



Project HOPE took another step forward in 2022 in its mission to partner with the parishes of our Metropolis and with local networks and organizations to help provide food security and stable housing to those most in need. HOPE had its most successful and impactful year yet, building momentum since its inception in 2020 at the height of the Covid 19 pandemic. Over 450,000 meals were distributed and served this past year to a diverse group of individuals and families from so many walks of life. Since its inception in 2020, Project HOPE has served 675,000 meals. In addition to that, the ministry has helped secure 3,000 nights of shelter in various ways for the homeless and has packaged and distributed 12,500 Covid and Care Kits.

This year, as part of the strategic plan of the ministry, the Project HOPE Liaison program has taken a big leap forward to help scale up the participation of many parishes within the Metropolis. Dedicated parish liaisons meet every few months with HOPE Committee Leaders to help continue to build communication regarding participation and this has helped scale the impact of this Metropolis ministry. In 2023, Project HOPE will have kiosks and pop up sections in 20 different parishes that have been active in the program's early years and the goal is to get that to full capacity and a presence at all or our parishes within the Metropolis.

In 2022, there were over 500 volunteers that participated in HOPE's mission. In 2023, HOPE will partner with our young adults at the YAL Chicago Conference 2023 in February. HOPE will work with approximately 600 young adults to help package and prepare approximately 100,000 meals to feed those in need. This will be a prime example of the comprehensive impact our mission's design was meant to have: to engage (our parishioners) and to reach out to serve our brothers and sisters in need.

Project HOPE is still in its infancy and is carefully and strategically trying to build a strong foundation and infrastructure to continue to grow in order to be a platform from which we, as an entire Metropolis, can help those in need from within and from all walks of life. With the support of so many parishioners, parish organizations, clergy, local networks and strategic collaborative partners, Project HOPE seeks to cross the ONE MILLION MEALS milestone in 2023 with the ambition to continue to improve and grow in order to become the vehicle that future generations can continue to help turn into a meaningful humanitarian ministry that will help feed and provide shelter to God's children for years to come.

## 2022 HOPE Year In Review

- **March** Bessie's Table Food Pantry non-perishable grocery bag and CARE Kit donation made possible by Chicago church parishes – 1,500 Meals and 100 CARE Kits
- **March** St. George Hot Meals to Go CARE Kit donation made possible by Chicago church parishes – 100 CARE Kits
- **March** St. James Catholic Church Food Pantry non-perishable grocery bag donation made possible by Chicago church parishes – 1,500 Meals

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- **March** Annunciation Feed the Hungry CARE Kit donation made possible by Chicago church parishes – 100 CARE Kits
- **March** St. Monica's Shelter non-perishable grocery bag donation made possible by Chicago church parishes – 1,374 Meals
- **April** RUSH Food Pantry, Garfield Park Feed6 Box donation made possible by Project HOPE – 200,000 Meals
- **April** St. James Catholic Church Food Pantry non-perishable grocery bag donation made possible by Chicago church parishes – 500 Meals
- **April** St. George Hot Meals to Go non-perishable grocery bag donation made possible by Chicago church parishes – 2,400 Meals
- **May** Humboldt Park Solidarity Network Feed6 Box donation made possible by Project HOPE – 21,000 Meals
- **May** Corporate Traditions Grocery Food Vouchers donation made possible by Project HOPE – 45 Greek Parishioners
- **June** United Methodists Church in Des Plaines non-perishable grocery bag donation made possible by Chicago church parishes – 840 Meals
- **June** A Just Harvest non-perishable grocery bag donation made possible by Chicago church parishes – 400 Meals
- **June** WINGS non-perishable grocery bag donation made possible by Chicago church parishes – 300 Meals
- **June** RUSH Food Pantry, Garfield Park non-perishable grocery bag and CARE Kit donation made possible by Chicago church parishes – 1,000 Meals, 50 COVID Kits, and 4 Bulk Boxes of Diapers
- **July** Annunciation Feed the Hungry Hot Meals donation made possible by Project HOPE – 100 Meals
- **July** RUSH Food Pantry, Garfield Park non-perishable grocery bag and CARE Kit donation made possible by Chicago church parishes – 1,200 Meals and 30 CARE Kits
- **September** Northfield Food Pantry non-perishable grocery bag donation made possible by Chicago church parishes – 300 Meals
- **September** Immanuel Lutheran Church Food Pantry non-perishable grocery bag donation made possible by Chicago church parishes – 480 Meals
- **October** RUSH Food Pantry, Garfield Park non-perishable grocery bag donation made possible by Chicago church parishes – 2,800 Meals
- **November** Corporate Traditions Grocery Food Vouchers donation made possible by Project HOPE – 46 Greek Parishioners
- **November** RUSH Food Pantry, Garfield Park non-perishable grocery bag donation made possible by Chicago church parishes – 800 Meals
- **November** Annunciation Feed the Hungry non-perishable grocery bag and CARE Kit donation made possible by Chicago church parishes – 300 Meals and 50 CARE Kits

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- **November** Northern Illinois Food Depository Feed6 Box donation made possible by Project HOPE –50,000 Meals
- **November** RUSH Food Distribution in West Garfield Park Thanksgiving and non-perishable grocery bag donation made possible by Annunciation Chicago while St. Connie's of Palos and its neighboring parishes of Holy Cross, Assumption, Saint Nicholas, and Saint Spyridon donated and packed 12,500 Meals
- **November** Park Ridge Food Pantry non-perishable grocery bag donation made possible by Chicago church parishes – 500 Meals
- **December** Bessie's Table Food Pantry non-perishable grocery bag donation made possible by Chicago church parishes – 1,000 Meals
- **December** Corporate Traditions Grocery Food Vouchers donation made possible by Project HOPE – 49 Greek Parishioners