



ASSOCIATED MINISTRIES OF MOUNDRIDGE

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATED MINISTRIES OF MOUNDRIDGE – July 31, 2020

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The Associated Ministries of Moundridge (AMM) recently completed its fiscal year which was impacted by the coronavirus as was all of society. Two of our ministries decided to shut down. Angel's Attic closed its doors and stopped receiving in-kind donations in March. It is uncertain at this time when they will be able to restart its operations. Vacation Bible School coordinators made the decision to cancel VBS this year. They are planning on resuming their ministry next summer.

Cradle to Crayons was encouraged to stay open by the McPherson County Health Department. While number of students did decrease when schools closed and some parents were laid off, Cradle to Crayons remained open until one employee test positive for the coronavirus. After a two-week shutdown, most of the students returned and operations returned to normal. The woodshop/garage steel building has been remodeled into classrooms and will be available for use beginning this fall.

The Senior Center closed down the inhouse dining in April for about six weeks. During that time community members could pick up meals curbside. Home deliveries also increased during that time. In house dining resumed with social distancing, but the numbers were down from where they had been. However, with a few more receiving home delivery, the total number of meals served per day has not changed significantly from where it was before the pandemic. The Senior Center has also seen an increase of government commodities available to all community members.

The Food Pantry underwent a change in leadership this past year. Marg Goering retired and Karen Rice Ratzlaff and Jamie Hensley have taken over managing this ministry. If anything, usage of the Food Pantry has fallen off since the pandemic hit. Government commodities have increased and Farmers to Families food boxes were available in our community for several months, so more food assistance was available. Since these programs have ended, we expect usage of Food Pantry services will increase.

The Blood Mobile was able to continue holding their events every other month as originally scheduled. They did have to change the location of the events, since Pine Village was not allowing any outsiders to enter their buildings. The last two events were held at the Cloud Nine Venue. The three Bloodmobile coordinators are Denise Stucky, Jerry Schrag and Carol Zerger.

The Youth Ministries had almost completed its year before the pandemic hit. They did have to cancel a service trip that had been planned as their last event. At this time they are planning to start up again in September.

Helping Hands continues to make money available to community members facing unexpected financial crises and to transients passing through with immediate food, gas or lodging needs. We helped out to the tune of a little over \$1,500 last year but were surprised at the low number of requests.

While the consolidated net income for the year was almost a negative \$3,000, that is really not a cause of concern. Last year we showed a net income of over \$100,000. Some of the money that was generated last year, was paid out this year for remodeling at Cradle to Crayons. We have no reason to believe this is an ongoing problem. More of a concern is the fact that donations to the Associated Ministries Executive Board has been going down the past couple of years and the Executive Board has had to dip into savings to meet its obligations. We very much value the support we receive from our member churches and hope that we can discern additional sources of financial assistance.