016, which included several faith-based and civic organizations:

- First Reformed of Hawthorne, Rutgers University School of Engineering, Gayatri Chetna Center (MLK Day)
- RU Alpha Phi Omega (President's Day in February)
- Returning volunteers from Rutgers School of Engineering (April)
- Johnson & Johnson (October)
- Youth group led by Anthony DiGrigoli + one VolunteerMatch participant & one Jersey shore homeowner (October)

CALTR continues to find ways to promote its work and raise donations. Winter hats with the CALTR logo were sold at the annual RCHP Holiday Bazaar last November, t-shirts (also with CALTR logo) are now distributed to each week-long group (a slight increase in per-person donations helps to pay for purchase from Pinpoint Promotions). In February, CALTR arranged for videographer, Jeff Wurtz & Editor, Amina Megalli, to create a promotional video. A move-in day for homeowner, Kelli Kenny was recorded and will be shown at an adult education class at the Reformed Church of Highland Park in November 2016.

The Foundation to Save the Jersey Shore has been instrumental in funding the work done by CALTR this year, and is the reason CLATR is still able to assist homeowners. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to Save the Jersey Shore's Brian Boms for his tremendous partnership in this work. CALTR also wishes to recognize and thank:

- The Community Outreach Group of Middletown, NJ
- Delmar Reformed Church of Delmar, NY
- Colts Neck Reformed Church

CALTR continues its partnership with World Renew Disaster Response Services, who supplies us with our week-long mission trip volunteers. They have also generously donated $10,000 to cover our Project Manager's salary

well into 2017. Harry has also taken on the role of a rapid responder with World Renew and led a trip to West Virginia this year.

CALTR entered into a new partnership in 2016 with the Reformed Church of Highland Park Affordable Housing Corporation to renovate a house in Keyport, NJ that will be used to house a low-income family. Funding for this project is through a grant from Monmouth County. CALTR will use its current model of volunteer labor and donated supplies to complete this renovation, which is expected to begin in the spring of 2017. CALTR is excited about this new opportunity to use its proven model and structure to transition a portion of its work from hurricane-related work to improving housing for low-income New Jersey residents.

Deb Convery, CALTR's Volunteer Recruiter & Hospitality Coordinator, is working this fall and winter in a reduced capacity as we see funding diminish. We hope to see Deb more this spring and summer as volunteer groups fill the construction season with volunteers. Deb wishes to thank CALTR for the many opportunities provided and relationships built over the past three years.

NeighborCorps Re-Entry Services
online at: NeighborCorpsRe-Entry.org

NeighborCorps Re-Entry Services provides free, supportive services that help individuals to transition from Middlesex County Adult Correction Center back into society and avoid recidivism. NeighborCorps works with Participants and their network of supportive family members and friends, as well as with teams of trained volunteer Navigators that help Participants navigate the various pillars of successful re-entry into society: finding gainful employment and housing, pursuing personal development including counseling or drug/alcohol treatment, and regaining the trust of others through communication and accountability.

2016 Program Accomplishments

2016 is NeighborCorps' second full-program year. NeighborCorps is grateful to have received a Freeholders Support Grant from Middlsex County to help support program and operations. NeighborCorps is also a member of the Middlsex County Re-Entry Task Force which brings together organizations and entities involved in prisoner re-entry county-wide.

Participants

NeighborCorps has serviced over 30 Participants this year, a significant increase from our previous average of 10 Participants. Our increase is a result of working with the jail's staff to obtain their "County Sentence Report." This report contains a list of over 100 individuals who are being released within the year who we are able to contact directly and inform them of our program's support and services. By obtaining this list, we have established a reliable referral system and can maintain our numbers consistently.

With the help of all our interns and volunteers, our Participants have been able to receive reliable, unconditional support and empowerment beginning inside the jail and continuing throughout their re-entry process. Along with this support, they have also been able to obtain emergency housing and prevent homelessness, gain substantial employment, enroll in drug and alcohol treatment programs, receive accompaniment to court, probation and parole appointments, and any additional assistance when needed.

Navigators

This year, NeighborCorps trained over 20 volunteers with 725 volunteer hours logged with Participants. NeighborCorps continuously outreaches to local churches, communities, organizations, and colleges in order to meet our growing demand of Participants. We have added additional volunteer roles in order to support our Navigators and cater to those who desire to get involved but are unable to meet the time commitment of a Navigator. These roles include assisting with employment, transportation, and accompaniment.

Internships

NeighborCorps has welcomed 12 interns over the course of 2016. Interns from Rutgers Social Work, Criminal Justice, and Public Health programs, Princeton Theological Seminary, Western Theological Seminary, and the Middlesex County Public Defenders Office, have all been a tremendous help in this year's growth and played a significant role in building for the years to come.

Staff

In addition to Program Director, Justina Otero, NeighborCorps welcomed Jacob Rogers-Martin to our staff this summer as our Employment Coordinator. Jacob is a Princeton Theological Seminary intern, who was an outstanding member of the team during his summer internship with NeighborCorps by going above and beyond to help our Participants during their re-entry process. He has continued with the same passion with his work as Employment Coordinator and we are blessed to have him on board.

Events & Initiatives

NeighborCorps held several important events and initiatives in 2016.

- In January, NeighborCorps hosted a **film viewing and panel discussion** of "Broken on All Sides: Race, Mass Incarceration & New Visions for Criminal Justice in the US."
- In February, an **article featuring NeighborCorps by Bread for the World** highlighted our program, and explored the links between incarceration and poverty. Read the article at **www.bread.org/story/redemption**. Since that time, Bread has developed a completely new aspect of their hunger and poverty advocacy centered around incarceration. NeighborCorps is pleased to have been part of that conversation.
- A very successful fundraising concert in May was held at Crossroads Theater in New Brunswick, ***ELEGIES: A Song Cycle***, featuring pianist Carl Phillips and other musicians from New Jersey and New York in May, and co-hosted by sister non-profit, Who Is My Neighbor? Inc.
- In July, NeighborCorps hosted a fundraising **Jazz Concert** featuring the Ian Howells Quintet.
- In October, NeighborCorps Program Director, Justina Otero, held **a voter registration event** at the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center which registered over 100 eligible individuals to vote.
- **NOW THROUGH SPRING 2017: WINTER COAT DRIVE.** Donate winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves for people to wear as they are released from Middlesex County Adult Correctional Facility. Individuals are released with only the clothing they went in with – often summer clothing – even in cold weather. Help NeighborCorps provide weather-appropriate clothing.
  What: Winter coats and outerwear. Adult sizes only.
  Where: Drop off at the Reformed Church of Highland Park, 19 South Second Ave, Highland Park.

Employment Services

NeighborCorps shares the part-time position of Employment Coordinator with the non-profit program, Interfaith-RISE, which resettles refugees in central New Jersey. Many of the Interfaith-RISE clients have needs that overlap with NeighborCorps Participant needs, including employment assistance and training.

Jacob Rogers-Martin began assisting NC and I-RISE clients in August 2016. Since that time, he has met with 18 different participants regarding employment. Of the 18 participants, 8 were NeighborCorps participants, 6 were Interfaith-RISE participants, and four were individuals from other programs or who were referred through the community. Of these 18, currently 12 have either part-time or full-time employment (8 full-time; 4 part-time). Participants have been linked to 17 jobs since August (some participants have quit or have been fired from jobs). Specifics about the nature of CIC employment coordination from August 1st to November 6th are outlined below.

Services Provided

The Employment Coordinator conducts an initial intake with participants to go over employment history and discuss participant's goals. They discuss basic expectations of employees, provide Resume and Cover letter help, and conduct Mock interviews. Emphasis is placed on answering difficult questions including: gaps in employment; translatable skills; criminal background; and personal statements. Participants are instructed in self-presentation and how to follow up after the interview.

One service that has been extremely helpful to clients is basic computer skills as they pertain to job seeking, including online applications, Excel tutorial, Word tutorial, emailing employers and attaching resumes, and helping to design online advertisements (if participant wants to be self-employed).

The Employment Coordinator then can Link participants with jobs, help participants create budget, give participants rides to interviews, and follow-up with participants after interview and help them self-assess.

Partnerships

A key role of the Employment Coordinator has been establishing partnerships with employers, faith communities, organizations, and volunteers to assist in job training and placement, including:

- Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen (they have provided many part-time painting and landscaping jobs)
- Grace Way Presbyterian Church
- Gilbert USA
- Anderson Corporation
- Silver Line Building Products LLC
- Man Power
- God's Army
- Aldi
- Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
- Advanced Health and Education
- Renewal LLC
- Five Star Painting
- Community Cares United
- JLM Painting
- Community Action Network—Princeton

Church Based Mental Health Services

Online at: ImprovingNJ.org/CBMHS

Church Based Mental Health Services Provides free and low-cost professional mental health counseling to individuals at churches in Middlesex, Monmouth, and Somerset Counites.

Thanks Be to God for the opportunity to serve

Participating Churches

In 2016, the following churches have participated in CBMHS: First Reformed Church of South River and the Reformed Church of Highland Park in Middlesex County; Colts Neck Reformed Church, the Community Church of Keyport and The Church in Brielle in Monmouth County; and Middlebush Reformed Church in Somerset County.

Each of the participating Churches answered a call to serve members of the community who have difficulty obtaining non-crisis mental health services as a direct result of the stigma of mental illness, the cost of mental health services (with or without insurance) or the complexity of our mental health care referral system.

Thanks be to God for the gifts that we have received

Financial Gifts

CBMHS received two seed grants to begin this important ministry: $15,000 given by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America and $7500 given by the Synod Foundation of the Regional Synod of Mid-Atlantics. Participating Churches also supported CBMHS with free office space, staff consultation time and sliding scale financial commitments.

Staff Resources

CIC hired April Humes, a licensed professional counselor as the direct service provider for CBMHS. The Executive Director of CIC, Carrie Dirks Amodeo, the Acting Clinical Director, Dr. Carol Turner, Licensed Psychologist, and the CBMHS Steering Committee provide additional support as needed. (Special thanks to Dana Eugenio, Colts Neck; Pastor Lou LaFazia, Brielle; Pastor Seth Kaper-Dale, Highland Park; Pastor George Montanari, Middlebush; Beth Lewis, South River; and Pastor Dawn Seaman, Keyport).

Referrals

CBMHS continues to develop relationships with mental health professionals in our church communities who are willing to offer pro bono or reduced fee services to our clients. Many thanks to Renee Di Grigoli, LPC, Susan Levine, MSW, John Rametta, LPC and others who have worked with us to deliver free or affordable longer-term service to clients in need.

Program Structure

CBMHS provided twenty-four hours per week of onsite mental health consultation: approximately four hours per week at each of the six church locations. Ms. Humes met regularly with Pastors to establish relationships, develop mental health programs, and provide direct counseling services responsive to the needs of each community.

Thanks be to God for the gifts that we have shared

Developing Relationships

During the first few months of the year, the goal was to introduce CBMHS at each location. Ms. Humes developed a program brochure, attended worship and fellowship events to meet congregations, established a regular presence at each site, and began to identify local referral sources.

Direct Service to Clients

After three months of start-up activities, CBMHS began to meet its potential for direct service to clients in need of assistance.

- Approximately **seventy individuals received a thorough assessment** of needs and resources, vetted referrals, and when appropriate, short-term counseling from our CBMHS counselor. (attach chart).
- Problems addressed included **depression, anxiety, chronic pain, marital or family relationship problems, substance use problems, grief and stress** due unemployment.
- Services included weekly or biweekly**, individual or couple's sessions** as well as **monthly caregiver support groups**. A support group for NeighborCorps participants focusing on grief in **reentry** is scheduled to begin this month.
- To date, approximately $2000 in small donations, $20 to $25 per session, have been received from financially able clients. No one is refused service for lack of funds.

Mental Health Awareness and Education Programming

CBMHS has responded to congregational needs by providing general mental health education as follows.

- In May, several churches participated in **Mental Health Awareness Month** activities. CBMHS recruited volunteers affected by mental illness to anonymously share their experiences with personal artwork and essays. A collage of submissions was displayed at two locations.
- Throughout the year, several churches offered **adult education classes** developed by CBMHS to encourage and empower congregations to address mental health problems.
- In November, CBMHS and the Middlebush Reformed Church planned a **suicide prevention event**, "Just Talk About It" and a follow up candlelight vigil.

Looking Ahead

CBMHS will continue to identify referrals and resources for greater impact.

- We will continue to develop relationships with professionals and organizations that meet the most basic needs of our clients for housing, employment and reentry services.
- We will continue to develop client resources for peer support: Looking ahead we plan to start a chronic pain support group that will be accessible online to homebound participants.

Program Impact - One Pastors Statement

"April Humes has been a great benefit to our church and community - and certainly to me as a pastor. I don't have the depth of expertise or the dedicated time to guide all those who need mental health support. Having April on site is a blessing! I don't hear from (or know about) all the counselees, but several have let me know how grateful they are for both the provision of low-cost counseling services, but also for April's compassion and ability." Pastor Scott Brown, Colts Neck.

Focus Church Campaign

Online at: ImprovingNJ.org/FCC

The Focus Church Campaign (FCC) is a collaboration between Classis New Brunswick and Churches Improving Communities that pairs a Classis New Brunswick church with CIC staff members for one year to identify and carry out initiatives that respond simultaneously to the needs of the church and of the community. The desired result is a deeper understanding of how a congregation can be God's hands and feet in the world, an expanded view of the possibilities for their ministry, and positive growth of their congregation in the community.

In 2016, the FCC is focused on First Reformed Church of New Brunswick. You can follow our progress online at ImprovingNJ.org/fcc.

Alternative Gift Catalog

Online at: ImprovingNJ.org/Aternative-Gift-Catalog

CIC is excited to announce our new, online Alternative Gift Catalog. Now you can purchase gift donations for friends or family members, and print out a beautiful card to give. It's easy, fast, and all proceeds benefit the CIC program of your choice. Share with others who want to make a difference in the lives of people in central New Jersey through their gifts!

CIC in the Coming Year

Social Adult Day Program

Based on a need expressed by several Classis churches, CIC is exploring the possibility of developing a Social Adult Day Program that would provide programming for older adults or adults with memory impairment, while their caregivers are able to take respite that includes support groups, connections to community services, and free time.

This program model would be similar to the Church-Based Mental Health Services model, where CIC employs a professional staff member to implement the program at separate church sites weekly. Participating churches would recruit volunteers to assist with the program, and provide a member to sit on the program steering committee.

If you would like to explore the possibility of your church participating in this new initiative, please contact us at ChurchesImprovingCommunities@gmail.com.

Church-Based Cancer Support

An idea that has come out of CIC's monthly Congregational Engagement phone meeting is that of developing wrap-around supportive services for individuals and their families who are affected by cancer. This is an issue that touches all churches.

If you would like to be part of the conversation as we explore and develop this idea, please contact us at ChurchesImprovingCommunities@gmail.com.

Your Idea

CIC is always on the lookout for ways to assist churches engage and serve their communities. We welcome your input and ideas – please email or call if you have an idea, a dream, or a question. We are here to help move your ideas forward in ways that make sense for your church. If you'd like to start a conversation, please contact us at ChurchesImprovingCommunities@gmail.com.

Finances – Programs

Churches Improving Communities operates as the non-profit umbrella organization for NeighborCorps Re-Entry Services, Church-Based Mental Health Services, and Churches Accomplishing Long-Term Recovery. The Focus Church Campaign budget is part of the general CIC budget because its only expense is staff time. CIC resources such as bookkeeping, grant writing, administrative oversight and others are shared among the programs, and with churches who seek assistance with their own community projects. Similarly, certain CIC expenses are also shared such as insurance costs and a portion of the CIC Executive Director salary.

Programmatic budgets reside under CIC but are managed separately by the program steering committees who conduct their own fundraising and are responsible for programmatic expenses**.** Because of the volunteer focus of NeighborCorps and CALTR, and the collaborative nature of CBMHS, each is able to leverage a tremendous amount of value from its modest budget.

2016 CALTR BUDGET

EXPENSES:	
Salary	$36,000
Materials, Supplies & Transportation	$40,000
Volunteer Hospitality	$3,500
Administrative Overhead	$7,000
TOTAL EXPENSES:	**$86,500**
INCOME:	
Foundation to Save the Jersey Shore	$15,000
Church & Individual Donations	$7,000
Volunteer Group Donations	$20,000
2015 Grant Rollover	$37,572
World Renew Grant	$10,000
TOTAL INCOME:	**$89,572**

**NOTE:* The value of CALTR's volunteer labor in 2016 is approximately $154,433 according to national standards reported by Independent Sector.

2016 NEIGHBORCORPS BUDGET	
EXPENSES:	
Salary	$41,635
Payroll Taxes	$3,000
Printing, Transportation	$350
Administrative Overhead	$7,000
Professional Development/Conferences	$2,000
TOTAL EXPENSES:	**$53,985**
INCOME:	
County Grant	$57,735
Fundraising	$4,000
Rollover from 2015	$6,097
TOTAL INCOME:	**$67,832***
TOTAL ROLLOVER FOR FOLLOWING PROGRAM YEAR:	***$13,847***

**NOTE:* NC must run a surplus to cover the first two quarters of the year when county funds have been assigned but not disbursed. Additionally, NC will have leveraged approximately $106,148 worth of in-kind donations of building space and volunteer labor in 2016.

2016 CBMHS BUDGET	
INCOME	**2016**
Client Contributions	$7,200
Church Site Contributions	$20,000
General Synod Grant	$15,000
Synod Foundation Grant	$7,500
TOTAL INCOME:	**$49,700***
EXPENSES	
Salary – Mental Health Counselor	$29,568
Program Costs – printing, supplies	$1,000
Insurance	$1,000
CIC Contribution	$6,000
TOTAL EXPENSES:	**$37,568**
TOTAL ROLLOVER FOR FOLLOWING PROGRAM YEAR:	***$12,132***

**NOTE:* CBMHS needs a yearly rollover to underwrite the program operation of the following year, enabling CBMHS to remain solvent as contributions and grant disbursements come in sporadically throughout the year. In this way, 2016's budget sets the stage for financial sustainability in subsequent years.

Finances – CIC

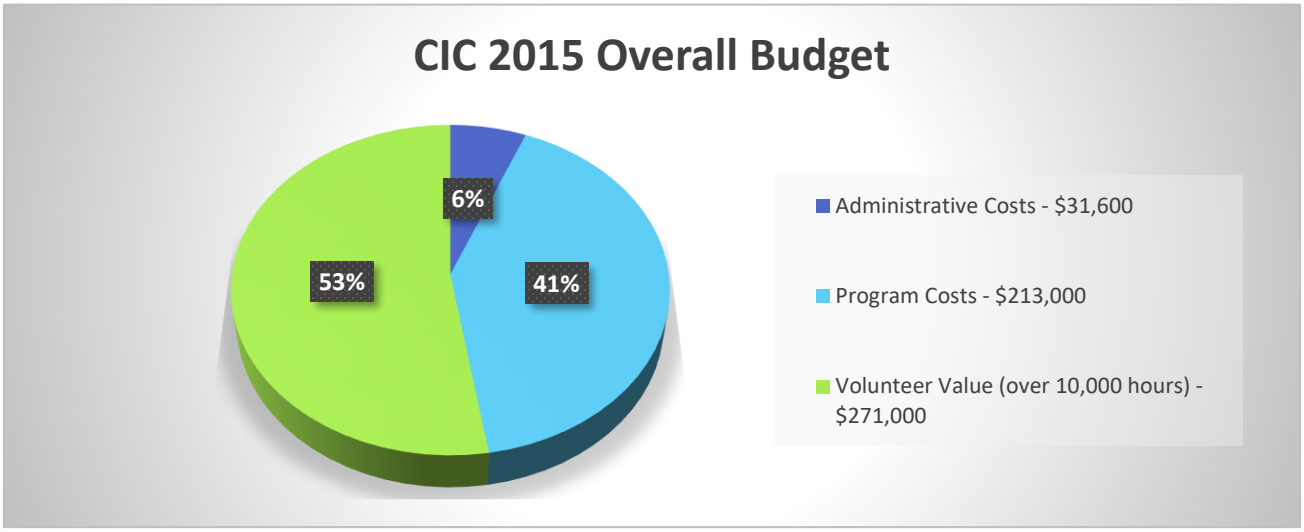
Churches Improving Communities' lean annual budget provides programmatic and administrative support that helps programs successfully obtain and administer grants, conduct communications and fundraising efforts, grow their support base, and employ program personnel – resources that are also available to churches who want to begin or expand community service projects.

This model of resource pooling is a strategic and effective way to invest in communities, ensuring that overhead expenses for programs remain extremely low. The CIC overall budget – including programs and administration – for our most recent complete program year reflects this investment.

CHURCHES IMPROVING COMMUNITIES BUDGET	
	2016
INCOME:	
Individual Donations	$10,000
Congregation Donations	$7,000
Amazon Smile Foundation	$100
Operating Contribution from Programs	$10,500
Insurance Contribution from Programs	$3,000
TOTAL INCOME:	**$30,600**
EXPENSES:	
Membership Fees	$125
Postage	$42
Marketing	$500
Data Protect/PYRL Subscription	$773
Bank Fees	$29
PayPal Fees	$49
Insurance	$4,016
Training	$125
Registration Fees	$35
Payroll -Wages	$20,000
Payroll (FICA & Medicare)	$1,500
TOTAL EXPENSES:	**$27,194**
DIFFERENCE:	**$3,378**

Please Help Support Our Work

It is the Churches Improving Communities mission to assist churches in Classis New Brunswick to develop and expand justice and mercy service projects in their communities. We do this by pooling skills and expertise to leverage funding, volunteers and community support. To this end, we are committed to using our resources wisely and effectively, and CIC accomplishes much with very lean operational practices and programmatic budgets. Churches Improving Communities is funded solely through foundation grants, and individual, church and corporate donations. We count on you to help us positively impact the lives of people in need. Please donate today to help us continue this important work in 2017.



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Classis New Brunswick CDC
100 College Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

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