A Message from our Founder

Over the past nine years, Trials for Hope has been a journey of witnessing poverty in many forms. It isn’t just about not having enough to eat or living outside. Poverty encompasses many aspects and perspectives: physical, emotional, spiritual and psychological.

Hunger isn’t a class issue; it’s a hunger issue.

One of the biggest gifts has been to not only watch our family who live inside or outside have hope; it’s also watching the people who help as they see and experience the gift of hope as well.

As we look back on 2019, we celebrate being spiritually guided to serve one another and thank you for being part of our journey.

Jonathan Gray, CEO and founder
Our Mission

To deliver dignity and **hope** to those who fall between the cracks,

*bringing wholesome food,*

personal care items and

**warmth**

to the greater Cleveland area.
Our Vision

In 2019 we at Trials for Hope surpassed the number of people we were able to serve in any of our past years.

This is all thanks to our independent contractors, volunteers, donors, sponsors and the Board.

Financially, we’ve offered aid for utility bills and deepened some of our collaborations.

Our biggest successes, though, came from empowering others.

Our vision is to maintain what we have while expanding our services and being open to change.
2019
BY THE NUMBERS
120,680 meals provided
7,069 individuals
4,932 families
144,816 lbs of Foodbank Food
6,360 toiletry essentials bags
6,000+ rolls of toilet paper

provided at
HOMELESS CAMPS WEEKLY
DENISON AVE UCC
FRANKLIN CIRCLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FRONTLINE SERVICES
LAKE ERIE INTERNATIONAL HIGHSCHOOL
LAKewood UMC
MATT TALBOTT FOR WOMEN
THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
THE LGBT CENTER OF CLEVELAND
## Income & Expenses

### TRIALS FOR HOPE - 2019 REVIEW

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Grants, Gifts & Donations

Thanks to these amazing and charitable groups, we can count on the funds we need daily to help our family who are struggling in our community. Filled backpacks for homeless teens, food for shut-ins, personal care items for those in camps . . . we at Trials for Hope are able to help because of you!

United Methodist Church,
Northeast District
priceless support

We are truly grateful for their ongoing support for the past three years. The UMC allows Trials for Hope to use space in their church on 44th Street as a base of our operations for very minimal rent. Included here are our food pantry, office and storage for clothing, toiletry, household and all other donated items. It is also a place for people in need to stop by and given warm encouragement as well as blankets and food.

We truly could not operate without your kindness and continued support. Thank you!
Community West Foundation
$6,000 Outreach Grant

This renewed grant has helped with general expenses and enables Trials for Hope to fill in the basic needs of those in our community: our personal care programs, homeless engagement with our Thursday Street Outreach, Forget Me Not Shut-In Outreach and our food bank.

Emergency supplies for our outside family, diapers and fresh and non-perishable foods have also been gratefully furnished by these funds.

Higley Fund & Thatcher Family Fund
$5,000 Grant | $2,000 Grant

Thanks to the generosity of these two family funds through the Cleveland Foundation, we were able to repair our distribution cargo van and purchase magnetic signs for it.
Lakewood Christian Church Endowment Fund
$12,409 Sustaining Grant

We’re honored to carry on the tradition of service that the Lakewood Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Endowment empowers Trials of Hope with yearly.

Funds from the grant touch all of our programs, general expenses and operating costs. This generous gift allows for emergency help to families with car insurance, electric and gas bills and enabled us to purchase a dryer for a struggling family.

Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise Rotary
$6,000 Donation

This amazing gift from the local Rotary club allows us to purchase a walk-in freezer for our headquarters (the pad is being built in the spring of 2020!). The much-needed freezer will enable Trials for Hope to maintain much larger meat supplies to help those dealing with food insecurity in our community.
The LGBT Community, including Thomas Stebel, Jack McNulty and Bob Miller

$2,000 Grant

With their generous support, Trials for Hope was able to provide almost 100 backpacks for youth in crisis in our community. Distribution points were through the LGBT Center of Greater Cleveland, Lake Erie International High School and the Bellefaire JCB Homeless Youth Program.

Backpacks included survival items like food, bus passes, personal care toiletries and phone chargers.
COMMUNITY MEALS

Between 180-220 meals were served each month. Staffed or supplied by the Trials for Hope team every month alongside Lakewood Christian Church and the helping hands of The Lantern Center for Recovery, Gutters Unlimited and friends. Personal care items were also distributed at 3 meals/month.

TOILETRY DISTRIBUTIONS

Monthly provisioning at treatment centers, community meals, camps, the homebound and church outreach groups. Special thanks to Dawn and Josie Fitzpatrick for their years of service!

TREATMENT CENTERS & GROUP HOMES

We provided food and personal care items as needed. Visits are to ¾ houses, treatment centers, homeless centers and more.

FORGET ME NOT SHUT-INS

Visited twice/month with food, toiletries and companionship at Lakeview Terrace CMHA housing.

FARMERS MARKETS

Five times a month, we brought hundreds of pounds of food bank food to middle-aged adults and seniors in subsidized housing. It was free, and they chose only what they wanted.

HOMELESS CAMPS

We visited twice/week with our dedicated team of volunteers. We’re grateful to Holy Angels, Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise Rotary and Riderz of the Reaper for their tireless dedication.
Watch Us Grow!

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cost of food $7,456.23 2019

bought & served >121,787 pounds 2019
2019 Events

So many people and organizations gave of their time, finances and expertise in 2019 to create events that truly made a difference for our community and Trials for Hope. We can’t thank you enough!

Kathy Thomas and Foresters Financial secured a grant to help make Thanksgiving special for our outside family in camps and our Forget Me Not homebound. Kathy and friends at Foresters made bags of canned goods for over 30 people in need.

Marty Willard issued a challenge, and Glenmede Trust answered, raising $200 for Trials for Hope general operating expenses.

H2O: Help to Others youth organization in Lakewood launched a Courage to Be Me campaign and raised over $1,200 for Trials for Hope through bakery and clothing sales. These teens are the best of our future, and they bring us all hope.
Rydas 4 Righteousness celebrated the 5th anniversary of their club by setting up a collection at a local motorcycle shop and raising over $200 for Trials for Hope. What an amazing blessing!

Riderz of the Reaper hosted two fundraisers for Trials for Hope: a poker run and a canned food drive with Eddie Sabbath and Eddie’s Club. We thank them all for their continued generosity in food and support.

A group of ladies went above and beyond by raising money and collecting items to make Christmas extra-special for 26 shut-ins in our community. We are truly grateful for Mary Foti, Patty Kleve, Katie Stack, Julie Limpach, Amy and friends for their time and kindness!

Our Lady Help of Christians held their annual holiday gathering, and 37 volunteers put together 500 winter survival bags for our outside family. Items included emergency blankets, socks, industrial trash bags, hand and body warmers, cough drops, band aids and snacks.

The Edna House for Women Treatment Center and the Trials for Hope team put together and gave out over 400 Christmas holiday bags for children in families in need through organizations for the youth and homeless as well as Pathway Enrichment Center in Lorain. Special thanks to all the generous donors, including Hope 4 The Soul, Sue Williams and friends.
St. Rocco Parish donated over 200 to-go meals for a better Thanksgiving for our homeless, outside family and Forget Me Not homebound family. We couldn’t have delivered it all without the help of Pearl Road United Methodist Church and Hare Electric!

Our Trials for Hope team had a Christmas in July fundraising event that raised over $9,000! Highlights were a dinner and silent auction. We are truly grateful to Our Lady Help of Christians, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, Lakewood Methodist Church and Teresa Graham for their time, donations and hard work -- you are the reason it was such a success!

The Joint Chiropractic in Cleveland ran a drive at their office for Trials for Hope to collect ready-to-eat foods, canned goods and other needed items. In fact, they even raffled off a $500 Visa gift card! Not only did they raise the items we need desperately (like diapers), but they also raised awareness of Trials for Hope and our family. Thanks so very much!
Sustaining Sponsors

Supporting general operations and filling our pantry isn’t glamorous work, but it’s the foundation of all we do at Trials for Hope. As we celebrate every donation, we would like to give a special thanks to those who gave over $1,000 in 2019. We are truly grateful for all of you!

Church of the Holy Angels for general operations

Barb Cochrane
RHC Financial Systems for general operations

Lisa Drazil & Christopher Winters Attorneys for general operations

St. Dominic Church for general operations

The Harris Family for general operations

Mary Foti & Family for general operations

Tony Balchieco A&B Plumbing for general operations

Lakewood UMC food & clothing drives & fundraisers

Michael Carlton LLC for general operations
Chris Orlando
VOC Associates
for general operations

Fred & Marilyn Reith
for general operations

The Hanna Family
LGI Real Estate
for general operations

Solon Janitorial Services
for general operations

Adam Neff
MIM Software
for general operations

Our Lady Help of Christians
plus 600 survival bags
for those living outside

The Joint Chiropractic
for food & other needs

Onix Outreach
for those in crisis

Michelle Panik & Tom Najjar
for food & outreach supplies

Chris Olander
VOC Associates
for general operations

Hare Electric & the Hare family
for general operations

Hope 4 the Soul
for general operations
Faithful Donors

Just like our Sustaining Sponsors, we couldn’t do it without you! Because of each of you, we can bring hope to those truly in need. Thank you for your generosity, your time and your support!

A&B Plumbing LLC
Adam Neff & MIM Software
All Action Plumbing LLC
All Seasons Siding
Amistad Chapel UCC
Bob & Barb Knight
Breadsmith of Lakewood
Brother's Bond Riding Club
Calvary United Methodist Church
Christopher Winters & Lisa Drazil, Attorneys
Church of the Holy Angels
Cleveland Foundation
Community West Foundation
Dominion Energy
Eddie’s Club
Enkotec Co
Fairview UMC
Foresters Financial
Frantz Ward Attorneys
Fred & Marilyn Reith
Glenmede Trust
Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Gutters Unlimited
H2O: Help to Others
Hare Electric & family
Hope 4 the Soul
Kiwanis Club of Lakewood
Kyle and Linda Hanna: LGI Homes/Team Beachbody
Lakewood Christian Church
Lakewood City Schools
Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise Rotary
Lakewood United Methodist Church
Laura's Home Women's Crisis Center
Mayfield Church
Michael Carlton LLC
MiraMed
Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland
Onix Outreach
Our Lady Help of Christians Choir
Our Lady Help of Christians Mission
Pearl Road United Methodist Church
Positive Education Program
Reconciling Ministries Network:
   Asbury UMC
Renee Jones Empowerment Center
RHC Financial Systems
Riderz of the Reaper
Rotary Club and Rotary Club International
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Solon Janitorial Services
St. Dominic Church
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Westlake
St. Rita Catholic Church
Strongsville UMC
The Church of the Ascension
The Joint Chiropractic
The Lantern Center for Recovery
United Methodist Church of Chagrin Falls
United Methodist Church, East Ohio Conference
United Methodist Communications
VOC Associates LLC
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Please support our sponsors as they support us and our community!

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