



FY 2014 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

**It's amazing what can be done in five years
when good people come together.**

In early 2010, a group of clergy, business leaders, and community volunteers launched Intown Collaborative Ministries. Our predecessor organization, Intown Community Assistance, had been serving the neighborhood since the early '80s but had a tragic fire from which they couldn't recover. Intown was born out of those figurative ashes with a mission to bring about long-term change in the lives of our homeless and hungry neighbors.

That first year, we had a part-time executive director, a food pantry, a handful of volunteers, 13 sponsoring congregations, and a passion and vision for service and transformation.

And transformation it has been. Our fledgling organization has transformed into a powerful presence in our community. From our Food Pantry we have added four more programs. We went from serving 200 people with 50 volunteers that first year to serving nearly 1,200 people this past year with the help of 400 volunteers. In five years we have grown tenfold, from a \$40,000 start-up to a \$447,000 organization.

But the real transformation has been in the thousands of lives we have touched these past five years. For the 72 people who were homeless who moved into their own apartment. For the 600 families who receive emergency food from our Pantry. To the chronically homeless neighbors who finally find a place of their own.

From the Executive Director



The most important work I have done in my life has been with Intown Collaborative Ministries over the past five years. We have literally been a life-saver for thousands of neighbors struggling to meet their basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter. Through the dark times of the recession, Intown has been a beacon of hope, walking with our neighbors, letting them know that we are here and we will be here to help them to a better place.

Intown Collaborative Ministries

Fiscal Year 2015 Program Accomplishments

July 2014–June 2015 Agency-Wide Results

- ⊙ 1,192 unduplicated people served, up 24% from previous year
- ⊙ Food ministries served 972 people, of which 155 were children and 163 were seniors
- ⊙ Food ministries served 162 individuals per week
- ⊙ Homeless ministries served 700 individuals
- ⊙ Homeless ministries served an average of 102 individuals per week

Results by Program



Food Pantry

The Food Pantry operates every Saturday morning from the Fellowship Hall of Druid Hills United Methodist Church. The objective of the Pantry is to provide groceries to alleviate the immediate hunger of local neighbors who are housed or homeless, focusing on ZIP codes 30306 and 30307.

- ⊙ Served 569 households made up of 906 unique individuals, a 47% increase from last year
- ⊙ An average of 99 guests per week
- ⊙ Guests made 5,214 visits to the Pantry, an average of 5.6 visits per person per year
- ⊙ Of our guests, 17% were children and 18% were seniors
- ⊙ Distributed over 70,000 pounds of food, an increase of 23% from last year, worth \$118,000



Outreach

Our homeless Outreach program was launched in August 2014 with the objective of working to contact, assess, and connect our neighbors who are chronically homeless with needed services.

- ⊙ 107 guests contacted and served through our Resource Table at the Intown Food Pantry and Mercy Community Church
- ⊙ 27 Outreach partners assessed and served by the Director of Outreach to connect with needed services
- ⊙ 9 moved into permanent housing

Financial Overview

Revenue

Community Partners	\$ 116,631
Individuals	97,041
Sponsoring Congregations	77,181
Events	55,381
Foundations	59,350
Government	6,225
Total	\$ 411,809



Expenses

Programs	\$ 363,105
Development	23,757
Administration	20,440
Total	\$ 407,381

89%
Program



Heading Home

Heading Home is a case management program that helps homeless men and women overcome the final barriers to income and housing. Heading Home assists homeless men and women in 30306 and 30307 transition from the streets or shelters to permanent, stable housing via increased income, establishing financial savings, and securing affordable housing.

- ⊙ 20 clients served from local shelters and Sponsoring Congregations
- ⊙ 14 (70%) found full-time work, 5 (25%) found part-time work, and 1 (5%) received disability income
- ⊙ 10 (50%) moved into permanent housing (1 reunited with family), 1 (5%) was referred to another shelter, 7 (35%) remained in shelters
- ⊙ 10 housed clients saved a total of \$8,500 of their income, which was matched by Intown



Food Co-ops

The Food Co-ops grew out of the Food Pantry in 2011. They operate in the William Booth Towers and Briarcliff Summit apartment buildings. One part food security, one part community-building, the Co-ops provide stable, long-term food to low-income neighbors while helping members take greater control of their food security and build a stronger community. Members join and pay a small fee—they are participants, not recipients—and receive groceries of their choosing twice a month, including fresh fruits and vegetables.

- ⊙ Served 63 members who are low-income seniors or adults with disabilities
- ⊙ Members received \$90 worth of food for a \$10 monthly fee, which is used for transportation and administration
- ⊙ Distributed over 40,000 pounds of food, including 10,000 pounds of fresh produce, a 40% increase from last year

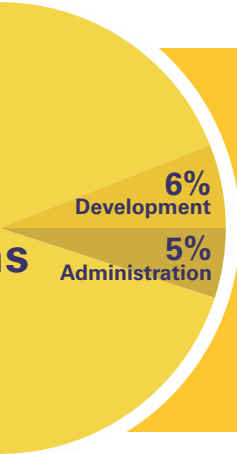


Clothing Closet

In 2014, we opened a Clothing Closet for interview and casual clothing plus hygiene items. Our boutique-like urban clothing “shop” is open every Monday and is the only option for homeless and low-income men and women in the neighborhood who cannot afford professional clothing.

- ⊙ 1,293 visits made by 528 unique individuals
- ⊙ An average of 25 guests shopped per week
- ⊙ Distributed over \$15,000 worth of clothes and hygiene items

Program photos: Amber Williams / Intown



Intown shifted its fiscal year on July 1, 2014, from the calendar year to a July–June fiscal year. This report covers July 1, 2014–June 30, 2015. Unaudited financials include cash and in-kind contributions before depreciation.

Mission: work to prevent and reverse homelessness and hunger in Intown Atlanta by building a healthy community through strong relationships and transformed lives.

Vision: a thriving Intown community where no one is homeless and no one is hungry.

Core Values: Dignity, Relationships, Accountability, Empowerment, Long-term and Sustainable Solutions

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