

# THE CEO REPORT

## AN OCM PARTNER UPDATE



### A WORD FROM THE CEO

*"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."*

*Romans 3:5*

Last year, I celebrated 40 years at Outreach. As I think back on my time here, I think about hope.

Hope for the young, single mother with nowhere to go. Hope for the student who's struggling in school with no one to help him with homework. Hope for vulnerable families who can't afford rent.

I think about opportunity. Opportunity for the high school student who's the first in her family to attend college. Opportunity for the young adult without the necessary skills to find a full-time job, who gains experience and education through employment training. Opportunity for the person struggling with mental health issues to find healing through counseling.

I think about community. Community for the older adult who is combating loneliness, limited mobility and a loss of independence moving into the next chapter of his life. Community for students who just moved to a new town and are struggling to make new friends in their neighborhood.

At Outreach, our mission has always been to restore hope and provide opportunities for people to become all that God intends them to be. Romans 3:5 tells us that "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us." At Outreach, we offer hope for the future so people can see beyond their present circumstance; we also point to a hope through our faith in Jesus Christ that surpasses this life and endures to the eternal.

Wherever there is hopelessness, this is our calling—to proclaim the hope, God's grace and His plan to prosper—and to create pathways to this hope-filled future.

I'm thankful to those who've partnered with Outreach, past and present, throughout my time as CEO. Together, we continue to restore hope and provide opportunities, changing lives and communities for the glory of God.

#### Our Kingdom Principles

*The tenets on which OCM was founded are seven Kingdom principles—from fiscal and ministerial to fundraising and hiring. You can be certain that these biblically-centered values are the bedrock for all that is accomplished at OCM. It is prudent to reflect on the values that have sustained OCM for close to half a century. The following principles are a continuation from the last CEO Report (December 2017).*

**5. We are committed to carrying out our work in partnership with the local church** where we encourage leaders to carry the responsibility and lay volunteers to serve as ministers in reconciling relationships with those being served. We call on both the church as an institution and its members as individuals to share in the financial responsibility for the ministries in which they participate.

**6. We recognize the value of prayer.** God is with us as our most powerful resource, and we yield to His authority and routinely request His presence with us and with the people we serve.

**7. For those with whom we minister, we endeavor to restore opportunities, dignity, and self-worth;** to provide education, create access to meaningful employment, and ensure physical and mental health skills; to reduce crime, and enhance a sense of security. As people are empowered, they gain access to resources so they can take charge of their lives.

## OCM Board of Trustees Welcomes Eric Barton, Amy Heavey & Charlie McKenna



Eric Barton and family have lived in Wheaton since 2007, except for a 2-year stint in Abu Dhabi for Eric's work. Eric has 20 years experience as an investment professional, and is currently with Hancock Capital Management in Chicago.

He and his wife, Nicole, along with their four children, ages 6 to 13, attend College Church. Eric was raised by a single mother of 4 boys in Sterling, Illinois. He understands on a personal level the hardship and absence of opportunity that children experience due to difficult family situations. Eric has a deep appreciation for the programs at Outreach, and is confident that the demonstrated effectiveness of Outreach is ultimately due to the saving knowledge of Christ at the core of its mission.



Amy Heavey and her husband Erik have lived in Wheaton for the past 8 years. Amy worked as a 3rd grade dual language teacher and as an EL/bilingual instructor for the last 10 years, and just recently took a part time position at Whea-

ton Academy as their Winterim coordinator. Erik works in business development at First Trust Portfolios in Wheaton. They are parents to two daughters Thalia (4) and Nixon (2). The family attends Glen Ellyn Bible Church and enjoys being active outside, and traveling. Amy and Erik are passionate about global missions and their partnership with OCM.



Charlie McKenna joined the OCM Board of Trustees in January 2018 and currently serves as the president of McKenna Capital, Inc., an independent registered investment advisor. Charlie and his wife Katie are life-long Wheaton residents.

Both attended St. Michael school where their three children are currently enrolled. They are active at St. Michael's and Wheaton Bible Church. Charlie has been serving Outreach since 2013, chairing the Golf, Food, Wine Experience for the past several years. He and Katie have played an instrumental role in growing the number of Outreach Partners through their passionate leadership of that event, which is on June 18 this year.

## Financial Update

"Outreach entered the new calendar year in a healthy financial position," said Chase Madigan, chief financial officer at Outreach Community Ministries. "Through the first six months of our fiscal year, private support and social enterprise income have outperformed our budget. Jubilee Furniture has generated strong sales and continues to experience growth. We are encouraged by the progress being made in our long-term goal to increase earned income to 40% of total revenue."

OCM ended the 2017 calendar year \$89,481 ahead of its gift budget, \$195,963 ahead of last year.

Last fiscal year, Outreach Partners increased from 563 individuals, foundations and churches to 621 while giving from Partners increased by \$250,000 or 8% over the prior year. To date, there are 642 OCM Partners and we are well on our way to our goal of 1,000! Expanding Partners will ensure continuity of support for launching priority initiatives over the long term. Thank you for renewing your Partner commitment for 2018. If you haven't yet done so, please return the enclosed card today.

## Distinctive Gift Highlight

Last fall we were blessed to receive a distinctive gift from the Wheaton Franciscan Sisters Fund. OCM was awarded a generous grant for capital improvements at Jubilee Village and Hawthorne House. This gift will strengthen our capacity for serving women and young mothers in transition.

*"My teammate Naomi Hroncich and I visited Outreach Community Ministries as representatives of the Wheaton Franciscan Women and Children in Vulnerable Situations Team. We were very impressed with what they quietly offer to women and children in desperate need. The compassionate but tough Gospel Love, the human and material resources they make available, the comprehensive wrap-around services spoke to our hearts and directly to the criteria we have for considering being a partner to a ministry. We are pleased to be able to help OCM walk the talk."*

- Sr. Fran Glowinski, Wheaton Franciscan Sister

## Upcoming Outreach Events

Partners are encouraged to utilize events as a way of introducing friends, who may also be interested in supporting our mission, to the Outreach ministry. Complementary host tables are available to Partners at most events, in order to fulfill this objective.



**The OCC Spring Dinner** will be held on April 13, 2018 at the Embassy Suites in Naperville, raising funds for the Outreach Community Center in Carol Stream. This year's keynote speaker, Juan Ortiz, is well acquainted with OCC. Come hear how his powerful story of determination, faith and godly role models led him to become the success he is today!



**Golf, Food & Wine Experience** will be held on June 18, 2018, at the Butterfield Golf Course. Come enjoy a day of golf, wine tasting, appetizers and a spirited live auction, all while raising funds for transitional housing, college and career opportunity program and the employment opportunity program.

Help us grow Outreach Partners through events and site tours. Contact Major Gift Officer Joe Ancell at [jancell@outreachcommmin.org](mailto:jancell@outreachcommmin.org) or 630.315.5943, to set up a tour or to learn more.

## Ministry Spotlight: York Community Resource Center



York Community Resource Center serves the residents of York Center and Villa Park and is located at the Taiwanese Community Church on Meyers Road in Villa Park. In March 2017, York began recruiting for the junior high program, which is offered after school and during the summer, located down the road at the Lombard Christian Reformed Church. These sites currently offer OCM's youth development and family stabilization ministries.

- Serving 26 1st-5th grade students, waitlist of 10 students
- Serving 17 6th-8th grade students
- So far in FY18, 60 students served across the elementary and junior high programs

## Welcome New Partners!

We welcome and thank these new Outreach Partners for their commitment to the mission of Outreach through their Partner gift support.

### New Partners

Rachel and Monty Abbott  
Lisa Beamer  
Carol and Ronald Blauwkamp  
Felicia and Donell Bullock  
Jennifer and John Harris  
Jayne and Robert Hoppenstedt  
Kellie and Lance Kammes  
Samantha Korkosz  
Catherine and Matthew McNiel  
Janet and Monte Milton  
Michele Neff  
Linda and Loren Oury  
Kelly and Thomas Sarlina  
Jan and John Tobey  
Annette and David Zulawski  
13 Anonymous Households

### New Business Partners

Beles Family Fund of DuPage Foundation  
Due South Expeditions, LLC  
EcoLab  
Neighborhood Restoration Company  
NorthStar Credit Union  
R. Bert Crossland  
Voegtles Lawn Service  
Warrenville Lions Club  
Waterman Brothers Construction  
Wheaton Franciscan Sisters

### Did you Know?

*IRA-directed QCDs (Qualified Charitable Distributions) provide a tax saving way to support OCM through otherwise taxable RMDs (Required Minimum Distributions). Contact your IRA Administrator for details.*

*All new Partner gifts (and increased giving by current Partners at \$1,000 or more) are matched dollar for dollar with thanks to a generous provider. Currently \$75,500 remains from this \$250,000 challenge!*



# JOURNEY OF HOPE: SPRING 2018 UPDATE

The JOURNEY OF HOPE is an unprecedented funding effort for Outreach Community Ministries with a goal to better position Outreach and the local church to meet expanding needs in our community. Four strategic organizational initiatives totaling \$7,500,000, will help meet these pressing needs.

- Neighborhood Transformation
- Safe Haven for Homeless Youth
- Train a New Generation
- Provide for the Future

## Giving Update

\$7.5 million Funding Goal: 82% funded - \$6,165,330 received

\$7.2 million Stretch Goal: 18% funded - \$1,395,000 endowment gift received

## The Employment Opportunity Center Impact By: Jamie Fellowes, JOH Co-Chair

As a DuPage County employer, we view Outreach's Employment Opportunity Center (EOC) as a critical step in transitioning some of the 5,000 at-risk young people in our county into productive employment. Since these young people may not otherwise possess the necessary skills to enter the workforce, the EOC is a vital bridge towards their productive employment and contribution to our society. It is in everyone's best interest that these young people become hireable and equipped for responsible citizenship.

The economic impact to the community of a productively employed individual vs. one who cannot hold a steady job is staggering. It is estimated that an unemployable person can cost the government in the range of \$200,000 over a lifetime in various forms of assistance. If this individual enters a life of crime, the cost of incarceration can reach as much as \$2 million over a lifetime.

Compare this cost to the economic benefit

of a responsible, employed individual. An EOC graduate who learns the basic skills at an early adult stage can become a productive employee for a good company. A number of companies in our community, including Fellowes Brands, are offering entry level opportunities for these people upon completion of this course work. Any one of these individuals could earn \$1 million over his or her career, pay appropriate taxes, and build the local economy with much of this disposable income. If this same individual grows with the company and develops specialized skills or leadership, he might earn considerably more.

Our investment in the EOC is a drop in the bucket compared to the downstream costs of an unemployable segment of our community. EOC leads young adults toward responsible citizenship and financial independence. That is why Fellowes Brands has enthusiastically partnered with OCM to make our community a better place to live and work.



## Learn More!

Board of Trustee members Scott and Amy Shelton are hosting small group gatherings in their home this spring to inform Outreach Partners on JOURNEY OF HOPE funding priorities. The evening includes a gathering time and buffet followed by firsthand interaction with participants who benefit from the newly-launched Employment Opportunity Center. Join the conversation and learn about the integral role Outreach Partners are playing in the JOURNEY OF HOPE.

For more information contact Joe Ancell at [jancell@outreachcommmin.org](mailto:jancell@outreachcommmin.org) or 630.315.5925.

For more information on JOURNEY OF HOPE priority initiatives, contact Bonnie Malcolm Chrisman at [bmalcolmchrisman@outreachcommmin.org](mailto:bmalcolmchrisman@outreachcommmin.org) or 630.315.5943.

## Outreach Community Ministries Partners

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### OUTREACH PARTNERS...

- Give \$1,000 or more annually
- Pray for Outreach
- Receive the CEO Report
- Receive complimentary host tables to events
- Encourage others to participate
- Attend Partners Christmas Breakfast at Chicago Golf Club

### OUTREACH LEADERSHIP PARTNERS...

- Give \$5,000 or more annually
- Pray for Outreach
- Receive the CEO Report
- Receive complimentary host tables to events
- Encourage others to participate
- Attend Leadership Partner Dinner at Glen Oak Country Club

*For Partner resources, visit our private web page at [outreachcommmin.org/partnerlibrary](http://outreachcommmin.org/partnerlibrary)*

**Outreach**  
Community Ministries

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