
March 2024,

Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.
1 Peter 2:12

Friends of JJM,

It is a joy to give witness to God's generous love. Many families and individuals experience the testimony of good deeds from the people of God and tangibly experience his love for them here at JJM.

Lately, I've been struck by the generosity of those we serve. The last time I sat down with a new shopper their story was telling. They were just making ends meet, scraping by with their family of four; When a friend of theirs fell on hard times and needed refuge from the storm life had brought their way. Their family of four overnight became a family of seven. The just enough they had was no longer enough. They wanted to extend protection and provision to this family but needed help. We were able to take hunger off the table for them and provide the stability of food! I was humbled that we could play a pivotal part in this family's hospitality of one in need.

Our cultural moment is frail, it feels like the Christian foundation many once took for granted is no longer certain. I noticed this in my years in college ministry. Shocked I'd hear a student respond to me that they had never heard of Jesus, and weren't familiar with what Christians believed.

Times like these were not unfamiliar to our Christian brothers and sisters who have gone before us. Christians at times, have been looked at with suspicion or disdain for their beliefs or lack thereof. It is in the face of this type of reality Peter writes the words above. Live in such a way, that people can't help but give God glory because of the good you do.

We are privileged to be here, to be supported by so many amazing people and churches in our community to simply and profoundly do just that. We get to give witness that God is good, that he loves and provides to all who come to him. Thank you for helping make that possible!

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Current realities

A year of investing. That is the phrase that has come to define my outlook for this year. We are turning a page at JJM. We have graciously been given advanced notice of staffing transitions. We have been hard at work reimagining our work and ways to better serve those who come to us in need. We have been adding great leadership to our board of directors, implementing new software needs, updating our building, and making staffing changes.

All of this change will decrease our needed income in the coming years. To get there, however, we need to invest. If we can end this calendar year strong we will be in a great spot for the years to come. In 2023 we ended a little under our budgeted income, things have been tight for many of us. This year we needed to slightly increase our budget to invest for the coming years. We would be honored if you would invest in us as we set ourselves up for a more strategic staff and budget for the coming years!

Current supply needs

Inside our glass double doors, there is a shelf to the left with labeled bins for supplies.

Shopping bags - We have been consistently running low on these. We would love to have any clean shopping bags for our shoppers to use.

Egg cartons - We have seen an amazing inflow of egg cartons! We currently don't have a need for more but we will keep you posted!

Non-perishable food - Canned fruit (preferably in juice), canned veggies, beans, rice, powdered potatoes, pasta, and shelf-stable milk are all needed and loved!

The current biggest volunteer needs

Wednesday: Pantry Help, restocking food - 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Saturday: Check-in Help - 8am - 10:30am *Bilingual need

Saturday: Pantry Help, restocking food - 10am - 12pm

Saturday: Pantry Cleaning - 1pm - 2pm

To sign up for those visit our website - jjmwm.org/biggest-volunteer-needs

Would your church own a recurring volunteer slot?

Maybe there is a serve team or a rotation of small groups that could own volunteering rhythmically. Serving side by side is a unique and often beautiful way to build relationships. We thought it could be a fun way to get the body of Christ involved in our ministry.

Interested in exploring this more? Email operations@jjmwm.org to start the conversation!

With Gratitude,



Geoff McGannon - Executive Director

Year to date financial update:

Budgeted income: \$21,259 **Contribution income:** \$19,100 **Current deficit/surplus:** \$-2,159