

## **2022 Annual Report**

### **Awaken Church Outreach Center**

We are honored to provide you with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report. Our first report with a full fiscal year of operations and statistics for the Awaken Church Outreach Center.

What an amazing 2022 year it has been. Our service to the community has grown vastly with the addition of several recurring programs and more community outreach. We continue to offer our walk-up and drive-thru food pantry, but also now hold recurring opportunities for SNAP Food Assistance Applications, Counseling Services, and our Community Day (serving our homeless population).

2022 saw Awaken Outreach involved in ten different programs throughout our community. One such program, our Community Serve Day, saw volunteers working at four different locations! Our Day 4 Hope provided back to school assistance to 140 children in need. We partnered with the City of North Port on two events, the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Trick or Treat City Hall. Thanksgiving and Christmas season kept everyone busy with Turkey Dinner distributions, a hot Thanksgiving meal for 280 clients and the distribution of Christmas dinners and over 2,500 Christmas presents to children.

Of course, we would be remiss if we did not include the impact of the devastation caused in our community by Hurricane Ian in September. Once again, the amazing volunteers of Awaken Outreach Center came through and provided emergency aid to 14,834 citizens in distress with an outpouring of 4,320 volunteer hours of service.

We are certain as you read the attached report you will see the unbelievable need for food and other assistance within the City of North Port and the South County area. We hope and pray that through our service we are making some impact on these issues.

In closing, we want to thank all our many partner organizations, most importantly All Faiths Food Bank and the City of North Port, who we could not exist without. Personally, I would like to thank Pastor Brian Zdrojowy for his continued support and guidance. And finally, I want to thank each and every person who contributed to the success of the Outreach Center this Fiscal Year through the donation of time, talent or treasure.

Sincerely,

Larry Grant – Outreach Director  
Awaken Church of North Port

## Annual Totals for 2022

### Awaken Church Food Pantry

<u>Food Pantry</u>	<u>Walk-up Service</u>	<u>Drive-through Service</u>	<u>Total Served</u>
Families	8,467	24,708	33,175
Individuals	21,976	67,911	89,907

**Total Food Distributed - 1,775,000 pounds.**

**Total Food Pantry Volunteer Hours 23,952**

### Awaken Church Outreach Center

<u>Special Events</u>	<u>Volunteer Hours</u>
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Ten Special Events were held in 2022	<b>1,970</b>
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- City of North Port Easter Egg Hunt, U.S. Postal Service Food Drive, Community Service Day, Day 4 Hope Back to School Outreach, Trick or Treat City Hall Festival, T- Shirts for Turkeys Joy FM, Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Food Pantry Thanksgiving Meals, Community Christmas Outreach, Church of God Cajun Cooks.

<u>Recurring Events</u>	<u>Clients Served</u>	<u>Volunteer Hours</u>
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SNAP (Food Stamp Applications)	52	<b>60</b>
CARE Team Counseling	131	<b>653</b>
Community Day	706	<b>317</b>

**Total Outreach Center Volunteer Hours 3,100**

## Summary of all Annual Totals for 2022

### Services to Individuals

Food Pantry	89,907
Hot Meals Served	5,406
Food Stamp Applications	52
Counseling Services	132
City Easter Egg Hunt	1,200
City Halloween Festival	3,000
Christmas Gifts for Children	2,500
Day 4 Hope - Back to School	140
<b>Hurricane Ian Emergency Aid</b>	<b>14,834</b>

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<b>Total Services to Individuals</b>	<b>117,171</b>
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### Pounds of Food/Supplies Distributed

Food Pantry Services	1,775,000
<b>Hurricane Ian Emergency Aid</b>	<b>620,000</b>

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<b>Total Pounds of Food/ Supplies Distributed</b>	<b>2,395,000</b>
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### Volunteer Hours

Food Pantry Services	23,952
Outreach Center Services	3,100
<b>Hurricane Ian Emergency Aid</b>	<b>4,320</b>

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<b>Total Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>31,372</b>
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## Hurricane Ian Emergency Relief Efforts

Post Hurricane Ian, Awaken Church Outreach Center was designated as an emergency distribution point for food and emergency supplies for our community. The City of North Port granted use of the entire Community Center Building for this effort and Awaken Outreach Center volunteers received, unloaded, and sorted items for distribution. The items included cases of water, meals ready to eat, baby supplies, food, clothing, toiletries, and many other provisions.

### Immediate Emergency Relief Efforts

- **78 Box truck/tractor trailers received**
- **620,000 pounds of supplies unloaded and distributed**
- **7,334 citizens of North Port received emergency aid.**

### Emergency Feeding Efforts

The Awaken Outreach Center provided volunteers and a central distribution network for other disaster relief organizations providing food services to North Port residents post storm.

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| • The American Red Cross                     | 500 meals served   |
| • World Central Kitchen                      | 2,000 meals served |
| • Laurel Civic and Paradise Grill Restaurant | 750 meals served   |
| • Awaken Community Serve Team                | 160 meals served   |
| • Tampa Realty Food Team                     | 250 meals served   |

**TOTAL 3,660 MEALS SERVED**

### Additional Hurricane Relief Operations

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| • Mothers Helping Mothers (Baby cloths and supplies distributed)    | 1,000 clients |
| • Jesus Loves You Ministry  |               |
| Shower Trailer  | 40 clients    |
| Clothing distribution   | 120 clients   |
| • Operation Compassion (Household items distributed)                | 700 clients   |
| • On the Spot Medical Care (Emergency aid)                          | 10 clients    |
| • Babcock Furniture Company (New furniture distribution 194 pieces) | 50 clients    |

**Total 1,920 clients served**

In the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Ian, Awaken Church through its Outreach Center, provided emergency assistance to 14,834 citizens of North Port in cooperation with multiple partner agencies. This support was only made possible by the outstanding donation of time by our volunteers, many of whom suffered losses of their own in the hurricane. These outstanding people worked an amazing 4,320 hours of additional time beyond the normal Food Pantry operations.

**Emergency Aid and Assistance to North Port 14,834 clients**

**Volunteer Time for Hurricane Relief 4,320 hours**