

Brighter Together

2021
ANNUAL
REPORT



the canby center
el centro de canby



Our Mission

In God's love,
we renew dignity
and inspire learning
for youth and families.



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Ray Keen, Executive Director

Ever been in the dark? It's not pleasant. In February 2021, we experienced about a week without power due to an ice storm. My daughter Selah looks back on that time without internet or television with great fondness because of the candles and the closeness of our family. She gathered several candles on the kitchen counter and began to light them. One candle will brighten a dark room, two are brighter still, and three are incredible! We all stayed close to our wood-burning stove for warmth and huddled around the candles for light, and the light shined brighter together.

In 2021, The Canby Center served people 14,533 times. With your help, we provided clothing, warm coats, shoes, and socks. We provided 4,004 free lunches, available four days a week to anyone in need. We provided \$36,987 worth of rent and utilities assistance to families who needed help to get over a financial bump in the road. The light of God's love takes on many forms.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5

The light being described here is Jesus Christ. It is Jesus, His very life, that brought light to all humankind. It is His light that drives out the darkness in this world. It is His light that ultimately and finally overcomes the pain, sorrow, and brokenness of this world, and the light shines brighter together.

The Canby Center is a community of light. We are neighbors helping neighbors lighten the darkness of broken relationships, the fog of discouragement, or the weight of economic poverty. Sometimes, just knowing that someone cares can help to bring light into the darkness. In recent days I've stopped to pray for a man with a crumbling marriage, a woman battling breast cancer, and a grieving man who recently lost his mother. In those moments, the light shines brighter together.

Lighting the way for future generations is an important aspect of our work because long-term poverty alleviation requires a deep relational investment in the lives of people over time. The Canby Center is making plans now for our programs and facilities that will impact our next 30 years of service. We have completed a masterplan for our campus and are filling in the details of our vision to triple the amount of space dedicated to life skills education, food storage, and partnerships with other organizations. Please pray with us for wisdom and discernment regarding these important steps. With your help, the light will shine brighter together.

At the close of this year, we are thankful for this outstanding community that has served to bring light to our neighbors in need. We are brighter because of you! We are brighter together.

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FOR FAMILIES



Our Thriving Together program was the shining light families needed this year as they left the hardest part of the pandemic behind. Thriving Together members have access to wholesome food and quality clothing at no cost to them. In return, families grow as they give back through volunteering in community and learn valuable life skills that aid them on the path to flourishing.

Summer Relaunch

Emerging from some of the COVID restrictions, we celebrated (safely) with a luau-themed relaunch in August. Over 460 new and familiar faces were welcomed to The Canby Center in one afternoon to share in family fun and and learn how they can find help and hope at The Canby Center. This was combined with our annual backpack drive, helping students and families who might not be able to afford everything on their supply list to start the school year off on the right foot. Thanks to enthusiastic community generosity, over 400 students received a backpack filled with school supplies!

460 | **guests** at the summer relaunch event

415 | **backpacks** shared with Canby kids

43 | **new households** enrolled in the Thriving Together program



130 | Average number of families shopping at Harvest Share weekly

96 | life-skills class attendees

Harvest Share Moves Indoors

With an average of 130 families coming through our food pantry every week, we continue to serve over double the number of families we served pre-COVID. In October, after 20 months of a drive-through model, we reopened our doors for indoor Harvest Share. This change enables families to walk through and shop for their most needed items. In this way, members are participants in providing for their families, not just passive recipients.

“ I appreciate programs like this because I don't feel like this is a hand out, but more of a hand up for me. ”

New Thriving Together Member

Skills for Life

Always striving to provide our members a hand up, not just a hand out, we safely welcomed members back to monthly finance classes, hopes and dreams sessions, and sewing classes starting in July. Over 70 members completed a financial literacy class in the last 6 months, offered in partnership with **Clackamas Federal Credit Union**.

Through all the changes this year brought, we never stopped serving our Thriving Together families. The Canby Center was a beacon of light to our members and surrounding communities, and we look forward to another bright year ahead!



*Christina Ramirez
Thriving Together Coordinator*

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FOR YOUTH



Isolation from friends, online learning, disappointment from cancelled sports, and household stress: the pandemic has weighed heavy on our youth.

These disruptions were keenly felt by children in our community as they faced an unpredictable year. The Canby Center responded by serving our kids with joy, bringing light and hope into their lives!

Kids Camp

On the heels of a tough school year, we were thrilled to bring four fun-packed weeks of summer camp to Canby's kids! In partnership with the **Canby School District**, 165 eager K-8 campers delighted in summer the way it should be! Crafts, games, snacks, making friends, and learning about important character traits like respect and teamwork rounded out each week of fun. Energetic staff and volunteers worked hard behind the scenes creating the best and brightest experience for every camper.

After-School Tutoring

As students were facing the return to in-person learning, trying to reengage in the classroom and catch up academically, we relaunched after-school tutoring. Providing K-12 students with support in reading, math, and basic study skills, faithful tutors jumped right back in this October. Beyond academic support, these mentors are shining a bright light for youth to engage confidently in these uncertain times.

Backpack Buddies

Statistically, 10.4% of children in our county qualify as food insecure according to Feeding America. Without consistent, healthy food, these students may struggle to pay attention in class and their academic performance often suffers. In November, we relaunched our Backpack Buddies program, serving over 200 students per week right away. This program, with the support and commitment of over 20 volunteers, provides students with a weekly food pack that will help them get through the weekend knowing there will be healthy food to eat.

4 | weeks
of summer camp fun

165 | K-8 grade campers

2,013 | Backpack Buddies bags
distributed in two months

7 | Canby schools participating
in Backpack Buddies

2021

SERVICES

- HOUSING
- HEALTH SERVICES
- EDUCATIONAL
- CLOTHING
- FOOD

2021 SERVICES

	Number of Cases	Value of Services
Housing	92	\$36,987
Health Services	111	\$43,381
Educational	576	\$23,700
Clothing	914	\$42,341
Food	12,840	\$1,573,983
TOTALS	14,533	\$1,720,392

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FINANCIALS

REVENUE

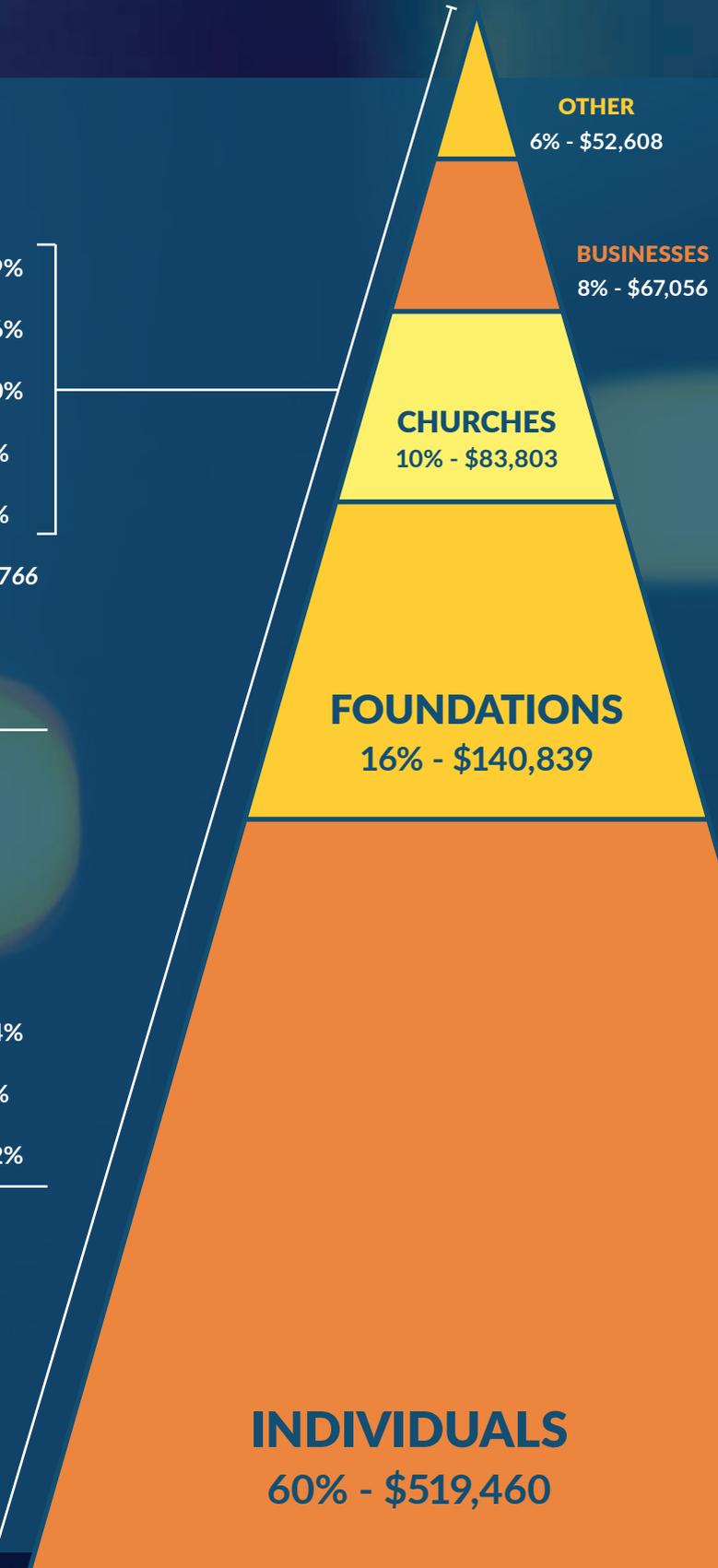
Individuals	\$519,460	59%
Foundations	\$140,839	16%
Churches	\$83,803	10%
Businesses	\$67,056	8%
Other	\$52,608	6%
<i>subtotal</i>		\$863,766
In-kind (Non-cash)	\$1,861,433	
Capital Campaign	\$2,586,233	
TOTAL	\$5,311,432	

EXPENSES

Program*	\$ 2,489,290	84%
Administration	\$ 123,068	4%
Fundraising	\$ 368,419	12%
TOTAL	\$ 2,980,777	

*Includes Gift in Kind offset of \$1,861,433

NET OPERATING INCOME
\$ 2,330,655



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FOR THE COMMUNITY



Dental Services

We partner with Medical Teams International to connect quality dental care with those who otherwise couldn't afford it. MTI brings their dental van to TCC monthly for routine fillings and emergency dental care.



Computer and Print Services

Reliable Wi-Fi and printing can be hard to come by for some, making job hunting and applications a challenge. The Canby Center offers both for free during open hours! Small services like these can make a big difference for individuals trying to take the next step in their employment journey.



Harvest Share Bins

At all hours of the day, neighbors are welcome to stop by our iconic 'green bins' out front of the center. Families can take whatever food they might need or drop off goods to share like extra produce or even seasonal items like pumpkins and Christmas trees.



Monthly Life Skills Classes

Sewing, cooking, and financial literacy classes provide neighbors with pathways to develop skills that foster sustainability for their future.

4,004

LUNCHES SERVED

Our kitchen is open Mondays through Thursdays, offering free, nutritious lunches to everyone in the community.

\$36,987

IN RENT AND UTILITIES ASSISTANCE

COVID has put many of our most vulnerable neighbors in a difficult situation, that can sometimes mean making a choice between food on the table or electricity. The Canby Center eases the financial burden for families in this position through rental assistance that is distributed based on a sustainability matrix.

2,036

SERVED THROUGH QUALITY CLOTHING

While Thriving Together members have monthly access to our free clothing closet, we host additional "clothing explosions" throughout the year and invite anyone and everyone to come and take as much clothing as they need for them and their families.



“ I love being able to shop for clothes because I have three little kids under 10; they go through clothes so fast. This has saved our family so much money, especially since Covid we are now on one income. Last year we weren't able to celebrate Christmas. This year we are with money that we have been able to save. ”

A Canby Neighbor

Volunteer Spotlight



We are brighter when we accomplish our mission together.

420 volunteers provided 8,565 volunteer hours in 2021. That's the equivalent of four full-time staff working diligently! Some gave an hour to help sort and share clothes, some gave several hours each week to distribute healthy food to our guests. Some give as a part of their participation in our Thriving Together program and some share as community volunteers. All bring their hands and hearts together to help people, and the light shines brighter together.



When Dean and Yvonne began attending Canby Christian Church in 2012, they soon learned about The Canby Center. Formerly a math tutor, Dean started faithfully coming through the doors of The Canby Center each week to serve with the after-school tutoring program. With his weekly bible study group, he began to occasionally fill in as a driver for food donation pickups, and eventually became the primary driver.

Amidst the overwhelming needs that arose in 2020, there was a sharp increase in food donations. Dean graciously stepped in to help pick up food at additional locations. Yvonne stepped into a leadership role with our biweekly Harvest Share distribution, which was seeing a flood of new families impacted by the pandemic. Each week, Yvonne continues to humbly serve with a smile on her face. On many occasions, you will see her in the front seat of The Canby Center van going to pick up food with Dean.

Dean and Yvonne are members of the Christian Motorcyclists Association and the local chapter, Wheels of Grace, now volunteers quarterly for the Saturday Harvest Share. Dean and Yvonne exemplify a heart of service and a willingness to step in and serve with excellence! In these uncertain times, their faithfulness and joyful hearts shine bright in Canby!





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WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER

Brighter Together!

The Canby Center is lighting the way for families and youth.

Through strategic planning, combining resources, and developing partnerships throughout the community, we are building a bright future for the underserved in Canby.

Resources:

In 2021 The Canby Center was supported by:

- 801 donors, including 183 monthly donors
- 916,356 lbs of donated food
- 17 grants from foundations totaling \$140K in contributions

Planning:

In the next five years, we envision:

- Serving over 500 families in our Thriving Together program with an expectation of graduating 50 families each year.
- A powerful youth mentoring program, Growing Together, strengthening character and educational experience for students
- New, energizing life skills classes and opportunities for personal growth

Partnerships:

In 2021 The Canby Center partnered with:

- 20 local churches
- 45 local businesses
- 4 local service organizations
- The **Canby School District, Canby Police Department** and **Canby Fire District**

Together, we are shining the light not only today but into the future.

Steve



Steve Nelson, Director of Development

801
total donors

\$863K
annual fund contributions

916K
pounds of donated food

One light can brighten a dark room, but many lights together can chase darkness away! The support of community partners is not only critical for the success of our mission, but through them, we all reach farther and serve better.

Gift In Kind Donations

Fresh produce from **Caruso Produce, Pacific Coast Fruit**, and **Martinez Farms**, along with durable food products from **Cutsforth's Thriftway, Winco Foods, Bob's Red Mill**, and **Dave's Killer Bread** and others totaled over 916,000 pounds! Food donations from these local business were critical in providing Canby area families with wholesome food in these challenging times.

Service Organizations

Rotary Club of Canby and **Canby Kiwanis** strengthen TCC's connection with the community and provide generous financial and volunteer support for programs like Backpack Buddies, food and school supply drives, and special projects like birthday bags for families.

Church Support

Churches continue to be foundational to the outreach of The Canby Center. In addition to the consistent financial and volunteer support of local congregations, The Canby Center was thrilled to embark on a new venture this year, partnering with 10 local churches and community partners to bring Surge: A Canby Youth Event to the community. Surge brought together 220 young people for a day of outdoor fun as they launched back into the school year.



Pacific Coast Fruit donated over 386,000 lbs of food this year!



Canby youth make friends while enjoying an inflatable obstacle course at Surge!

HOW WILL
YOU MAKE
CANBY

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VOLUNTEER

Become a youth mentor

Be a driver

Be a kitchen helper

GIVE

Donate online today

Become a monthly donor

Include TCC in your will

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