MILE HIGH MINISTRIES

TRANSFORMATION AMONG THE POOR

ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2013

In April of 2013 we quietly observed our 25th birthday. (The party will be in November… and we hope you'll be there!) Mile High Ministries was born in April of 1988 when a group of ten pastors came together across denominational, cultural and economic barriers. They invited their congregations to participate in a movement to renew lives and communities in the heart of our city. Those pastors felt passionately that people would come together around practical, hands-on efforts to help some of our poorest neighbors.

Since 1988, Mile High Ministries has started small businesses; incubated non-profit organizations; renovated buildings; provided safe places for street youth; helped homeless families transition to a better life; fought for justice on behalf of victims; trained leaders; produced videos and published books about life and service among the urban poor; and gathered people from all walks of life to challenge stereotypes and mobilize people together. We have learned so much about the holistic transformation—spiritual, social, economic—of both people and places. We've become convinced that every person has something to contribute to God's redemptive enterprise, and that helping others gain the capacity to shape their lives and communities is a higher form of service (though often a more difficult one) than simply doing for others.

Over these past 25 years, we have been constantly amazed by the generosity and self-emptying love of the people of our city. And we have delighted in relationships that blur the lines between those who give and those who receive.

When those pastors came together twenty-five years ago, they invited a young musician, fresh out of graduate school, to help implement their vision for the city. Little did I know then how much that invitation would shape my life, my family, and my experience of God's love. Thank you for your generosity that has helped all of us discover that at the bottom and edges of society and in places of great pain, there is surprising depth of wisdom, goodness, and grace.

~ Jeff Johnsen, MHM Executive Director

We share with **GOD** a *dream* for our CITY: that *this* will be a PLACE where those who were once poor, now **prosper**; where **children** are no longer doomed to misfortune; and where unlikely **partners** live and work together, in *peace*.

With that dream in mind...

We mobilize our communities and equip leaders for God's transformational work among the poor.

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Our year of continued growth.

On the following pages you'll read about the great work of our programs, affiliates, and resources. However, one of our biggest accomplishments this past fiscal year—7/1/12 to 6/30/13—was ***starting construction on our Expansion Project.***

While new offices for the Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Clinic take shape, we also embarked on a campaign to renovate the current Joshua Station facility to accommodate more families, reconfigure community spaces, build a new youth room, and create private office spaces for Joshua Station counselors and family advocates. We're also building units for larger families, a growing need in our community.

This continues our ***season of transformation.***

EMPOWER

We increase the capacity of the poor to thrive, serve, and lead, both within Mile High Ministries and throughout our city. Our response to the needs of homeless families and individuals caught in poverty has always been to provide the highest level of service—with a commitment to empowering the poor to shape their own worlds. We know that empowerment is central to creating lasting change and self-sufficiency.

TRANSFORMATIONAL HOUSING
JOSHUA STATION
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Joshua Station • Operating out of a converted motel off I-25, this faith-based community helps families make the transition from homelessness to healthy, stable living environments. Since 2001, Joshua Station has provided long-term transformational housing and support for hundreds of high-risk families with multiple barriers to self-sufficiency.

Last year Joshua Station provided safe housing and a full complement of services to 39 formerly homeless families, comprised of 44 adults and 88 children. Seven families graduated from Joshua Station and moved into stable housing. Of the 31 adults who lived at Joshua Station for more than 3 months, 61% made improvement in their employment goals and 42% made educational strides.

JAMLAC • The Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Clinic (JAMLAC) is a non-profit legal clinic that provides transformational legal advocacy for people struggling with poverty and oppression throughout Colorado. Founded in 2006, JAMLAC offers bi-lingual civil legal representation, advocacy, immigration services, and holistic support to clients in a way that affirms their dignity and strengthens their capacity to positively shape their own lives.

In the past fiscal year, JAMLAC served 579 low-income clients, 97% of whom were victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. JAMLAC also partners with the Christian Legal Society to provide 8 free consultation clinics at local churches and homeless shelters in the Denver metro area. An additional 895 low-income individuals received legal advice at these triage clinics. JAMLAC's follow-up surveys revealed that 92% of clients feel safer and know more about their legal rights as a result of the services and information they received from JAMLAC. Last year, over 70 volunteers gave approximately 3,400 hours of service through JAMLAC's program.

TRANSFORMATIONAL LEGAL ADVOCACY
JUSTICE AND MERCY LEGAL AID CLINIC
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EQUIP

We are committed to equipping leaders for an urbanizing world—leaders who can identify both the needs and assets of changing communities. Leaders will have the tools for effective, sustainable leadership within lower-income, higher risk urban communities, and will be leading others in the work of community transformation.

ENGAGING LEADERS IN AN URBAN WORLD
ISSACHAR CENTER
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Issachar Center • The Issachar Center for Urban Leadership equips young adults from and for low-income, high-risk urban communities for transformative servant-leadership. The vision of this cutting-edge leadership development program is to raise up young urban leaders to become agents of change for the purpose of strengthening communities. Our young apprentice leaders at Issachar draw from their spiritual roots as they engage with some of the most challenging issues facing our city and neighborhoods.

In the past fiscal year, Issachar Center for Urban Leadership trained 20 emerging leaders as "apprentices" in the best practices of community development and leadership in high-risk environments. At the same time, apprentices worked toward their college degrees, for which each receives a full scholarship, and one apprentice graduated from college. The Issachar Center hosted over 50 gatherings that equipped, mobilized, and connected urban leaders.

Denver Urban Semester • Denver Urban Semester (DUS) creates college-accredited internship opportunities for young adults to work within urban ministries, public schools, and non-profits serving Denver's vulnerable populations. DUS encourages college students, many of whom come from rural areas, to consider challenges from the margins of urban society and to reflect upon God's direction for their personal and professional lives. The program's desire is to create young leaders who have the eyes of Jesus and the heart of God for each person, including themselves.

Through DUS, 19 college interns from across the country came to Denver and served a total of 5,356 hours in urban ministries, schools, and nonprofits empowering the poor and meeting the needs of the disenfranchised. An additional 20 college students spent their spring break week serving in 5 local urban ministries. Twelve DUS college alumni, 8 professional mentors, and 24 college faculty members supported these young adults.

STUDENTS ENGAGING THE CITY
DENVER URBAN SEMESTER
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MOBILIZE

We expand the capacity of faith communities to engage in mutually respectful interactions with the poor and to apply best practices of empowerment and community development. We do this through a variety of innovative service and study experiences designed to equip people and groups to engage with the poor in the most genuinely helpful ways, encouraging transformation for everyone. This past year, more than 3,300 volunteers gave over 24,000 hours of service and grew in their understanding of the issues surrounding poverty.

As followers of Jesus from a variety of traditions, we value the holistic transformation — *spiritual, social, economic* — of both people and places.

Affiliates

Access • Access led about 1,500 people on Poverty Walks to broaden their understanding of Denver's poor, while a core group of 50 participated in bi-weekly spiritual formation gatherings on location at Network Ministries' coffee house for the chronically homeless.

Project Loving Arms • This inter-cultural team of 28 from urban and suburban churches has held summer camps for orphaned children in Romania for more than a decade. This past year, the Loving Arms missional community served 62 Romanian youth through camps and year-round mentorship.

Sankofa • The Sankofa Institute for African-American Leadership, an affiliate program led by Robert Gelinas of Colorado Community Church, launched its second 18-month "flight"—a leadership and discernment cohort of 14 local African-American professionals. Sankofa is housed in and works closely with the Issachar Center.

Resources and Events

The Christmas Store • The MHM Christmas Store helped low-income parents of 950 children provide toys for Christmas. A partner Christmas Store hosted by Colorado Community Church in Aurora provided low-cost gifts to the parents of 1,750 more children, while Journey Church did the same for hundreds of children at Bishop Elementary.

Denver Faith and Justice Conference • We participated with partner organizations and churches in hosting this 3rd annual two-day conference that drew more than 300 attendees to examine the issues of homelessness, education, and immigration.

Street Psalms Press • Our publishing partnership released its second book, *Meal from Below,* to join last year's first release *Geography of Grace: Doing Theology from Below*, and began work on a digital magazine.

Urban Entry • Urban Entry videos were shown to more than 5,000 people nationally—engaging classes, mission teams, volunteers, and church groups in a variety of urban issues.

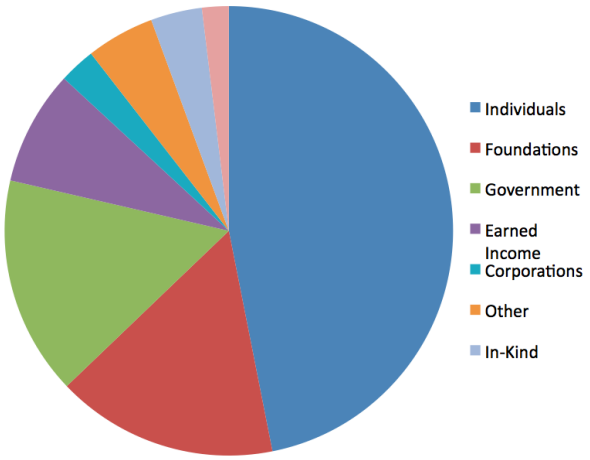
FINANCIALS

Income, Fiscal Year 2013

Individuals	$1,442,210
Foundations	$491,460
Government	$484,479
Earned Income	$253,820
Corporations	$80,117
Other	$151,159
In-Kind	$113,801
Churches	$59,256

Total Income $3,076,302*

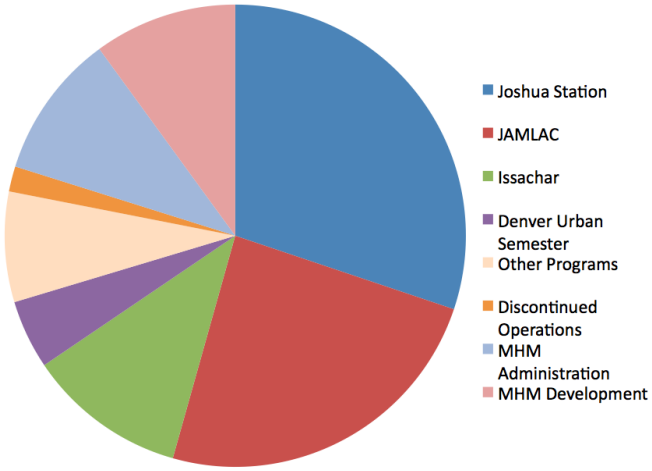
**includes both operating and capital income*



Expenses, Fiscal Year 2013

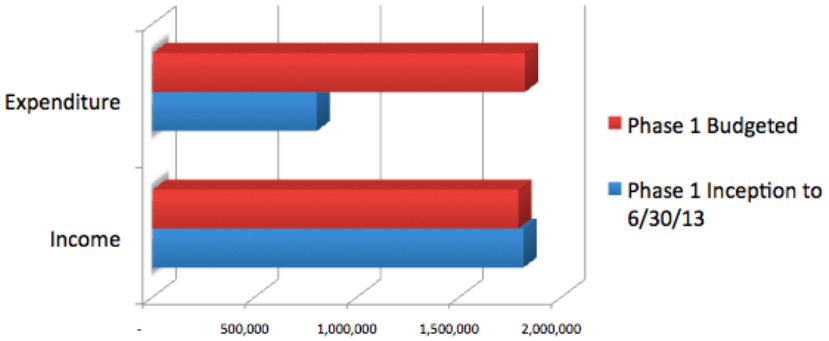
Joshua Station	$731,697
JAMLAC	$587,627
Issachar	$271,088
Denver Urban Semester	$117,055
Other Programs	$187,299
Discontinued Operations	$42,809
MHM Administration	$245,724
MHM Development	$243,433

Total Expenses $2,426,732



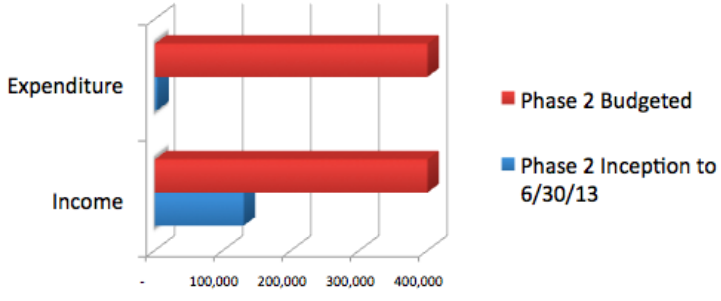
Capital Projects Phase 1

	Income	Expenditure
Inception—6/30/13	$1,812,361	$801,302
Budgeted	$1,786,948	$1,819,948



Capital Projects Phase 2

	Income	Expenditure
Inception—6/30/13	$130,500	$3,933
Budgeted	$400,000	$400,000



PARTNERS

Individuals—We are grateful to the 1,172 individuals who contributed to MHM in FY13!
Volunteers—Thank you to 3,300 volunteers who donated more than 24,000 hours to MHM in FY13!

Foundations
A.V. Hunter Trust, Inc.
American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association
Anschutz Foundation
Armstrong Family Foundation
Barnabas Foundation
C. R. Bard Foundation
Charles D. Trover Family Found.
Dan H. Sebastian Trust
Daniels Fund
Denver Foundation
Fidelity Charitable
G&G Outreach Foundation
Gates Family Foundation
Highlands Ranch Rotary Found.
Julia-Ray Foundation
LCMS Foundation
Leadership Funding Foundation
Leptas Foundation
Living Legacy Foundation
Martin Family Foundation
Mellott Family Charitable Fund
National Christian Charitable Foundation
Nord Family Foundation
Robert McCormick Tribune Found.
Ronald & Mary Pott Family Found.
Schlessman Family Foundation
Steward Shipping Foundation
Swanson Biggs Adams Family Foundation
The Chatlos Foundation
The Colorado Health Foundation
The Seay Foundation
Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program
Walmart Foundation
WaterStone Support Foundation
Xcel Energy Foundation

Organizations & Ministries
Adventures in Missions
Center for Student Missions
Cherry Hills Christian School
Christian Legal Society of Metro Denver
Christian Living Communities - Holly Creek
City Connexx
City Unite
Colorado Garden Show, Inc.
Colorado Legends Basketball Team
Colorado National Guard
Colorado Women of Vision
Community Learning Centers
Concerts for Kids
Denver Seminary
Downing House
Front Range Christian School
Girl & Boy Scout Troops
Greenwood Elementary
Heather Gardens
Inner City Health Center
Junior League of Denver
Lanteri Center for Ignatian Spirituality
Love Light and Melody
Mile High United Way
Montessori's Children's House of Denver
Musicians in Action
National Charity League
North Star Academy
Regis University
Share Compassion
Valor High School
Youth Works

Corporations
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Ascent Properties LLC
ASR Companies
Bachus & Schanker Cares Foundation
BEC Consulting, LLC
Benefitsmart
Benson, Kerrane, Storz, and Nelson
Branaugh Law Office
C & R Industries
Canon Catering
ClientSolv
Cohen & Cohen PC
Colorado Management & Assoc.
Colorado Rockies
Cornerstone
Dawn Industries, Inc.
Diversified Property Management
Dufford & Brown, P.C.
Ella Washington Agency
Empire Fire & Safety Inc.
Engineering Analytics, Inc.
Finn Real Estate
FirstBank
Fisher DesignWorks
General Air Service & Supply
Hall & Evans, LLC
Hansen & Company
IBM Employee Services Center
Ideas Construction Services
James Maurer Capital Partners
JD Nelson Engineering, Inc.
Kyle Kucharski Landscapes
LODO's Bar & Grill
Microsoft
Mulhern & Company
MSI, LLC
Multilift
Noah's Ark
Norwood Architecture
NYE Colorado Star
Old Fashioned B-B-Q
OMNI Building Corporation
Orten, Cavanagh, Richmond & Holmes LLC
Patriot Management Inc.
Phelps Engineering
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Prime Electric
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Rahe Engineering
Reconstruction Experts
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S.F. Construction, Inc.
SBSA Inc.
Second Story Homes Real Estate
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Stream Design
Studio TBD
Synergy Mechanical Services
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Tempur-Pedic
The Lightgroup Media Consultants
The Marquis at the Parkway
The Warren Management Group
Total Impact Solutions
Turner Morris, Inc.
UMB Bank
United Transportation Services
Van Wyk Confections, LLC
Water Extraction Team
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Westwind Management Group
WhiteWave Foods

Churches
Anchor of Hope Church
Aspen Grove Community Church
Bandon First Presbyterian Church
Bear Valley Church
Belleview Community Church
Bergen Park Church
BridgeWay Church
Calvary Temple
Celebration Community Church
Centennial Covenant Church
Central Christian Church
Cherry Hills Community Church
Christ Church
Christ Community Church
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Church of the Holy Family
City Church Denver
Colorado Community Church
Covenant Chapel
Denver Community Church
Denver United Church
Evangelical Fellowship of Denver
Faith Lutheran Church
First Baptist Church
First Christian Reformed Church
First Presbyterian Church of Golden
First Presbyterian Church
Greenwood Community Church
Highlands Church
Hillcrest Christian Reformed Church
House for All Sinners and Saints
Jewel Christian Reformed Church
Journey Church
Joy Lutheran Church
Light of Heart Church
Lighthouse Church
New Denver Church
NewLife Evangelical Free Church
NorthField Church
Pinebrooke Community Church
St. Gabriel Episcopal Church
The Micah Project
The Refuge
Third Christian Reformed Church
Trinity Lutheran Church
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Verdella FWB Church
WaterStone Community Church

Strategic Partners
17th Judicial District VALE Board
18th Judicial District VALE Board
2nd Judicial District VALE Board
Antioch Community Church
African Community Center
Center for Transforming Mission
Central Christian College
Central Denver Young Life
Centro San Juan Diego
Christ Body Ministries
Christian Community Development Association
CO State Family Violence Justice Fund
Colorado UpLift
Communities of Faith United
Denver Leadership Foundation
Denver Rescue Mission
U.S. Department of Justice - Office on Violence Against Women
Dry Bones
Father Ed Judy House
Hope College
Inner City Parish
JHT Design Studios
Judson University
KIVU Gap Year
Local Law Enforcement Agencies
Mercy Ministries
Metro Care Ring, Second Chances
MORE Life Center
Network Ministries
Northwestern College
Open Door Ministries
Pathways Church
Providence Network
Salvation Army
Samaritan House
Save Our Youth
Servicios De La Raza
Sox Place
St. Francis Center
Sterling College
Streets Hope
Sturm College of Law at DU
Taylor University
Urban Youth Ministries
University of Sioux Falls
Westwood Church and Academy
Wheaton College
Whitworth University
Whiz Kids

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