



COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

2014 ANNUAL REPORT



LIFE CHANGE



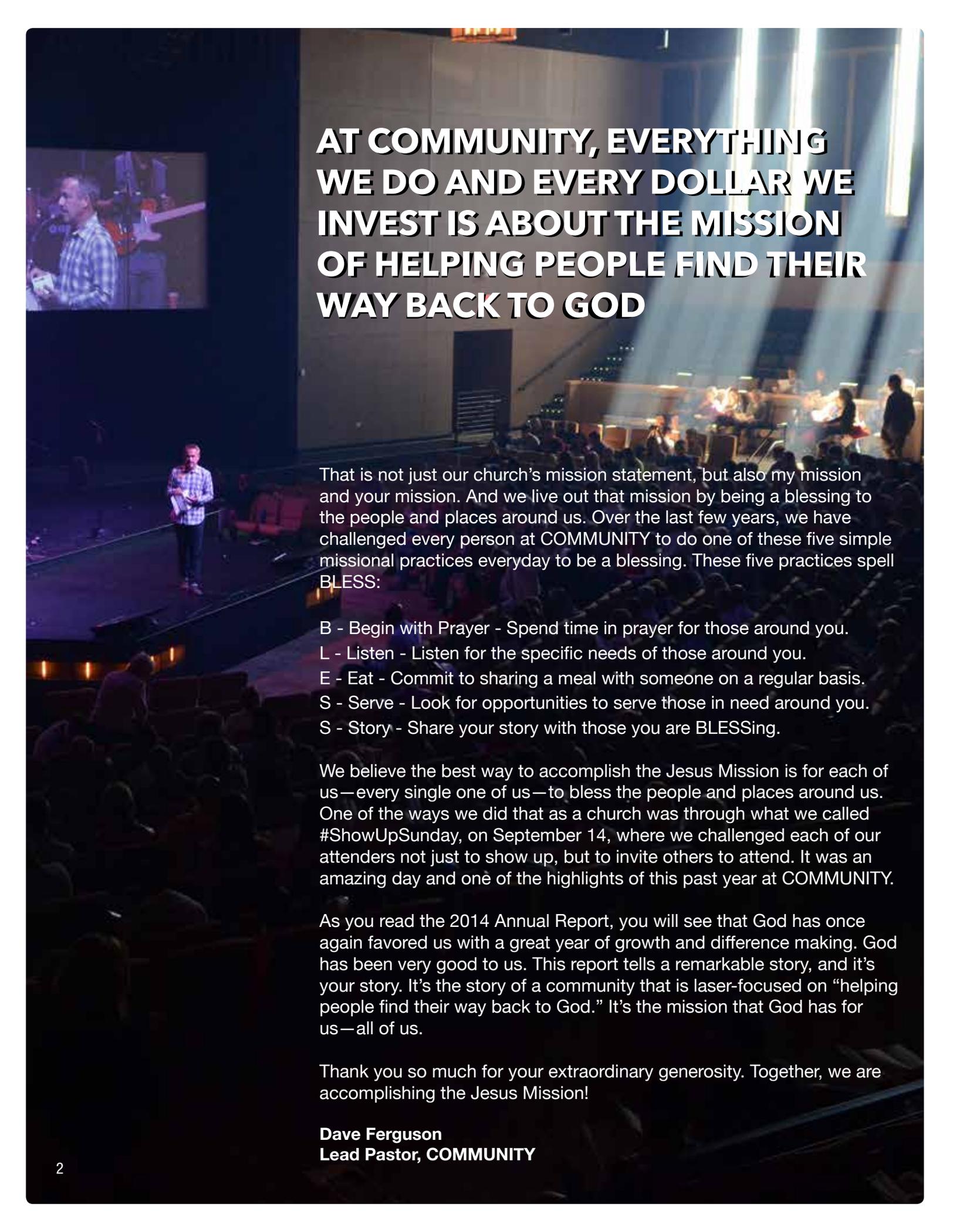
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AT COMMUNITY, EVERYTHING WE DO AND EVERY DOLLAR WE INVEST IS ABOUT THE MISSION OF HELPING PEOPLE FIND THEIR WAY BACK TO GOD

That is not just our church's mission statement, but also my mission and your mission. And we live out that mission by being a blessing to the people and places around us. Over the last few years, we have challenged every person at COMMUNITY to do one of these five simple missional practices everyday to be a blessing. These five practices spell BLESS:

- B - Begin with Prayer - Spend time in prayer for those around you.
- L - Listen - Listen for the specific needs of those around you.
- E - Eat - Commit to sharing a meal with someone on a regular basis.
- S - Serve - Look for opportunities to serve those in need around you.
- S - Story - Share your story with those you are BLESSing.

We believe the best way to accomplish the Jesus Mission is for each of us—every single one of us—to bless the people and places around us. One of the ways we did that as a church was through what we called #ShowUpSunday, on September 14, where we challenged each of our attenders not just to show up, but to invite others to attend. It was an amazing day and one of the highlights of this past year at COMMUNITY.

As you read the 2014 Annual Report, you will see that God has once again favored us with a great year of growth and difference making. God has been very good to us. This report tells a remarkable story, and it's your story. It's the story of a community that is laser-focused on "helping people find their way back to God." It's the mission that God has for us—all of us.

Thank you so much for your extraordinary generosity. Together, we are accomplishing the Jesus Mission!

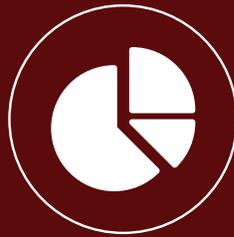
Dave Ferguson
Lead Pastor, COMMUNITY



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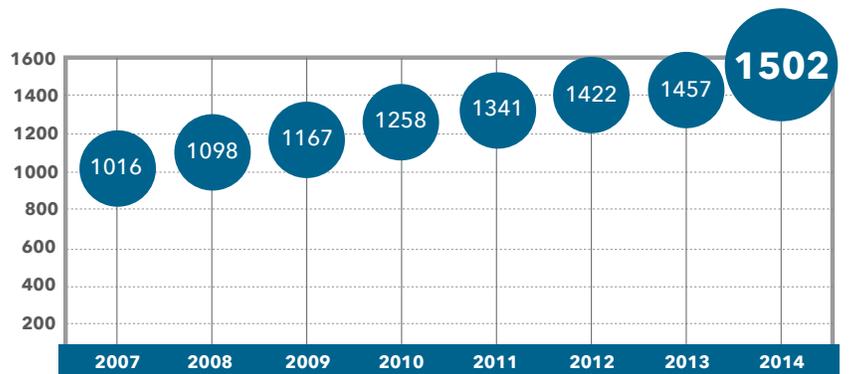
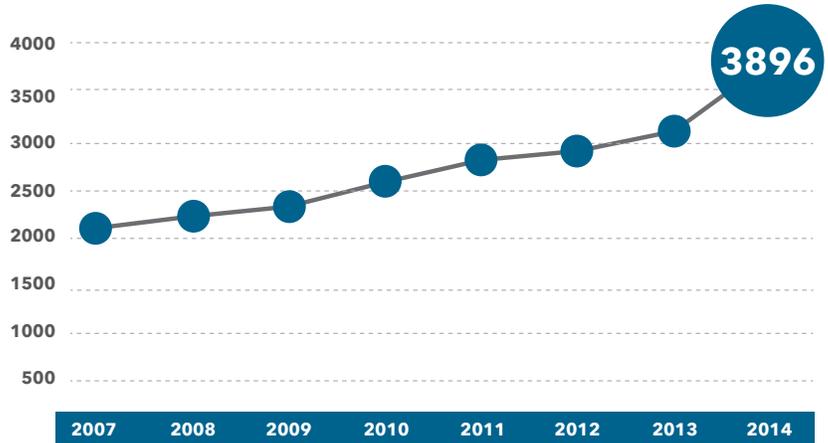
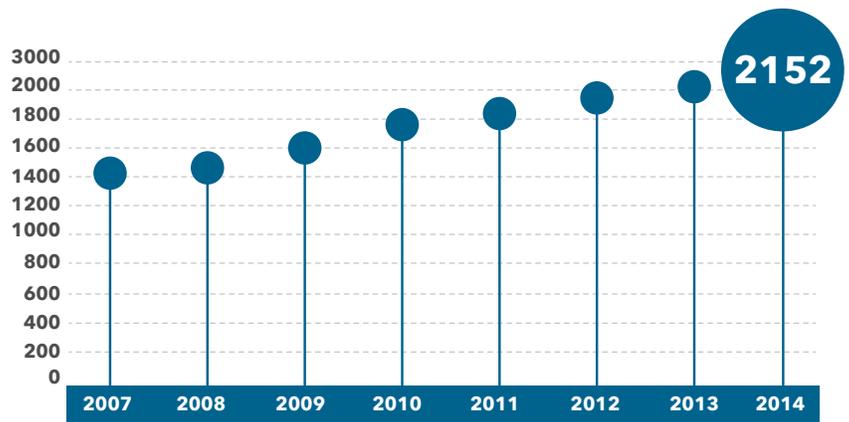
Adults and Students

CONNECTED

Adults and Students

3C CHRIST FOLLOWERS

Celebrate - Connect - Contribute



BAPTISM STORY - DAVID KRATOWICZ

I always thought I was a believer. I was raised in the church, thanks to my parents, but I only participated because I was told that it was the right thing to do. After years of questions and experiences, I started thinking and praying about who God was. Eventually, I decided that I wanted God in my life, but only when I needed Him. For awhile now I have felt like something was missing inside me and I wondered why I sometimes cried when I was at a weekly or even monthly church service. When I started coming to COMMUNITY regularly with Cathryn, my girlfriend, I realized Jesus was what I needed and what was missing in my life.

I had accepted Jesus several times in my life; however I struggled with the who, what, when, where and why. With the help of the Alpha Class and the wonderful people I met, I realized that the Holy Spirit has always been there, I was just pushing Him away. It wasn't until I gave complete control to Jesus that I realized none of that mattered because it isn't about what I need or want. Since giving up my life and dedicating it to Jesus Christ, I am now seeing, hearing, feeling, smelling and tasting things differently. I now understand that I'm here to serve and I am willing to do what He asks.

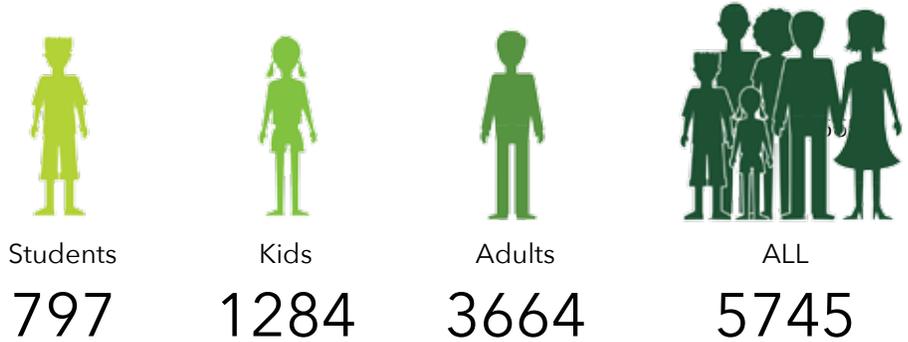
For years, I had been praying and asking for help. However, I was asking the wrong questions and not listening for answers. I'm blessed for the opportunity to be baptized and to say yes Lord, yes Jesus and yes to the Holy Spirit to please fill me with your grace. God, use me for your good deeds and to show the world how great your love really is.



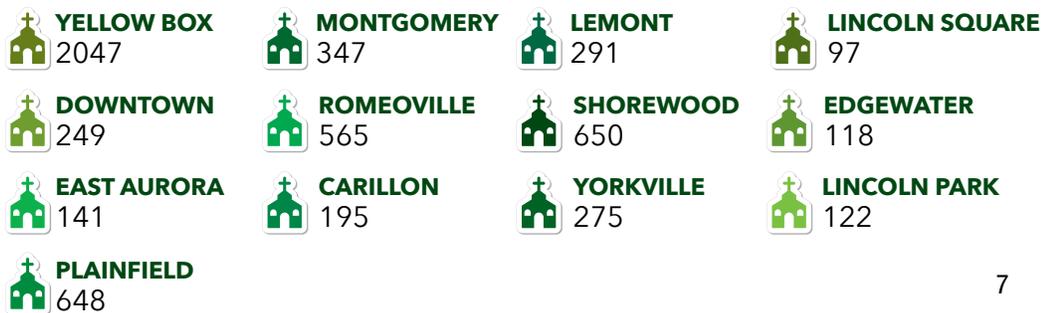
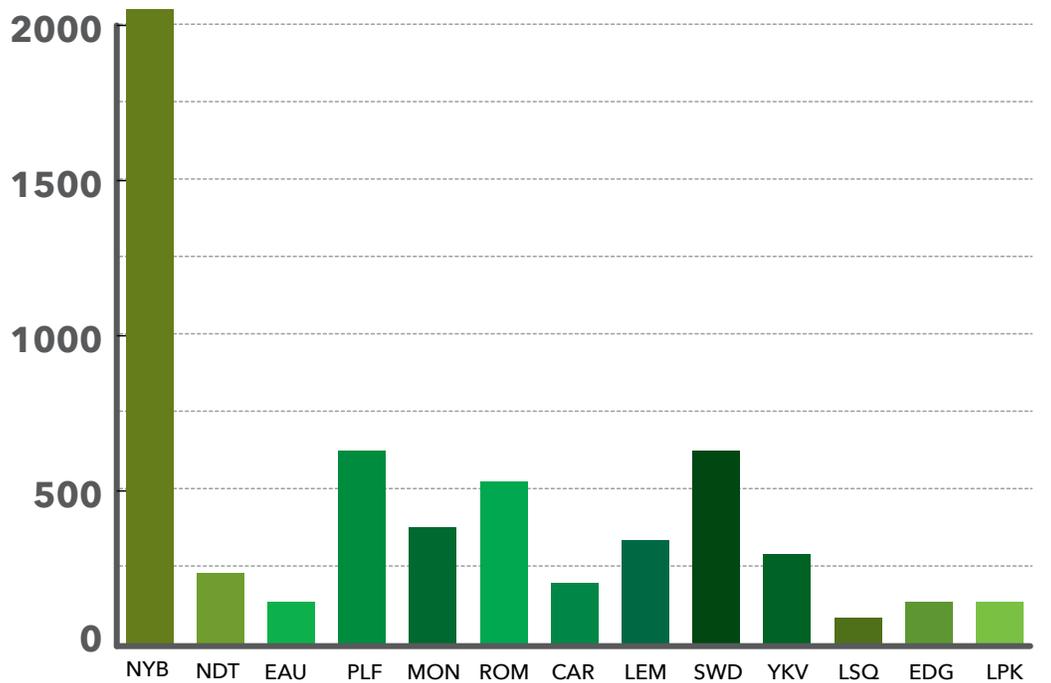
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ATTENDANCE AVERAGES BY YEAR

Adults, Kids and Students

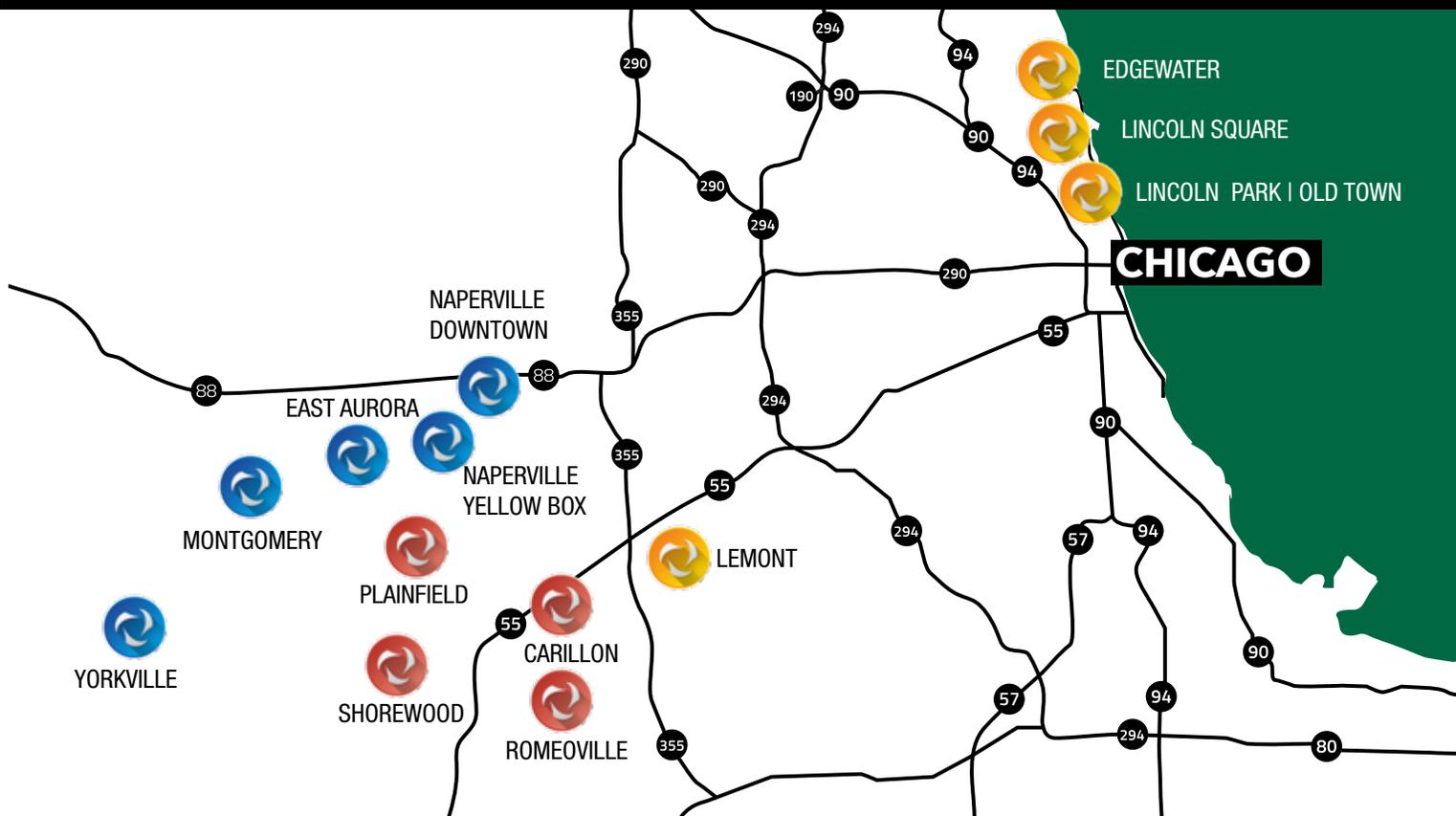


ATTENDANCE AVERAGES BY LOCATION



COMMUNITY NETWORKS

THREE NETWORKS - THIRTEEN LOCATIONS



LINCOLN SQUARE
Launched in 2011

LEMONT
Launched in 2011

EDGEWATER
Launched in 2012

LINCOLN PARK | OLD TOWN
Launched in 2013

CARILLON
Launched in 2001

ROMEOVILLE
Launched in 1998

SHOREWOOD
Launched in 2004

PLAINFIELD
Launched in 2008

NAPERVILLE YELLOW BOX
Launched in 1989

MONTGOMERY
Launched in 2002

NAPERVILLE DOWNTOWN
Launched in 2004

YORKVILLE
Launched in 2006

EAST AURORA
Launched in 2010

OPENING DAY

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

#SHOWUPSUNDAY



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September 14 was a BIG day at COMMUNITY! Coinciding with the Grand Opening of the Naperville Yellow Box addition, COMMUNITY kicked off the new ministry year with a big push to get more people than ever before to all 13 locations on a non-holiday weekend. We called that weekend #ShowUpSunday. Through FaceBook, Twitter, post card mailings and most importantly, personal invites from current attenders, we saw a record number of people walk through our doors that weekend! Starting with the Naperville Yellow Box with 3,407 people, our 13 locations had 8,816 people join us for celebration services on September 14! Each location had a fantastic turnout and it was exciting to see so many new faces checking out COMMUNITY and hopefully, taking their first steps in finding their way back to God. Thank YOU for all your help and invites to your friends!

#SHOWUPSUNDAY ATTENDANCE - 8,816

329 CARILLON

149 EDGEWATER

188 LINCOLN PARK

256 LINCOLN SQUARE

248 EAST AURORA

404 LEMONT

430 MONTGOMERY

388 NAPERVILLE DOWNTOWN

3,407 NAPERVILLE YELLOW BOX

954 PLAINFIELD

748 ROMEOVILLE

912 SHOREWOOD

403 YORKVILLE



CAMPUS UPDATES

CARILLON

Carillon had a huge giving weekend for Celebration Generosity with an offering over \$30,000. Dave Snyder joined the team and is apprenticing to become the Adult Ministries Director. Through NewThing, Carillon is working to achieve their goal of becoming a training site for those interested in serving in Active Adult Communities. Go Carillon!



EAST AURORA

East Aurora continues to grow. 251 people attended on #ShowUpSunday with a 31% increase in attendance since. StuCo launched mid-week small groups in 2014 and they had 14 baptisms this year. That is more than any other year.



EDGEWATER

Edgewater continues to grow in attendance on Sundays. They are beginning to see divisive national events being leveraged for campus unity and increasing ownership at our campus to show the city and the world that healthy and lasting racial reconciliation, through Christ, is possible. Over 35 students were sent to Blast.



LEMONT

Lemont moved into a new space next door and completed a buildout of their Kids' City space to create more room for the kids to worship together. 100 students and leaders were sent to Blast and more people found their way back to God with 27 baptisms in 2014.



LINCOLN PARK | OLD TOWN

Lincoln Park had 188 people attend on #ShowUpSunday. They celebrated their one year anniversary with their largest weekend attendance since launching and they celebrated three baptisms that day for a total of 12 baptisms in 2014! Lincoln Park showed their generosity with a Celebration Generosity offering five times their weekend average.



LINCOLN SQUARE

Lincoln Square had record attendance on #ShowUpSunday of 256. Attendance continues to grow and they are hearing tons of stories of life change from people far from God who are new to the church. Since September, they had a woman get baptized who brought her atheist dad to celebrate her baptism and he was so moved he wants to get baptized and jump in with Jesus too. Just one of many stories of God doing some awesome things at Lincoln Square.



MONTGOMERY

Montgomery had a lot of cool things happen in 2014. They saw a 48% increase in attendance for #ShowUpSunday with 25 of those attenders becoming connected beyond the weekend. Celebration Generosity giving was three times higher than a normal weekend and Montgomery attenders sponsored 20 children through Compassion International. Vacation Bible School was a huge success this summer.



NAPERVILLE DOWNTOWN

Naperville Downtown had more high school students attending Sundays than ever before. Over half of the high school students coming regularly come on their own and were invited by other students at COMMUNITY. Many are encouraging their parents to come to COMMUNITY and several parents have been brought by students.



NAPERVILLE YELLOW BOX

The Yellow Box completed their new addition in 2014. A new auditorium that seats 1,100, new lobby space and themed Kids' City space are the highlights. Over 3,400 people attended the Grand Opening on #ShowUpSunday. The Yellow Box continues their record generosity with giving on Celebration Generosity weekend exceeding \$380,000. In 2014, 136 people were baptized.



PLAINFIELD

Plainfield continued their strong growth path in 2014 with more people attending than ever before. In a partnership with the Village of Plainfield, they served the community with over 400 people participating in the Big Serve. The Plainfield Campus also helped more people find their way back to God this year with 33 people being baptized.



ROMEVILLE

Romeville had a number of changes this year. Brian Moll became the Campus Pastor and Cathy Gore and Chris Fisher were hired as the Kids' City Director and Kids' City Arts Director respectively. Joshua Edmon was hired as the new StuCo Director. Romeville continued their outreach as they sponsored 55 children through Compassion International and they had over 20 baptisms.



SHOREWOOD

Shorewood has had a great year! They've grown to nearly 700 in weekly attendance while increasing their Small Group population by 20% and having a record number of leaders! They are caring for more and more people every week as they continue to impact their community through StuCo, Kid's City and various outreach ministries.



YORKVILLE

Yorkville experienced a lot of growth this past year. 403 people attended for #ShowUpSunday. Vacation Bible School was attended by 125 kids. Outreach continues through the sponsorship of 40 kids with Compassion International.





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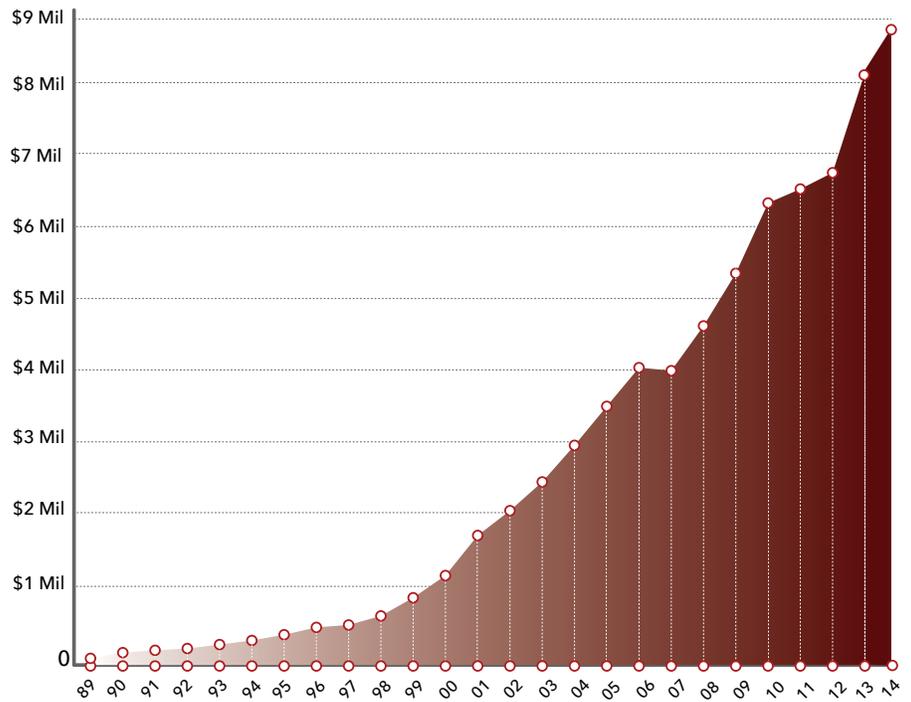
HISTORICAL GIVING

1989 - 2014 CALENDAR YEAR

2014 CALENDAR YEAR GIVING
\$8.8 MILLION*

*Giving for 2014 includes All In initiatives at several of COMMUNITY's campuses.

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RESOURCE ALLOCATION

2014 Fiscal Year*
OCT 2013 - SEPT 2014

REACH

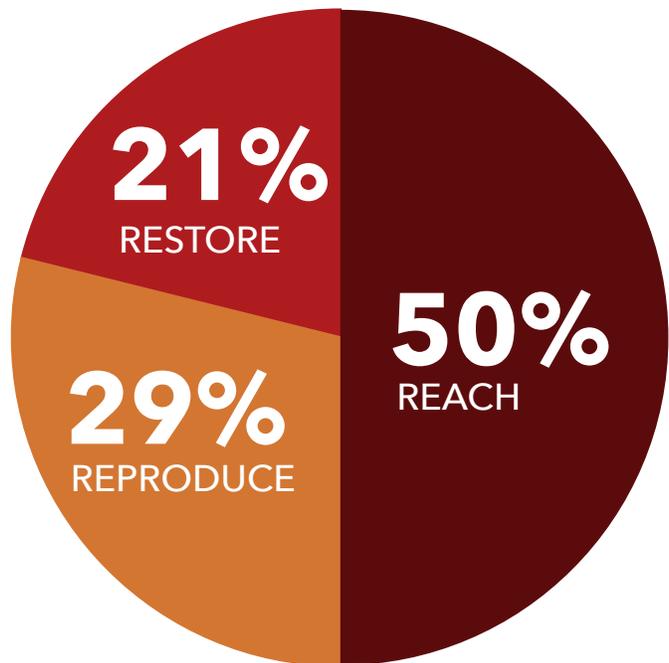
Reaching those who are far from God.

RESTORE

Restoring God's dream for the world.

REPRODUCE

Reproducing the Jesus Mission in others.



REACH

Ministry Operations
Facilities
Capital Replacement Savings

RESTORE

Community 4:12
Haiti, Philippines
Benevolence
Hands of Hope

REPRODUCE

NewThing
Multiplier Fund
New Locations

*NOTE: Compensation has been split between Reach, Restore and Reproduce since each ministry is involved in all three areas.

WHAT IS 10-20-70?

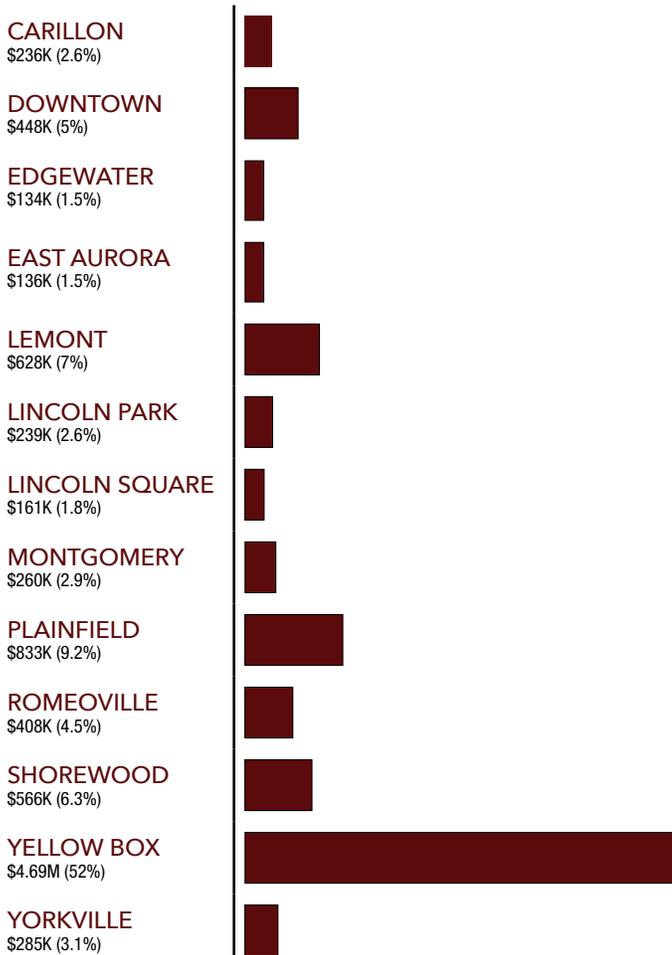
COMMUNITY has established a financial model that enables us to operate effectively as a reproducing church. Here's how it works...



2014 GIVING - \$9.02M

FISCAL YEAR BY CAMPUS*

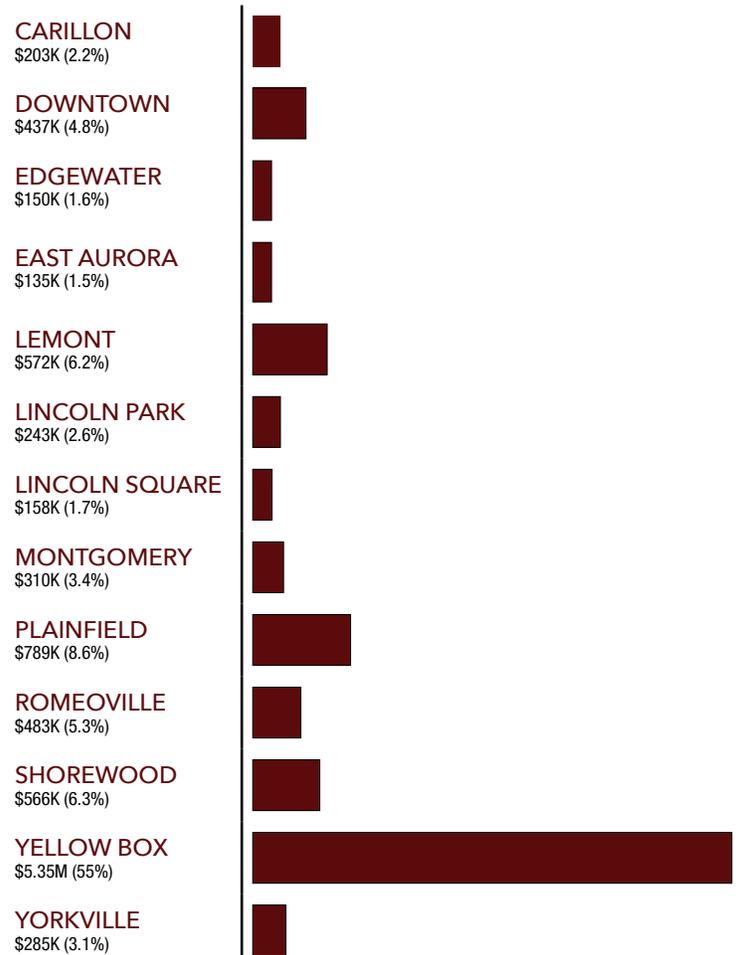
*includes All In giving (above operating budget)



2014 SPENDING - \$9.71M

FISCAL YEAR BY CAMPUS*

*includes each campus' 10-20-70 spending



WHY IS OUR SPENDING HIGHER THAN OUR GIVING?

During this season of ALL IN (see page 16), we saved resources in Fiscal 2013 allowing us to take on capital initiatives in Fiscal 2014 and in the future.



GENEROSITY



all in UPDATES

In 2013, seven COMMUNITY campuses went All In for the Jesus Mission. All In took on slightly different meanings at each location, but one thing remained the same: our unyielding dedication to reaching those who are far from God, restoring the world to His original dream, and reproducing the Mission in others. Here's how we went All In:

NAPERVILLE YELLOW BOX

In March of 2013, Naperville Yellow Box committed \$12.1M to God through All In. Because of this radical generosity, we were able to open our new auditorium in the Fall of 2014. In addition, we created a new training center that will host our first class of Leadership Residents in January of 2015. Our prayer is that these residents will go on to plant new campuses and churches all over the world. Through All In, more and more people are finding their way back to God.

PLAINFIELD

All In has been a remarkable journey for COMMUNITY Plainfield! As the initiative comes to a close, we celebrate the many lives that said yes to Jesus, His mission, and generosity. Through increased generosity this past year, we celebrated healthy operational resources, established resources for future facility property, gave away over \$43,000 to global partnerships, and continue to help plant a new church in Chicago.

EAST AURORA

Through All In, 2014 has been a year of growth for East Aurora Campus. More people contributed and joined small groups than previous years. Compared to 2013, 25% more people celebrated on Sundays, and 14 people were baptized. This is great momentum as they continue to look ahead toward their new gathering space.

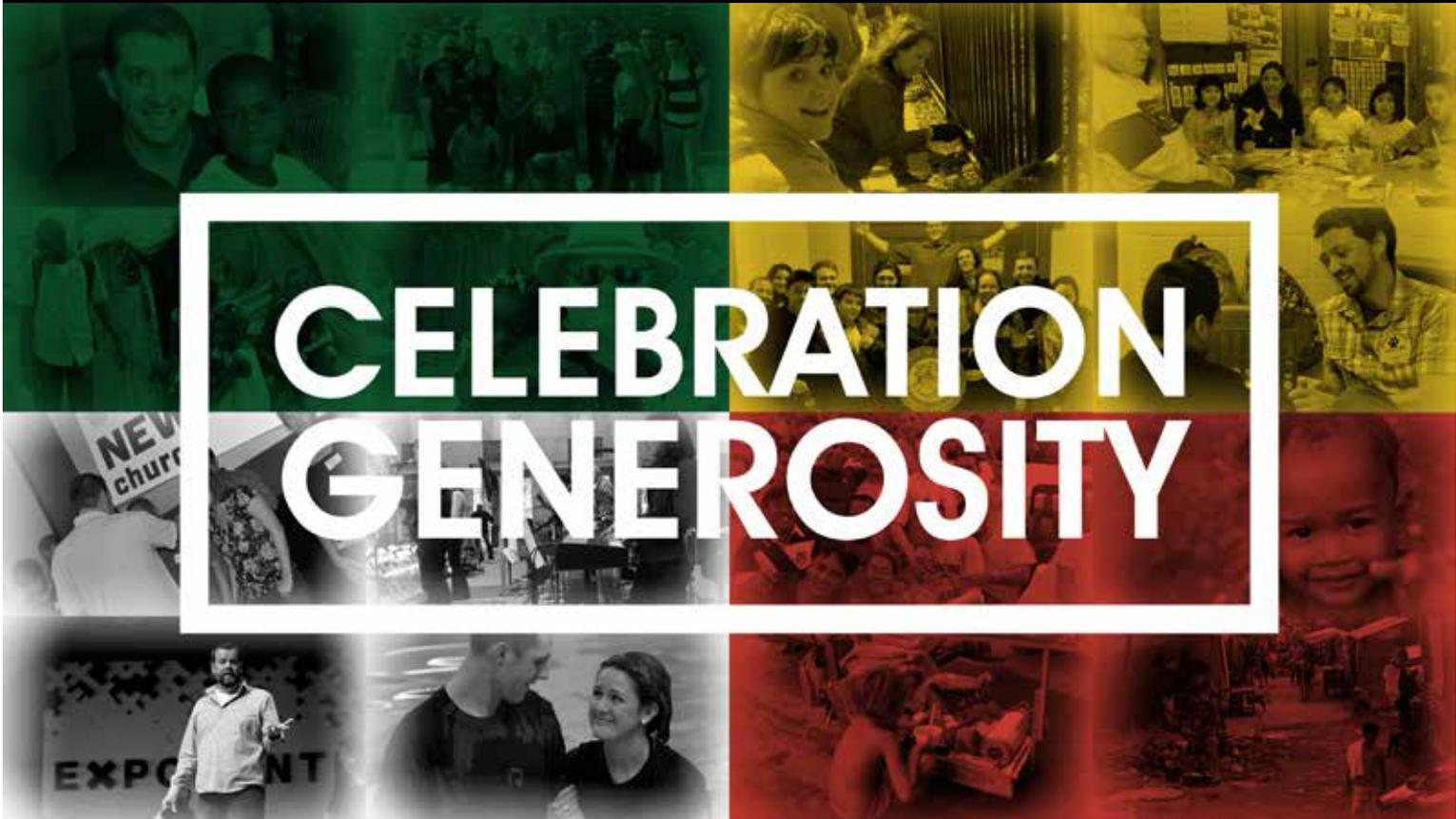
LEMONT

God has done some amazing things through All In at Lemont. In 2014 a new adult celebration space was added, doubling the capacity and allowing for a 40% growth in Celebration Service attendance. The Kids' City space was improved to create space for even more kids to find their way back to God. In addition, small group meeting space, a training space for leadership development and spiritual growth class areas were created. Through your generosity, Lemont was able to provide 100 scholarships for students to go to Blast and contribute \$10k to help build a farm in Haiti. In 2014, 25 people made a commitment to follow Jesus through Baptism. God is doing some amazing things in us and through us at the Lemont Campus.

LINCOLN SQUARE

As Lincoln Square wraps up their two year All In initiative, there is a lot to celebrate. Since All In began, 11 people have said "yes" to Jesus through baptism and are finding their way back to God. In 2014, Lincoln Square sent 30 people to help launch a brand new campus in Lincoln Park. Over the past two years, Lincoln Square has formed new and vibrant partnerships with Gateway to Learning and the Lincoln Square Friendship Center. They've also continued to be an incredibly generous church. Over the past two years, the Lincoln Square campus has given over \$360,000 to the Jesus mission. In addition, nearly \$16,000 was given away through Celebration Generosity with \$8,000 of that being invested directly into their community through Gateway to Learning.





COMMUNITY is a generous church, and each year we choose one weekend during which we give our entire offering away in support of the Four Teams. That weekend is called Celebration Generosity, and this year we gave away \$622,941! On the following pages you can find updates from each of the teams.

CELEBRATION GENEROSITY GIVING BY YEAR



CELEBRATION GENEROSITY GIVERS BY YEAR



RESTORE COMMUNITY TEAM

2014 showed the dedication of countless contributors who are uniting to help us restore communities across Chicagoland.

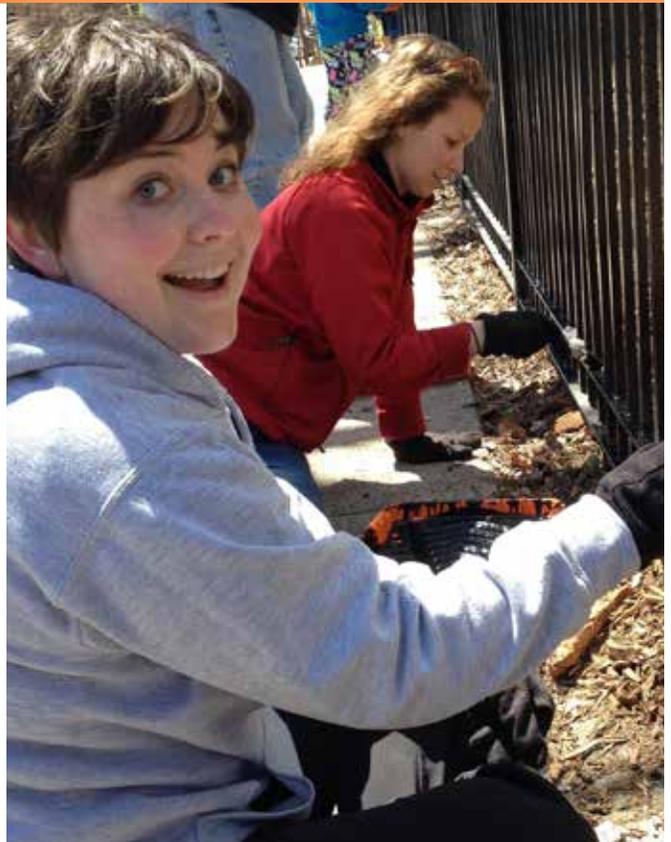
In **East Aurora**, over 100 volunteers served weekly providing tutoring, mentoring and early childhood programs. A new Saturday Stars tutoring program began along with a Chess Club and a 5th school was added to the Giftmart. Partnerships with Family Focus, World Relief and Emmanuel House were expanded to help families develop skills and resources needed to help break the cycle of working class poverty.

In **Joliet**, Dan Condrey was welcomed as the new Community 4:12 Director. He has refined the restorative work by focusing on four community partners with an emphasis on improving literacy and eliminating hunger.

The vision of **Giftmart**, is to “make toys do more” by providing the gift of dignity and education to low-income families. Four Giftmarts were sponsored, serving eight schools in East Aurora and Joliet. 12,700 toys were collected, 1,100 volunteers participated, 4,500 people were served and over \$18,500 was raised for partner schools. A prayer room was added at the Joliet Giftmart and volunteers prayed with more than 50% of the attendees.

In Chicago, **Friends of Swift** is growing and gaining momentum. Through the help of Celebration Generosity and other events, the renovation of the auditorium at Swift will soon become a reality. More parents, neighbors and students are connecting with one another thanks to the support of Friends of Swift.

Kirsten Strand, Restore Community Team Leader



HAITI TEAM

2014 has been an outstanding year in global ministry! Thanks to your generosity and an amazing team of leaders that contribute their time and talents to alleviating poverty, one person at a time, God has truly blessed our ministry in Haiti.

In March, our largest group traveled with Compassion International to visit our partner church, Duvivier Baptist Church. This past summer, we added two more partnerships with churches in Thiotte and Petionville giving COMMUNITY the opportunity to work together with churches helping people find their way back to God.

In October, all 13 locations participated in Compassion Sunday at COMMUNITY. In addition to the 200 children COMMUNITY already sponsored, our attendees sponsored an additional 400 children through the Compassion program that weekend. And the number of sponsors continues to grow. While those are amazing numbers, the life change experienced was equally as impressive. The display of enthusiasm and excitement of COMMUNITY attendees for partnering with Compassion was a great witness to the heart of our church.

The Haiti Team looks forward to even more growth in 2015 and is extremely grateful to COMMUNITY who has made this past year such a huge success and given hundreds of children a chance.

Jim Melton, Haiti Team Leader



NEWTING TEAM

2014 has been a great year for NewThing for equipping and training people to plant new churches across four continents. Here are some of the highlights:

Leadership Training Center (LTC) - In 2014, NewThing planned and designed a new training center. In January, the LTC will open at the Yellow Box and host its first set of Leadership Residents with the vision of planting reproducing churches around the world.

Leading a Reproducing Network Training (LARN) - In 2014 NewThing trained and released four new church network leaders through LARN and began training another five. As a result, these new Network Leaders will carry the vision and training to their churches and even more networks, churches and leaders will be reproduced.

Reproducing - NewThing is unique because of the high value placed on reproducing. In order for our behaviors to match our values, every NewThing church is asked to submit a yearly plan for reproducing. This year, NewThing has seen more churches plan and identify goals to reproduce than ever before.

Thanks to you COMMUNITY, NewThing will continue to have a global impact on helping people find their way back to God in 2015.

Patrick, O'Connell, NewThing Director



PHILIPPINES TEAM

Through the support of COMMUNITY, Philippine Frontline Ministries (PFM) had a great year of reaching out to so many people in need in 2014. Here are just a few of the highlights:

Frontline built homes for those who had nowhere to go after hurricanes destroyed areas in and around where Frontline serves.

Thousands of meals were provided to children on the street and people in the community who are hungry and are unable to find food.

PFM's Face the Children program took in more abandoned and abused children than ever before.

Through the many Frontline Worship Centers, more people have come to know Christ.

At the Frontline Christian Academy, young people are being educated and given a place to grow spiritually. Through the business initiatives that PFM creates, people are finding honorable jobs and a way to earn an income close to home.

People are what Jesus is all about and the only thing that makes ministry worth it all. Thank you COMMUNITY for partnering with PFM to reach and help more people of all ages find their way back to God.

Working While it's Day,
Jeff and Rowena Pessina, Philippine Frontline Ministries





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