

Dear Friends,

While visiting with some wonderful folks the other evening, I was reminded of our individual seasons with God. As I went home pondering the thought, I looked back over the year to review the seasons we have had here at Main Street Ministries, Inc.

Seasons of sadness, struggles, encouragement, happiness, prayer, and yes even rest and restoration, but above all, seasons of rejoicing.

At this season of Christmas, I am reminded of the wonderful love of our God who sent us a baby in a manger, who grew to become a man and died on the cross for us to bring us the gift of salvation. What a precious gift for all mankind!

At the season of Christmas I am also reminded of those who listened to that voice of love and shared with us in so many ways. Food, personal items, clothing, shoes, furniture, carpeting, help to repair and paint in the building, landscaping and lawn care, money, and an abundant amount of prayer. Without these wonderful gifts we would not be able to share the love of Christ with the women and children who come to us for help. What a gift the community has given us to allow God to work in the lives of these precious souls for another year!

With a full heart, of so many blessings, I wish for each of you the Love of Christ this Christmas season.

Karen Sites, Director

It was right before Christmas last year when Karen Sites MSM Director received a call that a 30 year old single mom with her 5 year old daughter were in need. They had nothing, literally nothing other than a few personal items that fit into one suitcase. They had been homeless for some time drifting from one shelter to another.

With plenty on her plate just a few days before Christmas, Karen immediately dropped everything and went to rescue this struggling Mom and her daughter from spending Christmas in a crowded shelter or worse spending Christmas on the street. Within hours after returning and getting them settled into an apartment at MSM, Karen began tapping the community network through phone calls, emails and social networking to quickly pull together a real Christmas for this struggling family. Many of you quickly responded with gifts of shoes, clothing, toys and most important of all a warm welcome to the community. Mom and daughter were able to enjoy their own Christmas complete with food, a decorated tree with gifts under it in an apartment they could call their own. This was something that had not always been possible for them in the past.

Your compassion has brought the joy of Christmas to less fortunate families at MSM all year long and for that we are so grateful.

Please consider partnering with us through this Christmas season and throughout the New Year. Your generosity and financial support makes these kind of heartwarming stories possible. Thank you and again, it's your support that makes it possible 'To provide physical and spiritual resources in the name of Jesus!'

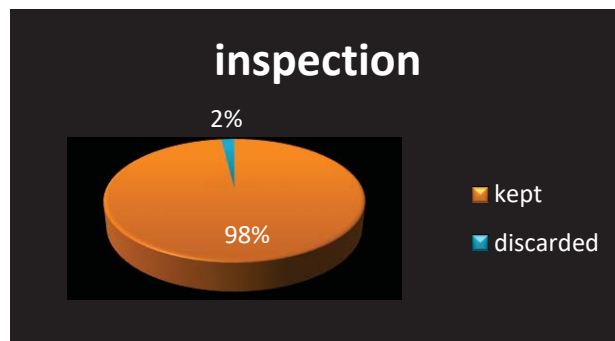
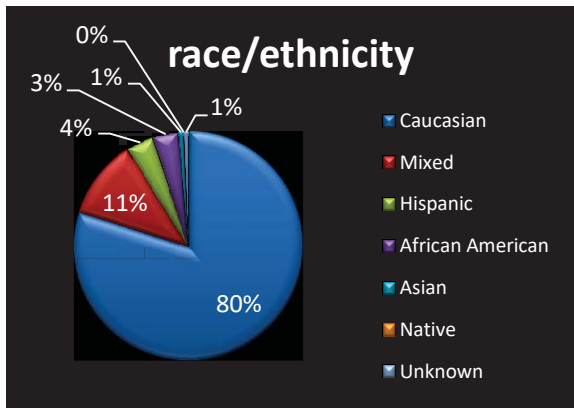
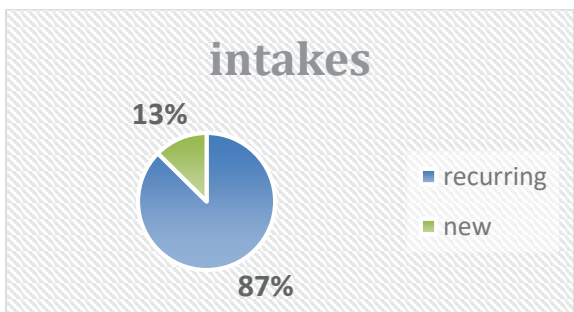
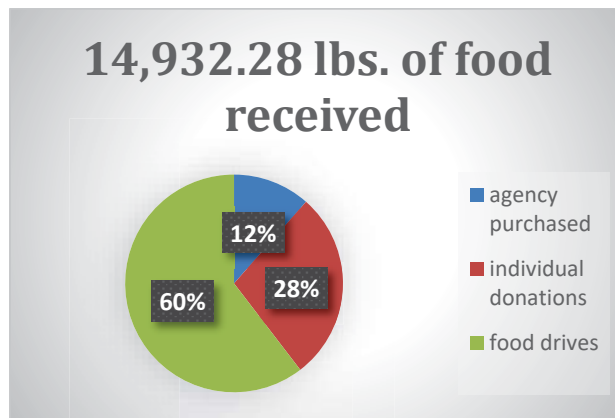
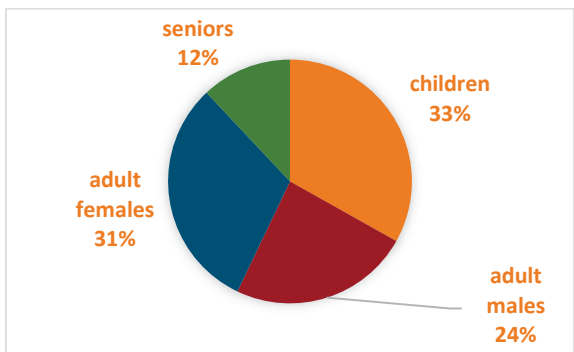
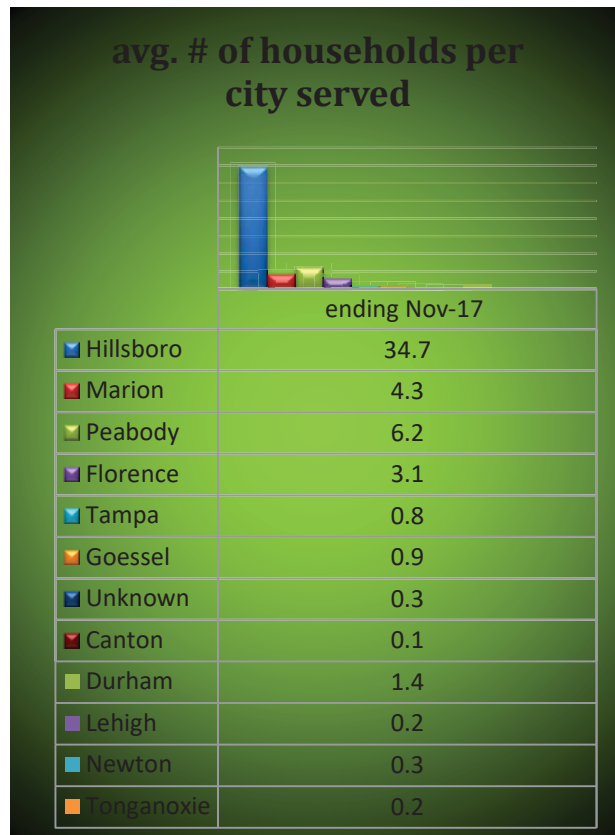
May each of you experience the joy of Christmas.

Dale Nuss, Chairman of the Board



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MSM Foodbank Report - 12 Months, ending November 30, 2017



It takes a village to sustain our families. Thanks for your continued support! –Ciara Cox