

GREATER THAN!



Building Hope: BY THE NUMBERS

SUMMARY REPORT FOR 2018

Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these...

- JESUS

EQUIPPING CITY MINISTRY LEADERS

BHITC cultivates new and expanded approaches to urban ministry by developing emerging and indigenous faith leaders. We pilot new approaches to faith-inspired ministries and are passionate about investing in people. 2018 accomplishments include:

- **6** emerging pastors and ministry leaders enrolled in **Transform216** for urban leadership mentoring and coaching. **500** community contacts were made through these efforts, **150** people reactivated or integrated into the family of God by participation in weekly worship and congregational life.
- **120** new volunteers incorporated into city ministries.
- **240** regular volunteers participated in efforts to witness to the city.
- **\$519,268** in labor value invested by our volunteers.
- **579** local Cleveland citizens received training in urban and cross-cultural ministry.

STRENGTHENING NEIGHBORS AND NEIGHBORHOODS

Our housing and community development initiative strives to restore blighted residential properties as a means of supporting local families in our programs, generating employment and redeveloping city neighborhoods. Achievements in the Clark-Fulton/Stockyards neighborhood include:

- Completed renovation on a large two-family home into a group home for **6 – 8** veterans.
- Acquired **5** properties since the initiative's launch, with plans to complete renovations in 2019.
- Launched a brand-new education enrichment site at the **City Life Center**, serving **8** students in the neighborhood, strengthening our relationship with the Clark-Fulton/Stockyards neighborhood.
- **2,500** toys donated to our Christmas Store which took place at the Family Ministry Center, where **76** families shopped for low-cost, new Christmas gifts for **235** kids. **150** volunteers made this event possible!



ENGAGING THE MARKETPLACE

Common Threads Thrift, BHITC's first social enterprise, was voted 2017 & 2018 Thrift Store of the Year by readers of Scene magazine! The primary purpose of this business venture is the common good of the city and the advancement of God's kingdom. Since its launch in 2016:

- Provided employment for **30** people, **16** at present.
- **67,000** customers/sales transactions.
- **225,000** pounds of textiles recycled and kept out of landfill.
- **\$750,000** in net sales.

PARTNERING WITH REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS

The only ongoing community resource center for Cleveland's rapidly growing refugee and immigrant community, the Hope Center addresses early resettlement needs and leads the Church's welcome and loving upon of this population in this city. Here are the accomplishments of the Center in 2018:

- An average of **350** refugees and immigrants served every week.
- Provided employment-related assistance to **48** people.
- **35** individuals were paired with BHITC volunteers in mentor relationships.
- **125** adults were registered this year for English as a Second Language classes.
- Aided **215** refugees to become new American citizens and assisted in **378** immigration cases.
- **75** students attended after-school and summer education enrichment sessions, **75%** of them had a reading growth level of **1** grade level or higher.