

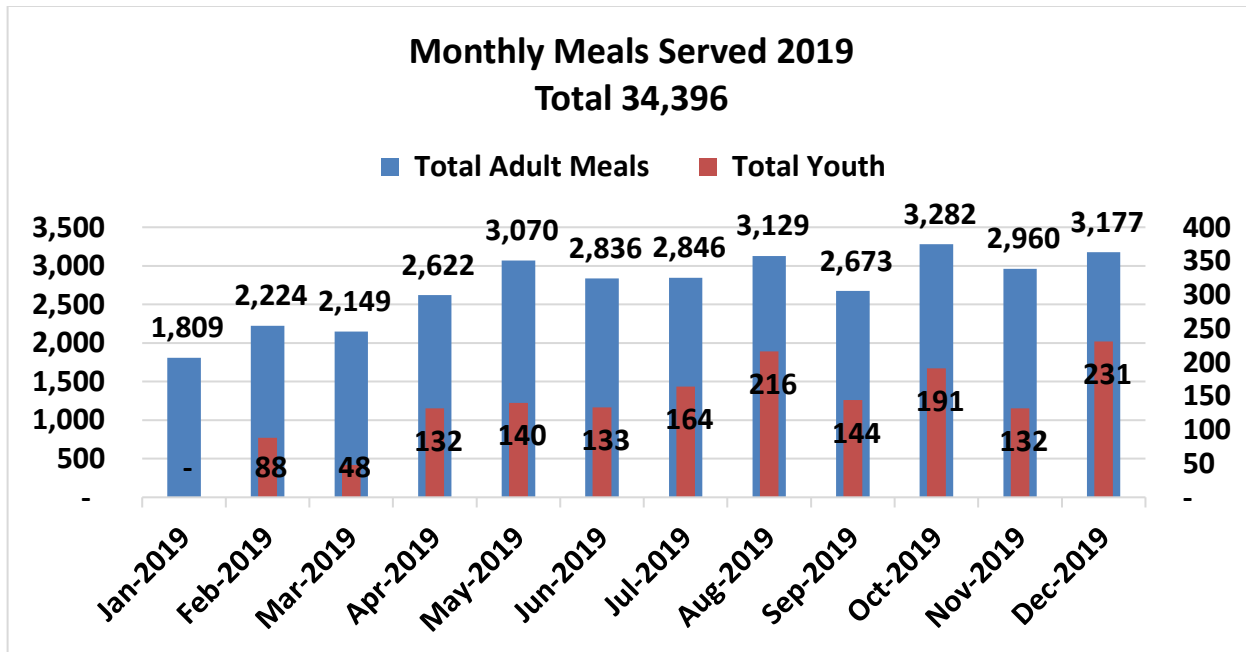


Please consider donation of \$200/month which will provide 120 meals a day for two weeks.

Thank You SO Much...from the JOY Soup Kitchen

Jesus Others & You wants to express our sincere appreciation to the many individuals, Churches and sponsors for their support during 2019. Without this support, we would not have been able to provide much needed assistance to the members of our community in west Greenville.

In March 2019 we added Tuesday & Thursday evening meals and Saturday lunch at the JOY Community Building. During the second half of the year, we saw a 23% increase in average monthly adult meals (2,452 to 3,011) and a 100% increase in average monthly meals for youth (90 to 180). This has resulted in a 20% increase in operating expenses. In 2020, we are requesting support for this expanded weekly midday meal service program, which has allowed us to extend meals to the community on the evenings & weekend.



JOY Soup Kitchen deals with food insecurity among the poor & homeless in our community. Located in an area that lacks access to quality, wholesome food, we serve around 35,000 meals per year. For 30 years, we have been the only place that serves a free, daily meal to those in need. Although 22% of the County population is below the poverty level, our program is located in a neighborhood with the highest poverty level in the city. In the immediate area, residents have a median income of \$16,000 and an unemployment rate of over 30%, with over 30% of the residents being below the poverty level.

We are continuing to pursue a strategic financial plan that focuses on Grants, Churches, Individual Donors and Commercial Sponsorships. Over the past few years we have reversed a trend of negative cash flow. In addition to over \$60K in operating expenses, we raised \$55K for capital improvements to the JOY Community Building. We replaced 3 HVAC units (furnaces and air conditioning) in addition to energy conserving setback thermostats; we installed an entirely new roof; we installed a sitewide security system w/ 11 cameras on the interior and exterior, as well as adding exterior security lighting; and replaced fluorescent lights with LEDs to conserve energy.



Several local grocery stores and restaurants are very generous to our ministry. Each week, our staff pick up surplus items from the produce dept, meat dept and bakery. These items go into meals &/or



Emergency Food Boxes that are distributed the following week to families in crisis or transition. We provide over 800 square feet of space to Disabled American Veterans, Chapter #37, which offers veterans' benefit counselling several days of the week and assisted over 700 veterans in the past year. Special Events have helped to attract families with children: backpack

giveaway; pumpkin carving; Thanksgiving pinecone decorating; Christmas and Valentines cookie decorating. At each event, there is a child friendly meal and every family takes home a large bag of household items, food &/or school supplies.

JOY runs a lean operation and is rich in volunteers and in-kind donations. At \$24.14 per hour, volunteer hours are estimated to have a value of \$80,000 per year. At \$2.00 per meal, in-kind donations of food are estimated to have a value of \$68,000 per year.

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Hunger Never Sleeps & you can donate online 24/7 at: www.joysoupkitchen.org

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