

ANNUAL
REPORT
2014



COMPASSION CONNECT



We see communities
experiencing abundant life
in Jesus catalyzed by
churches united in service
to their neighbors.

{ How do we do this? }

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We CREATE and SHARE
models of compassionate outreach
that unify the church, locally,
to serve their neighbors as an
authentic expression
of God's love.



“WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE THOUSANDS OF VOLUNTEERS, SACRIFICIAL STAFF, AND GODLY BOARD MEMBERS WHO ALL WORK TOGETHER TO CARRY OUT THE MISSION.”

“You have touched someone who at any other time ignores anything to do with church or faith.” We got this note in 2014 after an individual looked into Compassion Connect and decided to send us a message. Too often we lack the faith and perspective to see how God is working, but comments like these make us realize that even one person who stops for a moment to consider the love of Jesus is worth countless hours of toil.

What a tremendous year we have had, and why not? When God’s people make themselves available for the healing and freedom of others, He responds with blessing and opportunity. The Church working through the Spirit brings glory to Jesus and makes His name and work a reality in the lives of people who would never consider entering the doors of a church. As we reflect on 2014 we are incredibly thankful for the people who are the movement of Compassion Connect: thousands of volunteers who give of their heart, time, and energy; a handful of volunteer staff who sacrifice because they want to see God’s love declared in the community; so many people like you who remind us that this is God’s work and God is doing great things through churches working together.

What that looks like over the last year is the opening of the Design Studio, where trained mentors filled with the love of Jesus share their lives, skills and love with girls eager to gain strength and avoid some of the exploitative elements in our society. A network of churches teaming with community service groups gathered for the first Compassion Clinic in Caldwell, Idaho. Our Arizona hub conducted their first Dress for Freedom event where fifty-nine girls from group homes experienced the knowledge that they are deeply loved, leaving them with ear-to-ear smiles.

This is why we are so excited for 2015 to unfold, to see the initiatives we are tackling together bear fruit. In 2015 God is continuing to call his people to be ONE and he is getting the glory as the movement grows and spreads. Join with me as we fight the good fight! Because this is God’s church working together under the direction of the Holy Spirit to exalt the name of Jesus, the Father is pleased to prosper the work and increase the opportunities for the coming months. You are rising to the occasion with faith and commitment. The coming year can only be an increasing display of God’s breathtaking glory.

In Christ,

 Milan Homola and Gary Tribbett

Uniting to End Human Trafficking

ABOLITION NOW



Through Abolition Now and Adorned In Grace, volunteers have the opportunity to participate in a regional network raising awareness and mentoring young girls in struggling communities. They also run a dress shop that supports anti-trafficking work.

2014 HIGHLIGHTS

DESIGN STUDIO GRAND OPENING

After years of planning, preparation, and untold numbers of city permits, we have moved into a renovated **2,400 square foot** space in SE Portland to continue working with at-risk teens in the community through mentorship, sewing and crafts, and teaching life skills.

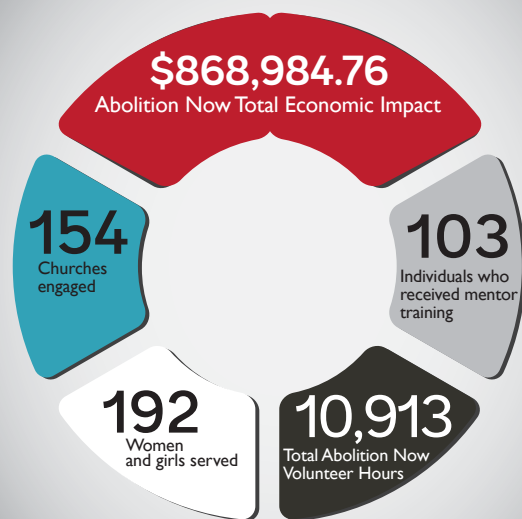
CONNECT PDX CONFERENCE

115 people, 58 churches, and 18 organizations attended our Connect PDX conference to get informed about and involved with anti-trafficking efforts! Many of these groups are continuing to make a difference by hosting their own events and spreading awareness.

HANDS OF HOPE

The Abolition Now Hands of Hope Resource program provided material resources, financial assistance, and other services to **47 sexually exploited women and children** and **15 at-risk teens**. Through the program **103 individuals** who work with sexually exploited victims also received professional training.

2014 IMPACT





Touching Lives at the Design Studio

KIMBER THOMPSON
Design Studio Mentor

“The things I love best about the Design Studio are 1) Sitting next to each special girl & sewing cool stuff together, telling them they are talented & smart, and 2) Hearing the girls read verses out loud during our Bible study time. I always think the word of God shall not return empty...without succeeding in the matter for which God sent it (Isaiah 55:11).”



JENNA FUNKHOUSER
Abolition Now Volunteer Writer

“Volunteering with Compassion Connect has given me the chance to try many new things and step outside of my comfort zone a bit. The joy that comes from being part of such a passionate group of people, the richness of seeing someone experiencing selfless service and how that softens their heart, and the intimacy with God it creates as you learn to lean on him in your weaknesses, are experiences I wouldn't trade for anything.”



**2014 DESIGN
STUDIO IMPACT**

1,400

Design Studio
volunteer hours

38

Number of
churches engaged

\$69,684

Design Studio Total Economic Impact

The Design Studio is an effort of local churches to reach at-risk girls through direct weekly life-skills training and personal mentorship.

Reynolds H.S. Shooting, “The Person They Called”

“On the morning of the Reynolds High School shooting I received a call from another volunteer: two of “our girls” who regularly attend the Design Studio go to Reynolds. I immediately texted one of the girls and called the other's mom and found out that both girls were safely in lockdown. I was bagging my groceries several hours later when the girls called and asked me to pick them up. Besides being thankful that the girls weren't harmed in the shooting, I'm just so glad they knew they could call us next when their parents couldn't pick them up. A situation like this really shows the need we're filling in the lives of these girls. We want to be the person they call whenever they're in a tough situation, and do our best to show Christ's love by meeting them there.”

- Design Studio Volunteer

BRIDAL SHOP



The Bridal Shop raises awareness and financial resources to stop sex trafficking in our communities. Over \$137,000 dollars of gowns, dresses and other bridal accessories were received in 2014.



KATE WILKINS

Adorned in Grace Volunteer Director

“Working with Abolition Now has opened my eyes in many ways. Every time I absorb yet another sordid detail about how human trafficking cruelly and destructively reaches into lives, I learn even more about the kindness, power, and sovereignty of God. It is a beautiful thing to see the body of Christ at work as God’s frail and flawed people work together in obedience. Suddenly the focus is no longer on what I can’t do, but on what God can do.”

46
Regular
volunteers

\$27,000
Dollar value of
dresses given
away

15
Churches
engaged

2014
BRIDAL SHOP
IMPACT

Bridal Shop Total
Economic Impact:
\$109,616

Bridal Shop
Volunteer
hours
2,450

Visit Abolition Now online
at **abolitionnow.com**

“If it was not for the church, and the support I receive from my mentors, I wouldn’t have any people to call right now when times get tough. I no longer live in bondage to my pimp, or to my past. I have new relationships with people I would never have sought out before I began walking with Christ. When people ask me today what is different this time, I just simply say, Jesus.”

—Human Trafficking Survivor



“I never felt pretty until today.”

—Dress for FREEdom participant

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“I have never felt this much relief knowing that I won’t be stuck in this forever; that there is a way out. I can truly see his light shining through at the end of the tunnel. I see hope like I have never seen before. This is so overwhelming, this love is really what I had been searching for all my life, but could never find until I found Abolition Now, Jesus, and Celebrate Recovery.”

—Human Trafficking Survivor



COMPASSION CLINICS

Uniting to Serve Our Neighbors



**2014
IMPACT**

96%

guests who felt
respected at the clinic

191

Churches engaged

95%

pastors who want to continue
collaborating with other churches
in community outreach efforts

\$473,931

Dollar value of services provided

18

Number of clinics

\$1,140,338

Total Economic Impact

4,598

Total guests
served

3,476

Volunteers engaged

CHRIS YARCO

Willamette Christian Church Executive Director

“Compassion Connect helps in the delivery of **incredibly loving** and **effective** services to those **most in need** in our communities. They are an **extension of our ministry**, and **provide tools** that help us galvanize our church members to serve. Compassion Connect has built a **model of ministry** that churches can **easily adopt** and use to energize and mobilize the body to get out there and put their **hands and feet** into action.”

A **Compassion Clinic** is an amazing outreach event collaboratively led by **local churches** and **hundreds of volunteers** providing **free** medical, dental, and other vital services free of charge to neighbors in need.

“Coming to your clinic...
was a touch of heaven.”

—Compassion Clinic Guest



INTERNATIONAL IMPACT



Hundreds of people traveled from all across India to learn about church unity last fall.

2014 was an incredible year for Church collaboration in India. Last September cofounders Gary and Milan traveled to a remote village to teach over **200 pastors** about the importance of Church unity and service to their neighbors, and before Milan and Gary left India the seeds they planted were already beginning to sprout. After hearing the message of church unity a group of local pastors immediately came together to plan a Compassion Clinic for March 2015.

We sent a team of health professionals and others from the States to support the churches and were so blessed to see compassion overflowing for those in need because of their realization that working together to serve in Jesus' name is more important than any barrier that might stand in their way. Whether in our own backyard or in India, we rejoice whenever churches come together to act as the Church!



Roy Cheriyan (right) President of Mizpah Ministries, provided invaluable assistance and partnership.

FOSTER CARE OFFICE MAKEOVERS



Partnering with
Embrace Oregon

Working with Embrace Oregon, Compassion Connect has helped bring together businesses, churches and volunteers for local DHS Office Makeover Projects in 2013 & 2014. In the process, relationships with the faith community and local government agencies have been strengthened and supported.



BEFORE



AFTER

Collaborative makeover projects: **2**
(Clackamas & Tigard)

Number of churches engaged: **16**

Number of local businesses engaged: **83**

Number of Volunteers: **482**

Value of donated equipment & supplies: **\$72,147**

Total Economic Impact: \$149,366

NORENE OWENS

Foster Care Program Manager at DHS Child Welfare

“In my nearly 20 years at Child Welfare, I have at times been overwhelmed by the bleak realities of what our children and families face, but the biggest heartache was seeing too few examples of actual change. We were missing that most fundamental ingredient—connection. A relationship that isn’t about authority and mandates but of love, service, mercy, and hope. The kind of relationship that keeps us connected to the world, our families, our children—that tells us we are valuable and worthy and motivates us to keep going, to sustain the change that is hard and not natural yet. To me, that is the fundamental outreach of Compassion Connect.”

get involved



----- Do any of these volunteer opportunities pique your interest? -----
Visit **compassionconnect.com** for a full list of our many
volunteer positions and internships.

Adorned In Grace
Design Studio Mentor

Abolition Now Writer

Compassion Clinic
Medical Team Coordinator

Compassion Connect
Prayer Team



LANCE & CHLOE BRIGGS

Compassion Clinic Volunteer Leaders Since 2010

“Serving with Compassion Connect through Compassion Tigard gave us the opportunity to get involved in the mission of our Church in our community in being the body of Christ to the world, and at the same time allowed us to serve alongside others desiring to do the same thing. There are many different ways to be involved with Compassion Connect. If you have never served at a clinic before, find one nearest to you and sign up to serve! Becoming a financial partner has been another way for us to invest in an organization that we believe in and want to continue to see impact our city. Lastly, try volunteering in any of Compassion Connect's other ministries, such as Abolition Now or Adorned in Grace. You won't regret it!”

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our generous champions, who have linked arms to join the collaborative movement of Compassion Connect.

Churches

Willamette Christian Church	Cedar Mill Bible Church	Riversgate Church
City Bible Church	Ridgefield Church of the Nazarene	Sandy Baptist Church
New Hope Community Church	Anthem Church	Mountain View Church
Portland Christian Center	Damascus Community Church	Immanuel Lutheran Church - Sandy
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church	First United Methodist Church of Portland	Gresham Christian Fellowship Church
Good Shepherd Community Church	Greater Portland Bible Church	Gospel Fellowship Community Church
Solid Rock - A Jesus Church	Renew Church	Dover Community Church

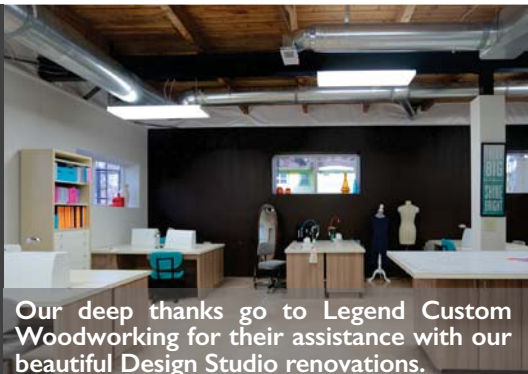
Businesses & Organizations



NW Technologies, Inc.	7-11	Bayer Crop Science Vegetable Seeds Inc.	Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation
Legend Custom Woodworking, Inc.	Adventist Health	Bridal Exclusives	City of Tigard
Kaiser Permanente	Greg Baurer Floor Coverings	Oregon City Dentistry	CityServe AZ
NW Electronics	Durus Construction	Arnold Dental Supply	Salt River Project
Les Schwab Tires	LoveCaldwell, Inc	Uptown Lights	CityServe PDX (Luis Palau Assoc.)
Olive Garden Restaurants	C & E Rentals	Lents Body Shop, Inc.	Medical Teams Int.
Dave's Garage Doors	The Rueck Company		

CHUCK BOMAR Pastor, Colossae Church

“In a time when too many churches operate solo, Compassion Connect has become a catalyst for collaboration. They have not only become the relational bridge between churches, but have also provided the necessary tools for partnership in mission. Their leadership has had a tremendous impact on how the Church is viewed by others in our city.”



Our deep thanks go to Legend Custom Woodworking for their assistance with our beautiful Design Studio renovations.

40,375 Total Volunteer Hours
(39% increase over 2013)

\$2,158,689 Direct Economic Value Produced
in 2014 (31% increase over 2013)



KEVIN PALAU

Luis Palau Association President

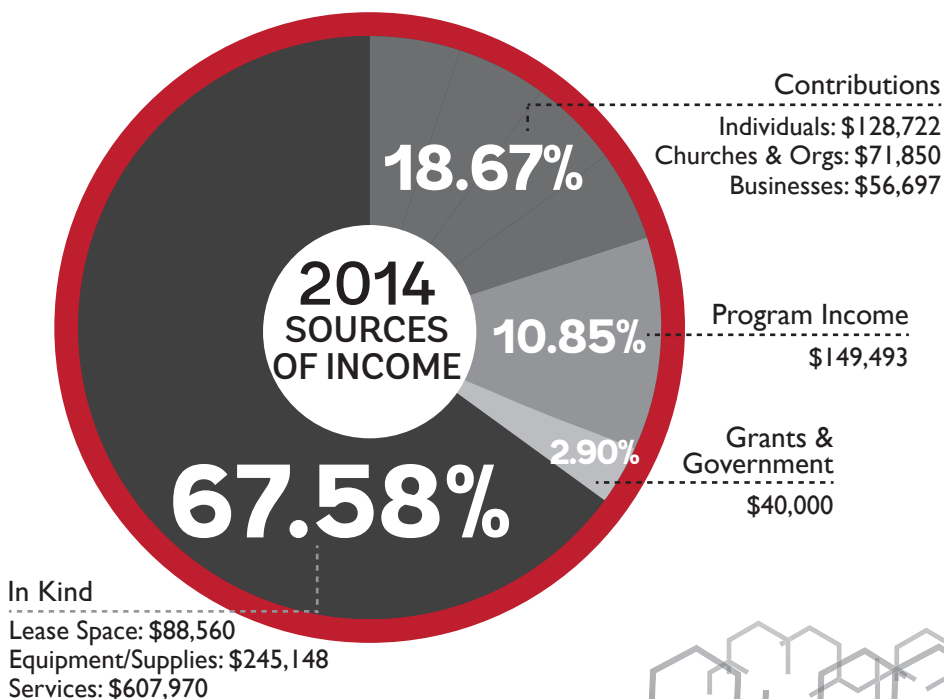
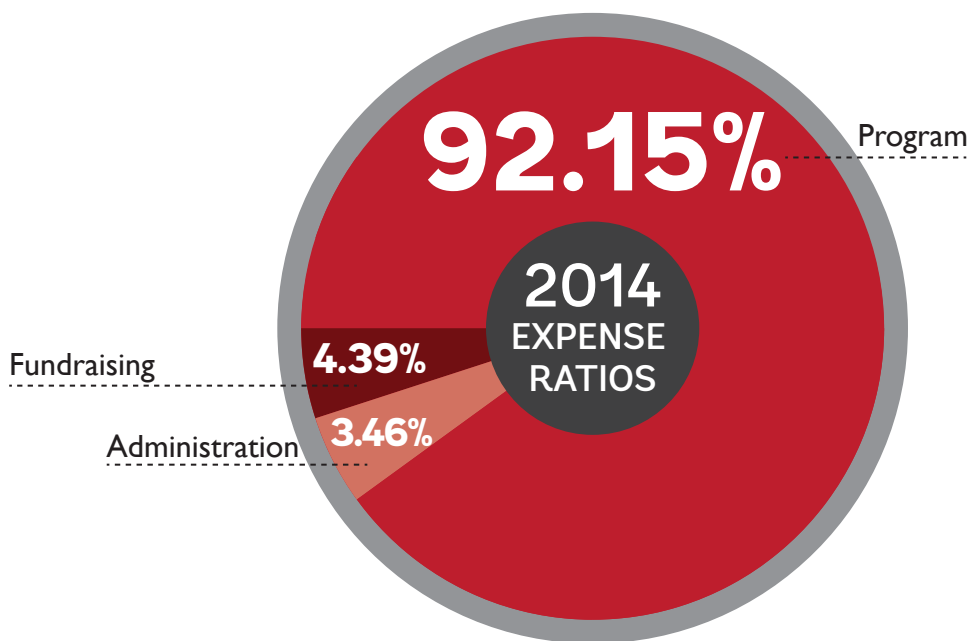
“Compassion Connect does an amazing job bringing churches and community leaders together to meet needs in the name of Christ. They do so with integrity and a servant attitude that puts the local church first. They’re always willing to learn, grow, and adjust their tactics to meet the real needs communities face. We all want to make a difference. Compassion Connect provides the practical ‘know how’ to make dreams a reality.”

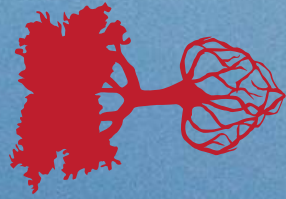


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\$1.00 = \$16.77

For every dollar contributed by an individual donor, \$16.77 in measurable economic and community impact was produced through the multiplication power of volunteerism and other goodwill contributions.





Let's collaborate as the
CHURCH OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD
so people experience the power
and love of Jesus.

“That they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me” –Jesus (John 17:23)