

### ANNUAL REPORT

2018

HONORHEALTH

**Desert Mission** 



## On a mission to create a healthier community

As I reflect on 2018, I am very grateful for our many generous supporters who helped us build a healthier, stronger community. Together, we were able to create meaningful opportunities and provide assistance for the families and individuals who rely on us for their most basic needs.

In 2018, we implemented new programs and initiatives that will have a lasting and powerful impact. For example:

- With the approval of our Board of Directors, we introduced the Desert Mission Food Bank Nutrition Policy. As a healthcare organization, we are committed to ensuring that members of our community have access to nutritious food that promotes and encourages healthy choices. This new initiative has changed the conversations we have about food with our donors, clients and the community as a whole. We are certain it will change lives and improve outcomes.
- During the initial year of the Living Well program, we partnered with St. Joseph the Worker and Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Phoenix to offer support for employment and financial stability. In 2018, we assisted 162 people in securing quality work, an important initial step toward selfsufficiency. The Living Well team provides financial education, including budgeting, coaching and coordination of additional resources regarding a variety of services our clients often find beneficial as they work toward a more secure future.

These are just two highlights of our new initiatives in 2018. I hope you will be excited to know that, after 91 years of service, we continue to accept the challenge of developing innovative programs in which individuals and families can find support.

I hope you will take a moment to review our 2018 accomplishments as noted in this report. I also hope you will feel inspired to join us again for the important work to be done in the year ahead. It is your support that makes this work possible. Your help is needed and appreciated!

With gratitude,

Lue Gadecki

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### 1930s & 40s

### 1950s

### 1970s & beyond

### Desert Mission history

#### A legacy of caring

Founded in 1927, Desert Mission's focus is on improving the health and well-being of individuals and families.



#### Angels of the Desert

1920s

Elizabeth Beatty and Marguerite Colley organize the local Presbyterian church's **Desert Mission to bring** food and medical supplies to people in north Phoenix seeking relief from respiratory ailments.

The women's efforts grew to include a medical clinic, chapel and community building.

#### John C. Lincoln joins **Desert Mission's cause**

In 1931, Ohio entrepreneur Phoenix to recover from

helped purchase the land for community programs and

#### A hospital is built

In 1951, the Arizona Department of Health licensed Desert Mission Convalescent Home, the Roy **Brooks Outpatient Clinic and** Emergency Station as Desert Mission Convalescent Hospital.

In 1952, the Lincolns funded construction of a \$200,000 surgical wing. In 1954, the hospital was renamed John C. Lincoln after its primary benefactor.

#### **Milestones**

services.

### Approaching 100 years

Among the many milestones John C. Lincoln and Desert Mission have achieved over the years is the opening of the state's first licensed Adult Day Healthcare center. Also, John C. Lincoln Medical Center was among the first hospitals to operate a food bank and a host of other social and human

#### Deep roots and growing services

As a crucial part of HonorHealth, Desert MIssion continues to work to meet the health and social needs of the community. In 2018, its wide range of services and resources benefited 34,980 clients from 14,588 households.

As Desert Mission's offerings have evolved, its purpose has not. Desert Mission remains committed to helping build stronger communities, together.

### Food Bank Food access and nutrition education

One in four Arizona children don't have reliable access to nutritious and affordable foods. When families are struggling financially, finding high-guality food to feed their children becomes a daily concern. Low-income families report that eating healthfully is especially difficult because fresh fruit and vegetables in their neighborhoods are rare, expensive and of poor quality.



Helping families and individuals, from children to seniors, gain access to healthy foods is Desert Mission Food Bank's goal.

Food Bank programs include:

- Monthly food packages for individuals and families.
- Distributed by community partner agencies, the Snack Pack program provides nutritious kid-friendly food packs to children at risk of going hungry over the
- Bargain Basket program that provides grocery items at a reduced price.
- Monthly developmentally appropriate food packages for newborns to one-yearolds.
- Nutrition education and seasonal gardening classes.



44,133 food boxes provided to Food Bank clients

"Food I received really, truly saved my life because without your help I would not have had anything to eat all month."





schools, libraries and community centers

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assistance, including 1,134 infant food bags

— David (1).

## Lincoln Learning Center

Lincoln Learning Center was established with one major objective in mind: to provide a solid educational foundation to children no matter their socioeconomic background.

Guided by that mission, the center ensures that children from the ages of six weeks to 12 years have access to a quality education in a safe and healthy environment.



Numerous studies have demonstrated that children with access to quality early learning have increased vocabulary, math and social skills, and score higher on school readiness assessments.

Later in life, they are less likely to need special education or be held back a grade. In 2018, Lincoln Learning Center received a five-star rating from First Things First Quality Site – Arizona's highest standard for early child development.

Research has shown the long term effects of high-quality early care and education, including being four times more likely to graduate from college. a

128 children received high-quality learning through tuition assistance

"My son had his first two assessments in Kindergarten related to reading readiness and scored in the 95th and 99th percentile nationally. While, as his mom, I, of course, think he's a smarty, I also credit these high scores to all of the amazing teachers at LLC."







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Lincoln Learning Center has been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children

— Marissa

# Adult Day Healthcare

Approximately 25 percent of Arizonans will be older than 65 by 2020; those 85 and older will increase by 102 percent.

Desert Mission's Adult Day Healthcare Senior Enrichment program offers coordinated, professional and compassionate services for adults who need supervised care in a safe place outside the home during the day.



Families get a reprieve from their caregiving responsibilities; they also find encouragement through the program's caregiver support group. Families have reported that Adult Day Healthcare services helped reduce stress and depression associated with caregiving.

Adult Day Healthcare is located alongside the Lincoln Learning Center, giving participants the opportunity to interact with youngsters and helping the seniors stay engaged and energized.

"My wife spent one year in bed not wanting to leave the house. She started this program a month ago, and now she's a chatty Cathy who wants to get up and go places! - Husband of Adult Day Healthcare participant





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received financial subsidies to cover program expenses



### Living Well: Financial, career and home success

Economic stability and safe and affordable housing are the building blocks for self-sufficiency. However, more than 1.5 million Arizonans are considered the working poor, living from paycheck to paycheck.

The program provides individuals with a pathway and support network proven to increase income and job retention.



The program offers case management, workforce development and financial education, addressing the most common barriers to long-term self-sufficiency and offering help with "Living Well."

Through a partnership with St. Joseph the Worker, Desert Mission is able to provide on-site workforce development, including resume writing, mock interviews and hiring events.

"Thanks to Living Well, I was able to get an emergency appointment to avoid eviction, created my first resume, got a job that I had already been turned down for once, got help to buy proper shoes for the job, learned how to use the circulator bus so I didn't have to walk 6 miles every day for my many appointments, and opened a bank account."





received Living Well services (all created budgets and goals)



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22 participants were approved for at least one public benefit



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- Living Well Participant

### Provide hope and a better tomorrow

You can be the change and offer much-needed assistance to those in need.

By contributing to Desert Mission, hungry children and families will receive nutritious food, seniors will experience a safe and stimulating environment, young children will get a strong start to help them succeed in school and so much more.





### Arizona Tax Credit

When you donate to Desert Mission, you may be eligible for a dollar-for-dollar Arizona tax credit. How is a tax credit different than a deduction? A credit reduces the amount you owe in Arizona taxes, or increases your refund, by the amount you donate to Desert Mission, up to \$800 (filing jointly) or \$400 (filing single). No itemizing is necessary. The Arizona Charitable Tax Credit is a separate credit from tax credits for schools and foster care agencies.

#### THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GIVE



### Night of Gold

Attend or become a sponsor of HonorHealth's signature event – Night of Gold. You'll enjoy delicious food, live music and dancing at this action-packed event at one of the Valley's finest resorts. Proceeds support the vital patient services and community programs of Desert Mission.

For information on these ways to give or to make a contribution, visit desertmission.com/donate or call 480-587-5000.



### Individual/ company giving

Your financial support makes a significant difference to the individuals and families who use Desert Mission programs. With your contribution through HonorHealth Foundation, you can feel confident that 100 percent of your gift stays right here in the community and directly benefits the many programs and services offered through HonorHealth Desert Mission.



### Party fundraising

Your organization can plan and hold an event or put together a program to benefit Desert Mission. From dinners, walks and runs to auctions and luncheons, the opportunities are endless. It's an ideal way to raise funds for your favorite Desert Mission program or service while having a great time.

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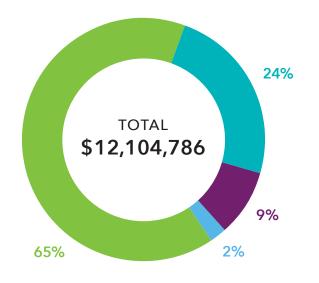
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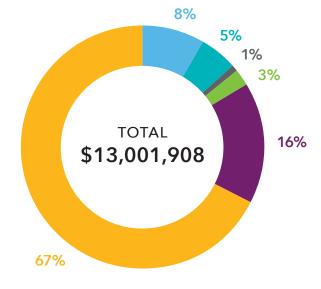


Donated food and services	\$	7,812,486
Fees for services	\$ 2	2,864,843
Private grants and donations	\$	1,121,829
Government grants	\$	305,628



# Expenses

Food Bank	\$ 8,744,295
Lincoln Learning Center	\$ 2,081,301
Adult Day Healthcare	\$ 1,020,732
Administration services	\$ 707,683
Depreciation	\$ 307,453
Living Well	\$ 140,445







Food Bank/ 4th Street Market





### **Desert Mission**

Volunteer opportunities available.



Lincoln Learning Center



**Living Well** 

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