

CROSSROADS URBAN CENTER, Salt Lake City, Utah
Organizational Description and 2022 Annual Program Report

Crossroads Urban Center is a nonprofit, grassroots organization that assists and organizes Utahns with low incomes, those with disabilities, and people of color to meet basic survival needs and to address essential issues affecting quality of life. Established in 1966, we are a multi-faith, community center with broad support from many religious communities as well as businesses, individuals and foundations. Our main office and one of our emergency food pantries are in a building near downtown Salt Lake City that was owned by the United Women in Faith from 1905 to 2022. The Crossroads Legacy Committee assumed ownership of the property in January 2023.

Two emergency food pantries, a free/low cost thrift store, and community organizing assistance to low income people and the faith community are among Crossroads' activities. Crossroads has also initiated new community organizations to provide services not otherwise available in our community. Utahns Against Hunger (70's), Wasatch Community Gardens (80's), and the Disabled Rights Action Center (1993) are some examples.

DIRECT SERVICES: Crossroads operates two emergency food pantries in Salt Lake City. **The Luisa E. Lema Emergency Food Pantry** (est. 1967) is open 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday and located downtown at 347 S. 400 East. Our **Westside Food Pantry** (est. 2017) is open 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 1358 W. Indiana Ave. During 2022, Crossroads served 30,968 households containing 44,527 members with emergency food orders. We also provided baby formula and diapers for families in need. Crossroads organizes **Holiday Food Distributions** at Thanksgiving and Christmas. This past season Crossroads served 3,008 households at Thanksgiving and 650 families at Christmas.

Crossroads' **Thrift Store** (est. 1966) in Salt Lake City (1385 W. Indiana Ave.) distributes clothing and household goods free of charge to thousands of households annually. In 2022, 4,230 households containing 9,105 people received free items valued at approximately \$290,344, including new children's clothing and shoes. The store also sold items at low cost valued at \$34,714. The Store is open 10 AM to 6:00 PM, Tuesday through Saturday.

Crossroads maintains an **Emergency Fund** to assist with gasoline, prescriptions, transit passes, utilities, and other urgent needs. In 2022, 8,050 households containing 10,036 people received gas vouchers, transit passes, or prescription assistance, while 272 families including 595 members received other assistance through the fund, primarily to prevent utility shut-offs.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING & ADVOCACY: Crossroads again brought together dozens of low income people and their allies at the **seventeenth annual People's Summit on Poverty** in August, and hosted a **free "meet-the-candidate" picnic** in July attended by hundreds of low income Utahns and a variety of elected officials and candidates. *We sponsored the following advocacy projects in 2022:*

The **Community Housing Advocacy Project (CHAP)** (est. 2005) works to preserve and increase low income housing opportunities in Utah. In 2022, CHAP advocated for more resources to preserve and expand low income housing opportunities and counter the negative impacts of gentrification.

The **Coalition of Religious Communities (CORC)** (est. 1995) is a statewide group of religious congregations and people of faith from different traditions in Utah whose purpose is to influence public policy by informing and educating government leaders on low income issues. In 2022, CORC worked to stop the proposed increase in the grocery tax in Utah, promoted the development of low income housing, and focused attention on the needs of unsheltered people.

Powerful Moms Who Care (PMWC) (est. 2018) is an organization of low-income women working toward safer communities and healthier families, especially for people living in extreme poverty and struggling with homelessness. PMWC works to increase the availability of low-income housing for families, as well as accessible, affordable childcare.

<u>Our 2022 Budget:</u>	Revenue	\$	1,205,392
	Expenses		
	Program	\$	963,917
	Fundraising		60,380
	Administration		53,910
	Total Expenses	\$	1,078,207

In addition to the above expenses, we added \$136,078 to our endowment fund. We distributed approximately 543,886 pounds of donated food to the hungry in 2022 with administrative costs of only 10.6%. Net assets, including property, receivables, and an endowment fund, were \$2,781,869 as of December 31, 2022. We are a 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization and donations made to Crossroads are tax deductible.

Our 2023 Board of Directors:

Chair – Sandy McCormick (2022-24) **Vice Chair** – Laurie Robinson (2023-25)
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In 2022, the Board of Directors met on February 9th (annual meeting), March 9th, May 11th, June 8th, August 10th, September 14th, November 9th, and December 14th at 5:30 PM. The August meeting was a picnic at a Board member's home, and the December meeting was held at Centenary United Methodist Church in Salt Lake City, while all other meetings were held virtually. The Executive Committee (officers and the executive director) met in the months the Board did not meet. Officers are elected in February and serve one-year terms. Board Members are elected to three-year terms on a staggered basis.

Executive Director - Glenn L. Bailey (glenn@crossroadsurbancenter.org)

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