

2019 Stories to Celebrate



What a year 2019 was for our faith community! We've been striving to be a **just, generous community** practicing love in the ways of Jesus. Our staff and leadership are continually humbled by our community and the ways in which you generously give of your time, talents and finances to make an impact within our walls, our city, and around the world. Each of the numbers in this celebration summary represents a person impacted by their involvement and your generosity. We look forward with hope to the new year and the ways we can continue to move forward and journey alongside one another.

Sincerely,
DCC Leadership

ADULT MINISTRIES

Adult Ministries provides as many spaces and places as possible where people can learn and grow and become more of who God created them to be in order to live out what God created them to do.



HIGHLIGHT

*"As the Adult Ministries Pastor I have the privilege of journeying with many people who are searching for community, for a space where they can experience meaningful connection in their relationships with God and with others. I've heard time and time again that **DCC is a safe place for people to process their wounds and their pain. Is a place where they find healing. I am so grateful for these conversations, and what our Church is and has been for those who are hurting.**"*

~ Amanda Lum, Adult Ministries Pastor



FAMILY MINISTRIES

Our family ministries consists of DCC Kids (0yrs - 5th Grade) and INC Student Ministries (middle school and high school). **We get to invest in over 250 kids** are on **Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights**. This year, we continued to integrate INC and DCC Kids together by creating multi-generational discipleship and are so excited to have **22 of our INC students serving as small group leaders** in our DCC Kids classrooms.

CELEBRATION STORY

"Through the generosity of several volunteers, we've been able to launch a storytelling team which seeks to bring multiple voices and perspectives to the way we teach Bible stories to Elementary students. This has also inspired our 4th & 5th grade small groups to teach the Bible story once a month. This type of multi-generational and mentorship model has proven to keep kids engaged with the teaching of the Bible in a new and fresh way."

~ Maggie Knight, Uptown Children's Pastor

250
KIDS

invested in on a weekly basis



158
VOLUNTEERS

generously give their time

HOSPITALITY & FACILITIES

When we think about how the gifts of our community impact our different ministry areas, we are drawn to the relationships made possible by having our buildings to meet in every week. Your generosity allows us to be in these amazing spaces and supports our Hospitality team as they great, serve and connect our community each week.

121

VOLUNTEERS

generously give of their time on this team

“Rather than shying away from the uncomfortable, our community is leaning into it and acknowledging the humanity in others during difficult times.”

~ Lauren Smith, Gathering Coordinator

WORSHIP & ARTS

Our Worship Team focuses on creating a welcoming space that fosters connection with one another and the Divine. Without your generosity we would not be able to do what we do through music, liturgy, prayer, and communion.

26

VOLUNTEERS

serve on the audio/visual team

79

VOLUNTEERS

serve on the worship team

“I think sometimes I can underestimate the impact of community. I immediately think of a volunteer who was leaving our worship team and moving out of state. As I said goodbye to this person, I wasn’t prepared for is them to, through tears, speak of what it meant to them to have a place to serve, to call their own, and to be validated in their gifting. This is why I still do what I do. People of all ages and across all seasons of life truly need community and it is so beautiful to see when it’s found.”

~ Chad McNeely, Worship & Arts Pastor

LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL GIVING

In his life and ministry, Jesus demonstrated that his love is bigger than brokenness and injustice. He invited all of his friends to carry on his work of grace, mercy, transformation and justice. We believe that today, as much as ever, that invitation is for us too. God is still wildly at work in our world all around us. Our mission is to demonstrate that same ridiculous love toward all humanity by practicing the ways of Jesus. Part of our commitment at DCC is to give 20% of all general financial contributions to support partners.

Because of your generosity we are able to:



Serve **44 different individuals and organizations** through both ongoing monthly support and one-time gifts



Provide shelter & support for **23 individuals seeking asylum**



Facilitate **service journeys** for our community to continue developing relationships with our partners in **Dominican Republic, Haiti, Kenya, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tijuana, Uganda & Vietnam**



Donated **\$342,740** to work in our city and around the world



Provide **150 Christmas gifts** for the residents and staff of Park Forest Care Facility



Provide **150 kids** with Christmas gifts through Project Angel and hosted nearly **300 people** for our annual Pancakes & Pajamas event