

ANNUAL
REPORT
2016

Uniting to Serve

COMPASSION CONNECT

OUR VISION

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

OUR VALUES

JESUS | freedom | love
unity | SERVICE
excellence | innovation



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A message from MILAN HOMOLA
Co-Founder & Executive Director

Here as 2017 dawns we look back and see the movement of God through thousands of people and hundreds of local churches.

Now we look forward with nothing but awe and wonder as Jesus continues to define us and work through us to UNITE LOCAL CHURCHES TO SERVE. It's not so much a mission statement or an organizational mantra; it's more of a movement in which we eagerly play our part.

We dream of a future where local churches seek first their brothers and sisters **across the denominational lines** when desiring to act justly in their community. We dream of a day when more and more local churches are **united and compassionate toward the least of these**.

In 2017 Compassion Connect will give the tools to help more communities link arms and host free medical/dental clinics where fresh, Jesus-centered relationships can be born. We will help new communities of local churches unite to empower young women and keep them free from sex trafficking by growing the preventative Design Studio model.

In 2017 as we seek to carry out our values of **Jesus, Freedom, Love, Unity, Service, Excellence, and Innovation**, the most important piece of the puzzle is YOU. We want to help YOU be an advocate of UNITY and COMPASSION in the land that God has brought you to. Get involved, invite others, and experience mission in your own backyard!

Humbly,

Milan Homola



Uniting to End Exploitation

ABOLITION NOW

Abolition Now enjoyed overwhelming blessings in 2016 between new partnerships with Mercy Multiplied and Echo Ranch to the grand openings of Adorned in Grace in Gresham and Tacoma and hundreds of blessings in between.

Three courageous moms, themselves victims of exploitation, attended a Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by their own daughters who regularly attend the Design Studio. These mothers expressed deep gratitude for the love and investment that faithful mentors are making in the lives of their at-risk children.

Adorned in Grace was also privileged to provide formal gowns, funds and compassionate volunteers to serve at the first Survivor Gala in Queen Creek, Arizona and a second Gala the following week in Portland, Oregon

that honored and celebrated trafficking survivors.

Successfully relocating a courageous survivor to a safe and long term residential treatment center in Louisiana involved the collaborative effort of dedicated mentors, a Compassion Connect Board Member married to an Adorned In Grace bridal volunteer and their hospitable friends in Ohio! It was a masterpiece of complexity displayed on a divine canvas.

In 2017 we look forward both to continuing our support of survivors and pouring more energy into prevention methods so that no woman or child becomes the victim of exploitation in our communities.

-Linda Tribbett, Abolition Now Director



ANDREA BENSON

Human trafficking survivor and thriver

"The women/mentors involved in Hands of Hope [Abolition Now] have helped to empower me to become a thriver rather than just a victim or a survivor. They have shown me Jesus' unconditional love and grace, and have brought me from a place of feeling deep shame, to a place of feeling the love of God surround me and feeling His presence in my life again. I couldn't be more thankful for their friendships and spiritual guidance as I work towards healing and a bright future that once seemed quite dim."



72
churches

logged



4,467
volunteer hours

to serve



101
women

Value of Services Provided: \$163,000



ANDREA CRANE

Design Studio Participant since 2011

"If I have learned anything, it is from the truth of my mentors. It isn't always happy or fun, but it is them being imperfect and humble that has taught me so many things versus people I have known who have acted the part but not done it. [...] Whether it be the harder way, the more inconvenient way, or the impossible, these women and men I have met over the last seven years have helped drastically change my life. Whether it be faith, addiction or just habits. They've done this without even knowing it."



Uniting to End Human Trafficking

Adorned in Grace

True Empowerment

We believe prevention is one of the strongest tools in our arsenal in the fight against human trafficking. With the partnership of passionate volunteers, we approach prevention through the lens of mentorship and empowerment of vulnerable youth.

One such volunteer on the Design Studio support team helps teach the older girls to drive. On one such freeway-driving adventure they

drove to Multnomah Falls and the volunteer encouraged the young girl to climb to the top of the falls. It was a grueling experience, with constant "don't give up" moments. Late that night, the girl texted the volunteer to say that she was so proud that she made it to the top and said, "Most people let me quit trying too soon and then make excuses for me. I love that you knew what I could do and you wouldn't let me settle for less."

Bridal Shop



Design Studio





Uniting for Health

COMPASSION CLINIC NETWORK

The changing landscape of health care in America has left many people confused, afraid, and sick—with no place to go to receive care. It has been our joy over the past ten years to mobilize hundreds of churches to provide compassionate, holistic care to thousands of people who would otherwise go without health services.

In 2016, our mini Compassion Clinic model went into its second year. A partnership with Legacy Health to reach the most vulnerable populations in our neighborhoods such as refugees, the undocumented, homeless, and uninsured, the mini-clinic network served almost 500

people in the Portland metro area last year who would have had nowhere else to go for care but the Emergency Department.

We also celebrated the 10 year anniversary of our large Compassion Clinics in 2016, which have continued to thrive in the Portland metro area and in Washington, Arizona, Idaho—even India—because thousands of volunteers have showed up to rally around their communities with arms of love and service.

We deeply thank all of our clinic volunteers for providing not only physical care to your neighbors, but the deeper connection that comes with true compassion.



BRITTANY BURDICK
Compassion SW Volunteer

"Compassion Connect is a really great avenue for being able to help your neighbors and the community. It gives a deeper sense of unity in communities. People are able to help their neighbors in a way that shows them how much they are loved and how they are a part of this community—they are important. It treats more than just the basic human needs, it treats the human soul when you go to a Compassion Clinic and see what happens there."

KATHERINE
Compassion Clinic Guest



"The woman who was cleaning my foot asked if there was anything I wanted to pray about. I asked that we pray that my son finds the right path, and we did. But in that moment what actually happened was that I forgave my son. Completely and with all my heart, something I had been unable to do on my own. My toe is throbbing and my tears are flowing but my heart is happy, my burden lighter. Thank you all!"


3,921
volunteers

from


178
churches

united together
to serve


5,373
people

at


18
clinics

to provide

\$1.4 million
worth of services



PASTOR ROY CHERIYAN of Mizpah Goodnews Ministries

"While the medical team was doing their roles, we noticed pastors gathered together in a room or walking around campus praying. Also [we] were excited to see other pastors connecting with the people which all made a divine atmosphere."



Uniting to Serve

INTERNATIONAL / INDIA

The Christian church in India is growing at a fascinating rate: it's even been called "the world's most vibrant Christward movement."

For the past two years Compassion Connect has partnered with Mizpah Good News Ministries and Indian pastors who are enthusiastic about uniting to serve their neighborhood villages. This has culminated in two large Compassion Clinics, the most recent of which was last November.

During the span of the six-day clinic over 1,000 people received compassionate medical and dental services. One elderly woman

remarked, "I have never known real love, but if this is what love feels like and if this is what Christians are like then I'm going to keep coming to this church."

Our American volunteers were equally touched: first-time clinic volunteer AJ West reflected, "I was witness in India to the power that the Church, together with Christ, can have when it comes together. I hope and I pray that I can be witness to it here at home as well."

In 2017 we are excited to continue partnering with the Church in India to compassionately serve those who need it most.





Uniting to Serve

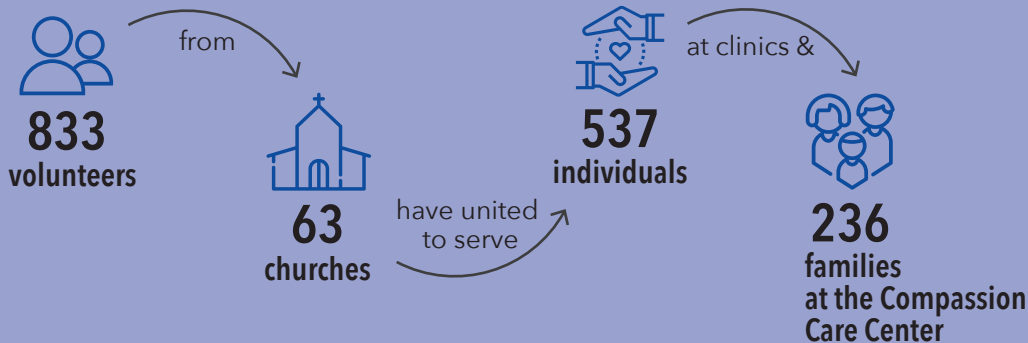
ARIZONA HUB

Compassion Connect's founders recognized early on that the mission of uniting churches to transform their neighborhoods was much bigger than Portland, Oregon. Over the years Compassion Connect has stretched within and beyond the Pacific Northwest, and is now catalyzing unified church efforts in four states and two countries.

The Arizona HUB is thriving due to the efforts of passionate local leaders who began collaborating to serve their neighbors through the

Compassion Queen Creek clinic over six years ago. Since then, the HUB has expanded to several more clinics, a Compassion Care Center that serves as a resource center for residents of the San Tan Valley who lack access to social services, and their first human trafficking survivor Gala event in 2016.

The success of the Arizona HUB has been further affirmation that communities become abundantly healthy when neighbors join hands to serve one another.



Value of Services Provided: \$662,000



TAMMI

Compassion Care Center Guest

"Tammi (name changed) initially came to us following one of the most devastating losses a family can endure, the loss of a beloved husband. But then she decided to come to the Compassion Care Center to help as a volunteer and God took this tiny step and began transforming her life. Not only did she begin interacting with other volunteers, she also decided she might venture out and sign up to meet with one of our amazing counselors. What happened next was a transformation of life through love, healing, and empowerment. Tammi not only looked different each week as she came into see her beloved counselor, but she also began acting differently. Gone was the sad and quiet woman; each week she was being replaced by a woman whose heart was being mended and whose hope and joy were being restored. She has now graduated from her program with the counselor, who gives God all the glory for the great things he has done in Tammi's life!"



WHERE WE'RE HEADED

COMPASSION CLINICS

The Dream: Despite great lengths by both political and social groups to make healthcare affordable, many continue to slip through the cracks. Looking ahead, we see Compassion Clinics continuing to be a relevant ministry model for local churches in any community. We believe Compassion Clinics are so valuable for church unity and community service, that they should not be contained to Portland alone.

The Goal: Launch 5 new Compassion Clinics in 2 new regions by January, 2019 **\$30,000**

ABOLITION NOW

The Dream: Abolition Now envisions a future in which individuals and entire communities are flourishing and free from exploitation through the compassionate service of the unified Church. Our dream is to see a day when exploitation does not carry on from generation to generation, and young women are empowered. To accomplish this, we envision communities that are utilizing several powerful human trafficking prevention methods such as the Design Studio.

The Goal: Expand the Design Studio model to 3 new regions by 2017 **\$60,000**

COMPASSION CONNECT GROWTH

The Dream: Too many of our neighbors continue to slip through the cracks without receiving regular and basic health care. Fewer still receive holistic care that addresses body, mind, and spirit. Additionally, too many young women and men are crushed under the weight of sexual exploitation--not just in faraway countries, but right here in our own backyards. We dream of seeing neighborhoods where the Church has stepped up to ensure these dark realities no longer exist. We believe that HUBS can help make communities' dreams of being abundantly healthy a reality.

The Goal: By the end of 2018 we see 4 communities outside of the Portland area that are leading their own movements of unity and compassion. **\$20,000**

TAKE ACTION

People in our neighborhoods—in your neighborhood—are hurting in body, mind, and spirit. You see the suffering all around you and feel frustrated because you don't know what to do about it all. But there is something you can do. So much, in fact, that the possibilities are nearly endless.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of Compassion Connect and the hope of your neighborhoods! In 2016 your collaborative compassion brought physical, mental, and spiritual healing to thousands who needed it most, and we look forward to hearing the stories of all the lives you will touch in 2017.



VOLUNTEER

Use your skills to serve at compassionconnect.com/get-involved/serve.



GIVE

Your gifts make these dreams of reaching more lives for Jesus through compassion and service a reality. To make a gift today, see your included giving envelope or give online at compassionconnect.com/donate.

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Give us a like on social media! We already like you so it's mutual!

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JOSH BUTLER

Author & Pastor at Imago Dei Community

"I love Compassion Connect! They have a powerfully unique emphasis: empowering the local church for ministry (rather than building their own kingdom). We're so grateful to partner with them and you should too!"

CHAMPIONS

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 & ORGANIZATIONS

Joseph E Weston Public Foundation	De La Salle North Catholic School
City Bible Church	A Jesus Church Family
City of Tigard	St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Willamette Christian Church	Gospel Fellowship Community Church
JBD Collins Foundation	Sandy Baptist Church
Sisters of Providence - Mother	Imago Dei Community
Joseph Province	Abundant Life Christian Church
Re/Max Equity Group Foundation	Northcrest Community Church
First Baptist Church of Portland	New Hope Church
Columbia Presbyterian Church	Gethsemane Lutheran Church
Good Shepherd Community Church	Oregon City Evangelical Church
Greater Portland Bible Church	Eternal Perspective Ministries
Ridgefield Church of the Nazarene	St. Joseph's Church
Portland Christian Center	The Well Community Church
Missio Community	Renew Church
Luis Palau Association	Immanuel Lutheran Church
Epic Christian Church	Saint Henry Church
Dover Community Church	St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
Sandy Seventh-Day Adventist Church	Clear Creek Church
Medical Teams International	Colossae Church
Central Christian Church	Connection Ministries
Reformation Covenant Church	Eternal Impact
St. Matthew Lutheran Church	Hands of Favor
Southwest Hills Baptist Church	

BUSINESSES

Legacy Health Systems	7-11
Richele Kay Bridal Consignment	Adventist Medical Center
AniA Collection	Whittington Bridal
Northwest Electronics	The Rueck Company
Northwest Technologies	Uptown Lights
G & L Properties of Portland	C & E Rentals
Cassandra Lynne	Oregon City Dentistry
Greg Baurer Floor Covering	Lents Body Shop
Emily Hart Bridal	Kalahan Kayla Photography
Olive Gardens - Greater Portland	Pacific Steam Carpet Cleaning
Legend Legacy	I Care Optical
Les Schwab Tires	NW Caliber
Love Caldwell	ABN Construction
PeaceHealth	Chick-fil-A

FINANCIALS

\$1.00 = \$9.00

worth of compassionate services

Every dollar contributed is stretched partly through the power of volunteers and Churches to become \$9 of tangible services for our neighbors. This number reflects direct services provided and key volunteer hours required to provide those services.



Total Churches involved 347



Total volunteers 4,228



Total served 7,881

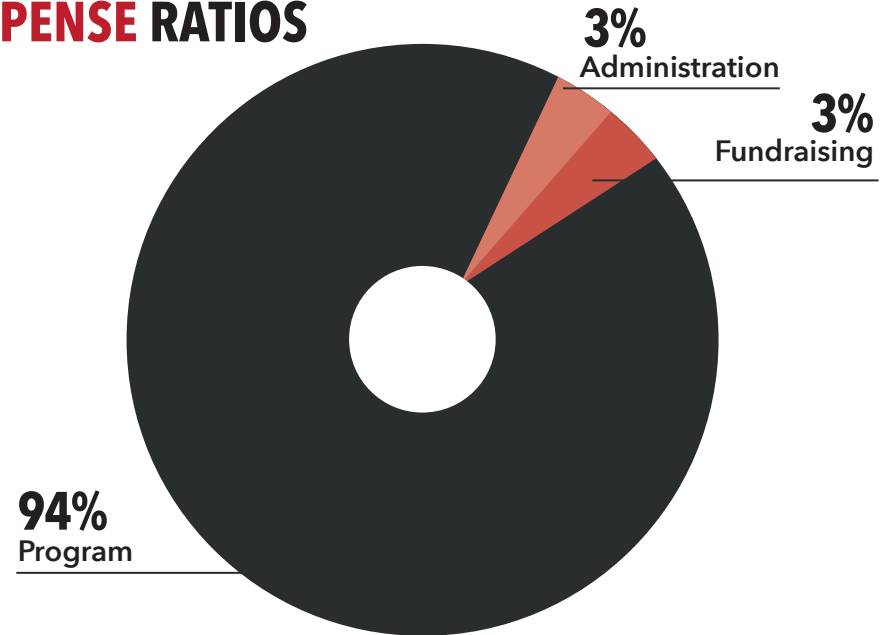


Total volunteer hours 62,315

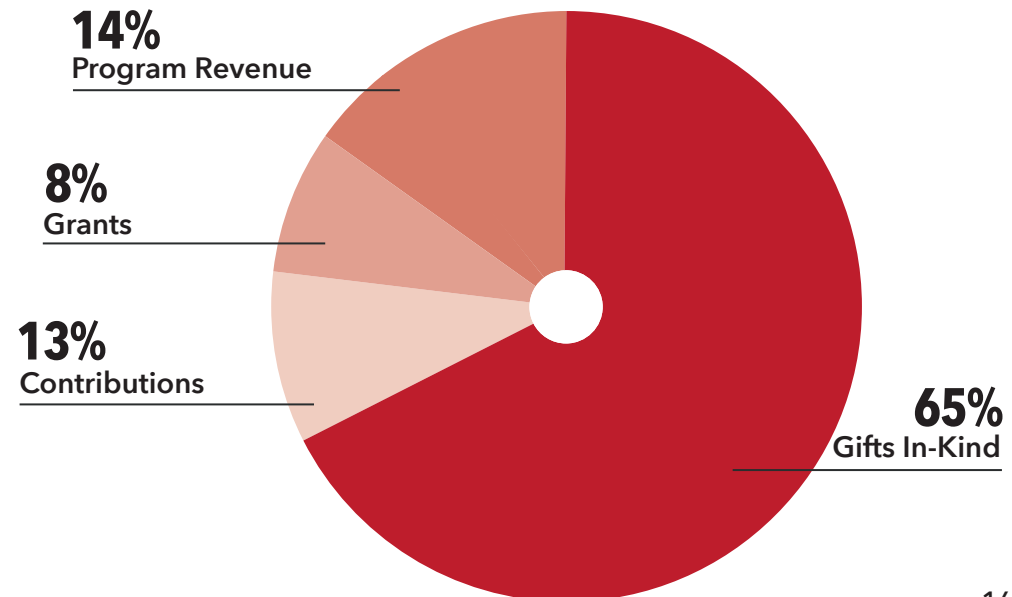
Total Value of Services Provided: \$2,300,000

This is a conservative value that best captures direct services that the Church and thousands of volunteers have compassionately provided in their own backyards to their neighbors.

2016 EXPENSE RATIOS



2016 INCOME SOURCES





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the wounded, free the captives, and
transform our neighborhoods



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