

A YEAR IN REVIEW



"Associated Churches is an OUTSTANDING community partner, and it is our honor to work with and serve the community along with you! Thank you for your service."

Tammy Kelly, Past President and Board of Directors of Northeast Indiana Base Community Council



"This organization truly is amazing! I am so thankful for my time at Associated Churches. I appreciate the way everyone treated me with dignity and respect. Thank you, everyone at Associated Churches, for helping me to build on my character." Tera DeWaters, Volunteer





Contributing 46,466 hours in our ministries in helping build bridges in our community by providing for the needs by

sorting food, mentoring and tutoring youth, packing meals for military families, sorting baby items, faith and prayer etc.



More Churches are getting involved

39 churches are connected with students at our local elementary schools. Rising Stars is providing tangible and social-emotional support through mentoring and tutoring, which results in a stronger more engaged future community member. Churches have spent 4,693 hours in 2018 caring for students.



Veterans **2,272**

Female Head of House 8,134

Disabled 8,832

60+ Adults 11.749

Families **26,688**

Children **29.830**

Associated Churches' Food Pantries provided

1,232,550

meals in 2018

Individuals 82.170

Community Partnerships

As a spiritual program of support, The Landing partners with the mental health community to provide help and hope. We service youth who have experienced significant trauma in their lives. Community partnerships include: The YMCA, Bowen Center, Park Center, Vincent Village,

and Lifeline. Youth from many of these organizations attend The Landing, growing in their journey with God and mental health. Life is better in our community with each other!



Military Families



37 service members received emergency assistance

270 military families were given assistance during the holidays

\$12,627 was distributed to military families during hardships and the holidays



More Mothers Served

1,045 mothers came to A Baby's Closet

395 were NEW mothers

The mothers visiting A Baby's Closet to redeem coupons from educational classes and doctor's visits went up 57% in 2018. We are supporting more mothers and babies in need by providing safe baby items to assure the health and wellness of baby and mother.

Much Appreciation to Our Top 2018 Individual Donors



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Special Note from Executive Director, Rev. Roger Reece

When I look back at 2018, I believe our Associated Churches' family found a real reassurance in the way that the faith community has made a difference in how we take care of one another.

Last year, there seemed to be recurring stories about how the transforming love of God has moved into the lives of those whom we served. The way we came together in unity, built relationships, and cared for others is our hallmark and the body of Christ at work.

Together, we often forayed into difficult situations that address human brokenness and found God's grace. We saw it in the young Marine, who testified that the only way he survived basic training was from the faith that he developed and learned from "The Landing". We witnessed it from a young family that received education and support from "A Baby's Closet". It was observed in a line at the food pantry from a woman who shared her story with tears in her eyes and said, "Despite everything that has happened, I feel closer to God more than ever before."

Engaging the most vulnerable and walking with them as we journey together, is not easy work. However, as we celebrate our 75th year in ministry at Associated Churches, I'm grateful for your partnership to build a stronger, healthier community by His Grace.

With Deepest Appreciation,





OUR MISSION

One hand joining another to build bridges by providing for the needs of the community.



OUR VISION

In doing the work of the Kingdom we: identify community needs; build partnerships; inspire others to join in service; bridge gaps to create an interdependent community.

















