

“I looked for anyone to repair the wall and stand in the gap for me...” (Ezekiel 22:30)

In many stories in the Old Testament of the Bible, cities had walls surrounding them to protect them from attack. When the wall was breached, the city was vulnerable to destruction; the only way to secure it was for people to risk their lives by literally standing in the gap in the wall and defending their city. Jesus calls us on mission to help the vulnerable and hurting in our community who can't “defend themselves” by standing in their need gaps. Like Moses, Queen Esther, Nehemiah, and other faith leaders, Byron Community Ministries wants to be faithful to the least of these. With your help this year, we stood in the gap for your neighbors who were in need.

SERVING THOSE IN NEED

Elieda | We helped Elieda and her family when she was dealing with brain cancer and an infant needing surgery. We helped with their car, medical, and utility expenses which gave her space to balance work and recovery, and peace in the midst of the storm.



Kamilla | A young mom and her 2 daughters were on the verge of eviction when they came to us. We provided monetary support to help Kamilla catch up on rent so she could keep her job and provide stability for her daughters.

Lunches for Kids | We partnered with a local church to help provide 160 lunches for kids at risk of going hungry during the summer months.

Meals on Wheels | We delivered over 42,000 meals to seniors in the Byron Center & surrounding area this past year.

Elderly Care | We cared for an elderly woman in need of companionship by sitting and talking with her 3x a week creating a special friendship by listening to one another.



Carol | We helped Carol pay for personal care items not covered by Medicaid during her fight against breast cancer.



BCPS | We worked with local school staff to provide winter boots, gloves, coats, general clothing, and shoes to neighboring families in need.

Community Home Repairs | A major need for our neighbors has been home repairs. We partnered with local churches to help:

- A family repair an expensive leaky roof
- An elderly woman build a porch ramp
- A widow & her family repair their plumbing and water damage to their flooring
- A family replace a furnace duct



MENTAL HEALTH

Barbara | Courageously fleeing from an abusive situation, we were able to get Barbara access to counseling so she and her children could start the healing process.

Chloe | We covered therapy expenses for a young woman to find healing from OCD and an eating disorder.

Therapy is an important step for people to find healing, peace, and stability. We've helped many get access to the care they need by providing financial support, but the demand for mental health services is outpacing funds. Will you join with us and consider a gift towards this initiative to help your neighbors?

Our mission at BCM is to demonstrate the love of Christ by promoting the well being of our community residents through partnering with you. We cannot move forward without your help. Thank you for your continued prayers and generosity.

Blessings,

Michael Wozniak

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Executive Director



LOOKING FORWARD

I am excited about the upcoming initiatives planned in 2023:

An expansion of our mental health initiative to go deeper and further with each client.

NEED \$50,000

Continue serving people in crisis through a variety of means (personal care supplies, baby items like diapers, formula, etc).

NEED \$100,000

Operations and upkeep of the building.

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