### ANNUAL REPORT

2024

BRIDGE of GRACE
MINISTRIES

#### MISSION

We empower people to build on their God-given strengths and live life with purpose.

#### VISION

To break the cycle of poverty by building thriving and sustainable neighborhoods in southeast Fort Wayne.

#### PURPOSE

To close the gaps of opportunity and create access to resources southeast Fort Wayne residents need and opportunities they deserve.



It is amazing what God can do in a year! In 2024, Bridge of Grace had a lot to celebrate, including the opening of our new building thanks to the success and completion of our HOPE Unleashed capital campaign. With that dream becoming a reality, work began on another dream for our neighborhood with the groundbreaking of Brewer Park.

With the support of our community partners, sponsors, volunteers, and donors, we made strides in our goal and vision to build thriving and sustainable neighborhoods in southeast Fort Wayne.

Thank you for joining us last year in effort to break the cycle of poverty and close gaps of opportunity for the families we serve. Your generosity made an undeniable impact.

Bridge of Grace looks forward to serving with you in 2025!





#### BRIDGE OF GRACE RIBBON CUTTING

On June 11, 2024, we hosted the official celebration of our fully funded capital campaign and opening of our new building with a ribbon cutting. The building is home to our Early Years Academy, Alliance Health clinic, community spaces, and Bridge of Grace offices.







#### BREWER PARK GROUNDBREAKING

The groundbreaking ceremony on September 18, 2024, launched the construction and renovation of Brewer Park. This neighborhood park will offer a splash pad, pavilion, walking track, two basketball courts, and multi-age play spaces for families and residents of Mount Vernon Park. Brewer Park is expected to open Summer 2025.

#### BY THE NUMBERS

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#### PROUD TO SERVE SOUTHEAST FORT WAYNE WITH OUR ON-SITE PARTNERS IN 2024

#### Alliance





















In 2024, Bridge of Grace partnered with Westminster Preschools to provide quality early childhood education at our Early Years Academy. Doors opened in August, and since opening, 16 Early Years Academy staff members served 60 children ages six weeks through pre-k.









In an effort to develop the young leaders in our neighborhood, **Bridge of Grace** launched the Junior **MVP** Leadership Academy in 2024. Our first class consisted of 18 middle school and high school students.

#### SUMMER CAMP

## FLIGHT HOOL SCHOOL

For five weeks over the summer, 60 elementary students participated in the Summer Clubhouse Flight School. These happy campers experienced faith centered programs rich in reading, STEM, art, music, and field trips. Summer camp helps close opportunity gaps for our deserving youth.





## spring >> FORWARD

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, \$18,028 was raised for our social enterprise, MVP Landscaping, as well as our Housing initiative during our Spring Forward fundraiser in April.





#### MVP LANDSCAPING

MVP Landscaping, a Bridge of Grace social enterprise, employed 11 young adults from southeast Fort Wayne. The lawn maintenance and landscaping company provides opportunities and training for career and skill development.

#### HOUSING

In an effort to build thriving and sustainable neighborhoods, we renovated seven homes in the Mount Vernon Park and Pettit-Rudisill neighborhoods.

104 housing volunteers
helped us turn neglected
houses Into affordable and
accessible housing for the
families we serve.



#### 2024 COMMUNITY PARTNERS





































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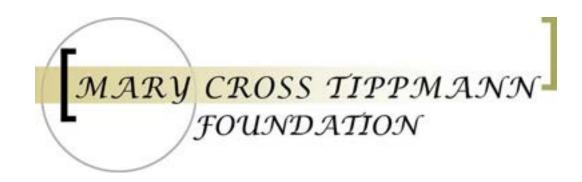
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