



**MILE HIGH  
MINISTRIES**  
TRANSFORMATION AMONG THE POOR



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
Fiscal Year 2014



## Reflecting on the 2013-14 Fiscal Year

Building on the foundation of 25 years of ministry, at Mile High Ministries we are committed to being continuous learners as we seek transformation among the poor. A learning posture means that we are always listening and evaluating, learning from what has worked in the past and adapting for the challenges of today and the future. This past year has been one of active listening and growth for Mile High Ministries.

Listening means that we are always evaluating what works and what needs refinement, within each area of ministry.

Listening means we are committed to teamwork, understanding that no one person or idea offers the complete solution to complex issues.

Listening means we are always broadening our circle of ministry partners to work together for the common good.

Listening means that we are actively seeking God's direction and discernment in daily decisions and long term strategies.

Listening means we are all seeking transformation.

You are part of the Mile High Ministries family and we are thankful for your participation, service, gifts and wisdom. We want to listen to you – share your insights and ideas with us at [JeffJohnsen@Milehighmin.org](mailto:JeffJohnsen@Milehighmin.org).

  
Jeff Johnsen



## Capital Campaign Update

### Physical Expansion Provides Space for Transformative Ministry



Nearly 300 people in the Mile High Ministries family gathered on a weekend in November 2013 to celebrate 25 years of ministry in the city and the grand opening of our new building. Great music and local artists performed in support of our vision that began 25 years ago and continues today—that our city will become a place of transformation. That we will be a city where those who were once poor now prosper, where children are no longer doomed to misfortune and where unlikely partners live and work together in peace.

This new physical space houses an expansion of the Justice & Mercy Legal Aid Clinic (JAMLAC) and Mile High Ministries administrative offices. The capital improvements were made possible by the generosity of individuals, businesses, local churches and our foundation partners—all coming together to empower the poor and participate in transformation.

Renovations to Joshua Station have begun in order to update community spaces and prepare room for more families. We prayerfully hope to raise \$125,000 more in capital contributions to complete the final phase of renovations.



*“My experience at Joshua Station has been life-changing. At Joshua Station I have stability and people who are supportive in many aspects of my life and my situation. I am thankful that I chose them and that they chose me.”*

**-Swan**

We mobilize our communities and equip leaders for God's transformational work among the poor.



**MOBILIZE**  **EQUIP**  **EMPOWER**

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# EMPOWER

Empowerment is central to creating lasting change and self-sufficiency. Mile High Ministries partners with people in the process of transformation. This partnership increases the capacity of the poor to thrive, serve and lead, within Mile High Ministries and throughout our city.



**Joshua Station** offers a holistic environment for families to make the transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency. The comprehensive approach to transformation includes a full complement of services—counseling, tutoring, life skills training, community connection and more in a faith-based context. Through years of impact, the team at Joshua Station has seen hundreds of high-risk families move forward into stable lives. The team continues to listen and learn, customizing services to help each family achieve transformation.



In Fiscal Year 2014, Joshua Station provided the following:

- 10 families graduated from Joshua Station and moved into stable housing.
- 42 formerly homeless families (49 adults and 93 children) received housing and comprehensive services.
- Of the 49 adults who lived at Joshua Station for more than 3 months:
  - 59% made improvements in their employment goals.
  - 16% made improvements in their educational goals.
  - 29 of the 49 adults are working.
  - 8 of the 49 adults are pursuing further education.
- 1,168 volunteers provided 6,804 hours of service to Joshua Station.



**The Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Clinic (JAMLAC)** offers professional legal services to those struggling with poverty who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault or related legal issues. JAMLAC supports clients in a way that empowers them to positively move forward, with high quality advocacy for those who cannot normally

afford these services. JAMLAC offers bi-lingual civil legal representation, advocacy, immigration services (related to domestic violence cases) and legal triage clinics throughout the Denver Metro area. This year, JAMLAC has moved into new offices, through the capital expansion. The new office space offers additional professional, confidential space for clients to meet with lawyers and paralegals, as well as increasing JAMLAC's capacity to engage volunteers and interns.

During Fiscal Year 14, the Justice and Mercy Legal Aid Clinic (JAMLAC) accomplished the following:

- Served 898 low-income clients, 97% of whom were victims of crime.
- Provided legal consultation to an additional 1,067 low-income individuals through 8 local triage clinics in partnership with the Christian Legal Society.
- Follow-up surveys show that clients feel safer, know more about their legal rights and feel less alone after receiving services from JAMLAC.
- Engaged 81 volunteers who donated 1,954 hours of service.



Mile High Ministries invests in the future of transformational communities by identifying and equipping young leaders for the challenges of tomorrow in high-risk urban areas. Leaders who have a deep understanding of the needs and assets of local communities will be effective in listening and learning in the face of challenges that will arise in the future.

# EQUIP



**The Issachar Center for Urban Leadership** equips through a multi-layered approach which includes living in community, mentoring, networking, spiritual formation, service and education. The name "Issachar" is based on one of the tribes of Israel; they were leaders who understood the times and what needed to be done (I Chronicles 12:32).

- Issachar Center for Urban Leadership trained 15 emerging leaders as apprentices while they worked toward their college degrees.
- 11 apprentices graduated from the first two years of the Issachar program.
- Graduates contributed over 4,000 hours of community service and leadership.
- One Issachar Center apprentice graduated college, using a full college scholarship.
- The Issachar Center hosted over 50 gatherings that equipped, mobilized and connected urban leaders.
- 89 volunteers provided 877 hours of service as presenters, mentors, tutors and facility work.



**Denver Urban Semester (DUS)** supports transformation and equipping through hands-on experience which results in a deep understanding of vocation. DUS provides college-accredited internship opportunities in urban ministries, public schools and non-profits. Along with service hours, students participate in reflective learning and listening which equips them to better understand the challenges of those who live on the margins of urban society.

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- 31 college interns from across the country served a total of 12,148 hours in urban ministries, schools and nonprofits empowering the poor and meeting the needs of the disenfranchised.
- College interns received 2,522 hours of training.
- 33 college students spent 924 hours of spring break week serving 5 urban ministries.
- 8 DUS college alumni, 12 professional mentors, and 29 college faculty members provided 450 hours of volunteer services to DUS interns.



Launched in 2014, **Mile High Workshop** is creating transformational employment opportunities. Utilizing a combination of in-house business creation and a growing network of enterprises, Mile High Workshop harnesses economic forces to employ, train and transform marginalized members of our community. Visit [5280workshop.org](http://5280workshop.org) to learn more about specific projects and products.





# MOBILIZE

Here's what Jaimie, a Joshua Station volunteer says: "Once you go with the flow of Joshua Station—just sitting and

sharing a conversation and letting go of your own agenda is actually when you are serving people the best, and it is when you then receive the best reward. Because your own agenda is not God's agenda."



Mile High Ministries brings faith communities together to interact, engage and listen together. Through a variety of service and study experiences, individuals, groups and churches can be a part of both personal and community transformation.

This past fiscal year, more than 3,300 volunteers gave over 24,000 hours of service and grew in their understanding of the issues surrounding poverty.

## Affiliates

In its role as an incubator of innovative programs, Mile High Ministries has special partnerships with affiliate programs. These programs maintain a measure of independence (including working toward their own 501(c)3 status), but work closely with Mile High Ministries programs, staff and facilities. There is a listening and learning relationship between the Mile High Ministries affiliates and the core programs.

## Access

Transformation and mobilization occur when individuals, groups and churches realize that poverty and social justice issues are not just problems to be solved, but are an opportunity to understand and affirm the dignity of each person created in the image of God. Access offers Poverty Walks in the Capital Hill neighborhood. There is also a spiritual formation group that meets regularly to pray, learn and listen to God and each other as participants seek to live justly and walk humbly.

- 300 participants in Poverty Walks.
- Taught at 5 churches during their Sunday services.
- Spoke to over 1,000 college students about poverty and wrestling with God in January 2014.
- 25 regular participants in the bi-weekly spiritual formation gathering.

## Park Hill Parish

The newest affiliate of Mile High Ministries is Park Hill Parish. Anthony Grimes, who was formerly on staff at the Issachar Center for Urban Leadership, seeks to draw together disparate Park Hill stakeholders for "building beloved community." One of the first projects: a Kickstarter campaign to launch a social enterprise. Find out more at [www.anthonygrimes.com](http://www.anthonygrimes.com).



## Resources and Events

- The Christmas Store allows low-income parents of 641 children to provide brand-new toys for their children. The 175 volunteers included 50 former and current shoppers.
- Urban Entry videos were shown to more than 5,000 people nationally—engaging classes, mission teams, volunteers and church groups.
- Denver Faith and Justice Conference—Mile High Ministries partners to offer local Christian leaders an opportunity to examine issues of social justice.

Interested in volunteer opportunities through Mile High Ministries?

### Contact

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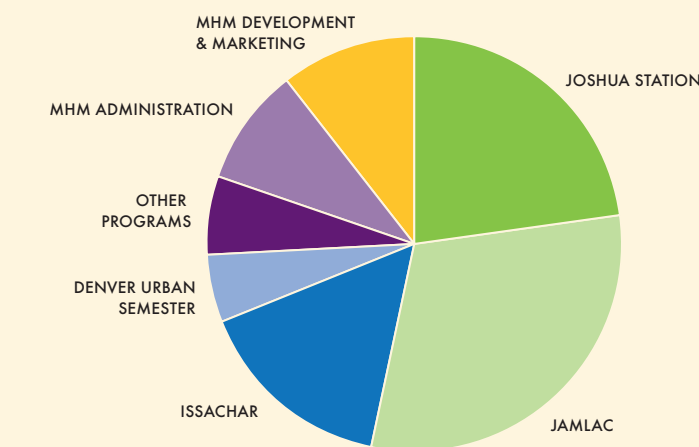
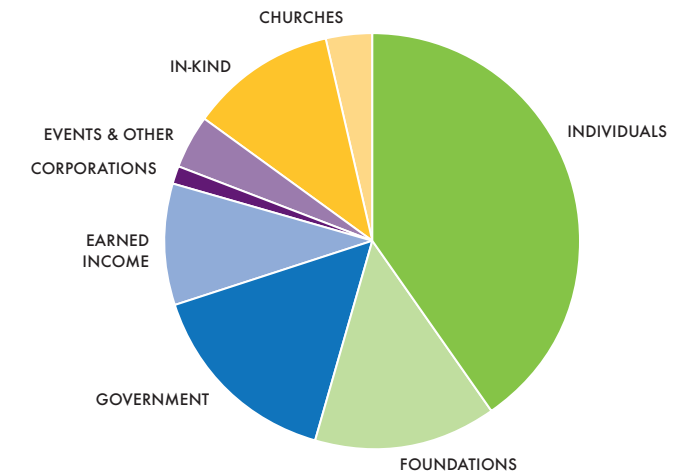
# FINANCIALS

## OPERATING INCOME

Fiscal Year 2014

Individuals .....	\$1,261,218
Foundations .....	\$448,696
Government .....	\$481,138
Earned Income .....	\$296,188
Corporations .....	\$46,507
Events & Other .....	\$130,656
In-Kind .....	\$355,996
Churches .....	\$105,060

**Total Operating Income .....**\$3,125,459



## OPERATING EXPENSES

Fiscal Year 2014

Joshua Station .....	\$674,768
JAMLAC .....	\$907,039
Issachar .....	\$461,963
Denver Urban Semester .....	\$148,243
Other Programs .....	\$187,426
MHM Administration .....	\$270,831
MHM Development & Marketing .....	\$304,862

**Total Operating Expenses .....**\$2,955,132



## Capital Projects

**Capital Income = \$535,682**

**Capital Expenditures = \$1,169,724**

Mile High Ministries is committed to excellence in financial stewardship and financial reports are audited annually.

*Fiscal Year 2014 is July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.*

# PARTNERS

997 Individual Donors Supported Mile High Ministries.  
More Than 3,300 Volunteers Gave Over 24,000 Hours of Service.

## FOUNDATIONS

A.V. Hunter Trust, Inc.  
AIG Matching Grants Program  
American Endowment Foundation  
American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association  
Anschutz Foundation  
Barnabas Foundation  
Carmax Foundation  
Matching Gifts Program  
Charles D. Trover Family Foundation  
Daniels Fund  
Denver Foundation  
Fidelity Charitable  
First Data Foundation  
Highlands Ranch Rotary Foundation  
Janus Foundation  
Julia-Ray Foundation  
LCMS Foundation  
Leadership Funding Foundation  
Leptas Foundation  
Living Legacy Foundation  
Michael Eugene Mead Rev Living Trust  
Nord Family Foundation  
Robert McCormick Tribune Foundation  
Schwab Charitable Foundation  
Silicon Valley Community Foundation  
Steward Shipping Foundation  
TyL Foundation  
Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program  
Walmart Foundation  
Xcel Energy Foundation

## CORPORATIONS

1st Net Real Estate Services  
4 Seasons Management Group  
Aeroflight Services LLC  
AGS Construction  
ASR Companies  
Bachus & Schanker Cares Foundation  
Benefitmart  
Benson Kerrane Storz & Nelson PC  
Branough Law Office  
Burns Figa & Will  
CoBank  
Cohen & Cohen PC  
Colorado Rockies Baseball Club  
Cornerstone  
Covenant Trust Company  
Diamond Vogel Paint  
Dufford & Brown, P.C.  
Ella Washington Agency  
Encore Automotive & Tires  
Engineering Analytics, Inc.  
Finn Real Estate, LLC  
FirstBank  
General Air Service & Supply  
Hall & Evans, LLC

Hansen & Company  
Harjes Design Haus  
Holland & Hart, LLP  
IBM Employee Services Center  
Information Research Technologies, INC.  
James Maurer Capital Partners Inc.  
JT Fitness LLC DBA Lifesports  
Kyle Kucharski Landscapes  
Lathrop & Gage, LLP  
LODO'S Bar & Grill  
Mastin Bergstrom LLC  
McCormick and Murphy, P.C.  
Melaleuca  
Monica Perez Enterprises, LLC  
More Than Hair, LLC  
Morgan Stanley  
Multilift  
Nelnet  
New Town Builders  
Noah's Ark  
Norwood Architecture  
Office Feeder  
Old Fashioned B-B-Q, Inc.  
O'Malley Law Office  
Orten, Cavanagh, Richmond & Holmes LLC  
Paradigma Strategy Consulting, LLC  
Poysti & Adams  
Reconstruction Experts  
SBSA Inc.  
Second Story Homes Real Estate  
Security First Insurance Agency  
Sleep Supply  
Smooth Stone Inc  
Team BeachBody  
The Marquis at the Parkway  
Thomas N. Scheffel & Associates, P.C.  
Turner Morris, Inc.  
UBS  
UMB Bank  
United Transportation Services  
Van Wyk Confections, LLC  
Vista Management Assoc., Inc.  
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
Westec Construction Management Co.  
Westwind Management Group

## CHURCHES

Arvada Covenant Church  
Bandon First Presbyterian Church  
Bear Valley Church  
BridgeWay Church  
Celebration Community Church  
Centennial Covenant Church  
Central Christian Church  
Cherry Hills Community Church  
Christ Church  
Christ Community Church

Church of the Holy Family  
City Church Denver  
Colorado Community Church  
Covenant Chapel  
Denver Community Church  
Evangelical Community Church, Bloomington IN  
Faith Lutheran Church  
First Christian Reformed Church  
First Denver Friends Church  
First Presbyterian Church, Golden  
First Presbyterian Church, Amarillo  
Heather Gardens Chapel  
New Denver Church  
NewLife Evangelical Free Church  
Open Door Fellowship Church  
Pathways Church  
Pinebrooke Community Church  
Red Rocks Church  
Saint Catherine Orthodox Church  
St. Gabriel Episcopal Church  
Third Christian Reformed Church  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Verdella Free Will Baptist Church  
WaterStone Community Church

## ORGANIZATIONS

1st Judicial District Bar Association  
Center for Students Missions  
Christian Legal Society  
Christian Living Communities - Holly Creek  
Colorado Knights of Columbus  
Colorado Women of Vision  
Delta Theta Tau Sorority  
Downing House  
Front Range Christian School  
Inner City Health Center  
Lanteri Center for Ignatian Spirituality  
The Micah Project  
United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania  
United Way of West Central Connecticut, Inc.

## STRATEGIC PARTNERS

1st Judicial District VALE Board  
2nd Judicial District VALE Board  
17th Judicial District VALE Board  
18th Judicial District VALE Board  
African Community Center  
Alternative Pregnancy Center  
Art Reach  
Belay Industries  
Bud's Warehouse  
Central Christian College  
Centro San Juan Diego  
Champa House  
Christ Body Ministries  
Claro

Clayton Early Learning  
CO State Family Violence Justice Fund  
Colorado Christian University  
Communities of Faith United  
Denver Rescue Mission  
Denver Seminary  
Denver Street School  
Dordt College  
Dry Bones  
Ecumenical Refugee Services  
Esther House  
Gathering Place  
Goodwill  
Hope College  
Hope House  
Inner City Health Clinic  
Joy House  
Judson University  
Kivu Gap Year  
Latina Safehouse  
Local Law Enforcement Agencies  
Lutheran Family Services  
Metro CareRing  
MORE Life Center  
Network Cafe  
Northwestern College  
Open Door Ministries  
Providence Network  
Salvation Army  
Samaritan House  
Save our Youth  
Savio House  
Servicios De La Raza  
St. Francis Center  
Stand up for Kids  
Sterling College  
Streets Hope  
Sturm College of Law, University of Denver  
Taylor University  
U.S. Department of Justice - Office on Violence Against Women  
University of Dakota Wesleyan  
University of Sioux Falls  
Upstream Impact  
Urban Peak  
Wheaton College  
Whitworth College  
Whiz Kids  
Women's Bean Project  
Young Life

*\*Not all partners listed due to space.*

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