

# Community Connections

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*An update on what we  
do because of you!*

Together we can...

## Cultivate meaningful partnerships

Konstanze remembers her first time participating in the WRAM/WMOI Freezing for Food campaign. “When my dad was laid off after Maytag closed, our family relied on the JCC food pantry,” she shared. Now, her family gives back by contributing to community food drives. “It doesn’t take much of my time, but it makes a huge difference,” she said with a smile.



Konstanze Fowler and Dorothy Ricketts, representatives of Security Savings Bank, have long been dedicated supporters of Jamieson Community Center. Their commitment is rooted in a shared passion for uplifting the community and ensuring that JCC’s services remain accessible and

impactful. Through their involvement, they’ve witnessed how small acts of generosity can create lasting change.

Dorothy’s support goes beyond her professional ties to the bank. She views her contributions to the endowment fund as an investment in the community’s long-term well-being. “Supporting the endowment fund is about ensuring that Jamieson Community Center can meet the needs of our community, not just today, but for generations to come,” she explained. Her belief in the power of collective action reflects her genuine care for the community and its future.

Security Savings Bank encourages giving through its Employee Engagement Committee, which focuses on identifying ways for staff to get involved in the community. One major initiative is the partnership with JCC to deliver Weekend Meals to children in the Monmouth-Roseville School District. The program is strongly supported by the bank’s president, Brad Ray, who actively encourages employee involvement.

Both Dorothy and Konstanze believe that supporting JCC is key to fostering stability within the community. Dorothy is particularly excited about the upcoming Resource Connections program at the Monmouth Resource Center, noting, “It’s a blessing to have a facility like Jamieson Community Center in our community.”

Their stories highlight the power of local partnerships and personal involvement in strengthening the mission of Jamieson Community Center and its impact on the surrounding community.

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**Our mission:** The mission of Jamieson Community Center is to coordinate programs addressing the needs of all ages, provide services which extend widely into the community and surrounding area and work in cooperation with social service agencies in the region.

**Our vision:** Jamieson Community Center leads a collaborative effort to unify people through compassion, kindness and service.

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## Nourish our community

Luke Williams has been part of the Bimbo Bakeries USA team for the past seven months, drawn to the company's inspiring purpose: "Nourishing a Better World." Bimbo Bakeries USA is known for its strong commitment to supporting nonprofits and its partnership with Feeding America. For Luke, this purpose is more than a slogan—it's a mission he lives every day.

As a Route Sales Professional, Luke not only delivers bread to his Monmouth route every Monday and Thursday but also ensures the products are displayed, labeled, and monitored for quality. When bread approaches its "best buy" date, instead of letting it go to waste, Luke ensures it serves a greater purpose. The bread is collected and distributed to food pantries, churches, and organizations like Jamieson Community Center.



Luke's commitment to reducing waste stems from his 13 years as a grocery store manager, where he was troubled by the amount of unsold food discarded. When he met Randy, a JCC employee who frequently picks up donations from local businesses, Luke learned about JCC's mission and decided to donate surplus bread locally rather than returning it to his hub in Fort Madison.

Thanks to Luke, JCC's food pantry receives about 100 bread items weekly, helping to feed the community. Luke's dedication to both his work and his community shines through in his words: "I don't want anyone to suffer. When people need help, I'm glad we can be there."

\*Tony commented that we just don't realize how much having the JCC food pantry meant to him. He expressed several times how grateful he was.

Jamieson Community Center is grateful for Luke's efforts and the generous support from Bimbo Bakeries USA. Through Luke's initiative, this meaningful contribution is helping to nourish the community and make a real difference in the lives of those served by JCC's food pantry.

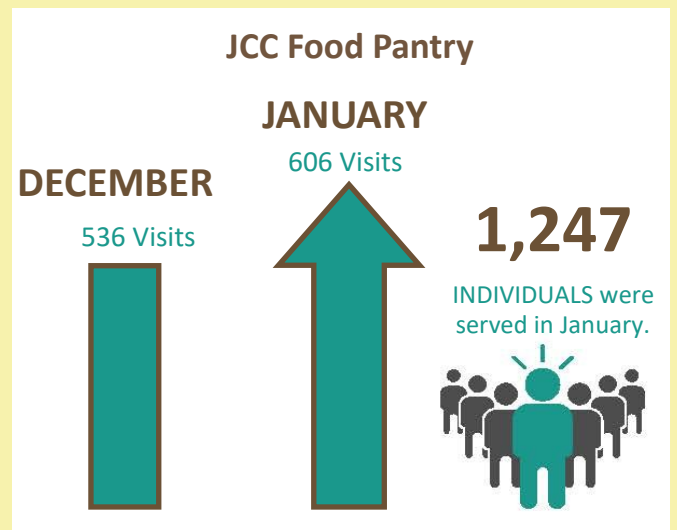
\*Name changed for privacy

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## Fight hunger, one box at a time

The need for our food pantry continues to grow, and we couldn't keep our shelves stocked without the incredible support of our community. One item we just can't keep on hand is cereal—a staple for a healthy breakfast.

Last year, United Way of Greater Warren County set a goal to collect 1,000 boxes of cereal—and they met it! We are so grateful for their ambition to host this food drive again, teaming up once again with Monmouth College's Department of Theatre to make it happen. Now through the end of April, they are collecting cereal to support Jamieson Community Center, and we couldn't be more grateful for their generosity.



You can support their efforts by donating cereal at County Market, Fareway, and Save A Lot in Monmouth.

# In 2024 **YOU** lifted our community through connection, compassion and service

## Food Pantries plus more



**JCC Food Pantry**  
**3,120 people** received **114,069 lbs.** of food in our food pantry.



**\*Recharge Food Pantry**  
 We served at least **344 people** nutritious food Eagle View Community Health System's Recharge Teen Center.



**\*Weekend Meals**  
**80 children** ate **16,632** shelf-stable Weekend Meals.



### Diapers, Incontinence, & Period Supplies

**208 children** received **49,900** diapers, **10 people** received **880** incontinence products, and **50 individuals** received **192** period kits in partnership with Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank.

## Prepared Meals



**Senior Nutrition**  
**466 people**, aged 60 and older, in Henderson, Mercer, and Warren Counties ate **48,863 meals**, with menus specifically designed to meet the nutritional needs of older adults.



**Summer Meals**  
 In partnership with Lincoln Homes, **20 children** ate **457 hot meals** during June, July, and August

## Personal Growth



**Pattee Learning Center**  
**43 children** grew academically and personally with **3,748 hours** of reading, writing and math tutoring.

## Daily Living



**\*Thrift Store**  
**60 people/day** shopped for unique finds, clothing and household items priced for every budget.



**Bill Pay Assistance**  
**\$4,621.84** ensured **333 people** had running water and access to prescription drugs.



**Community Christmas Store/Baskets**  
**473 children** opened gifts Christmas morning. **243 people** enjoyed Christmas dinner.



**S.T.A.R.S.**  
**164 children** started school with a new backpack filled with all teacher required supplies.

\*To help reduce barriers to access, JCC does not require data to track the total number of visits by any individual. Stats represent the highest number served in any given month.

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## Serve our community



gifts up to  
**\$250**



gifts between  
**\$251—\$500**



gifts between  
**\$501—\$1,000**



gifts over  
**\$1,000**

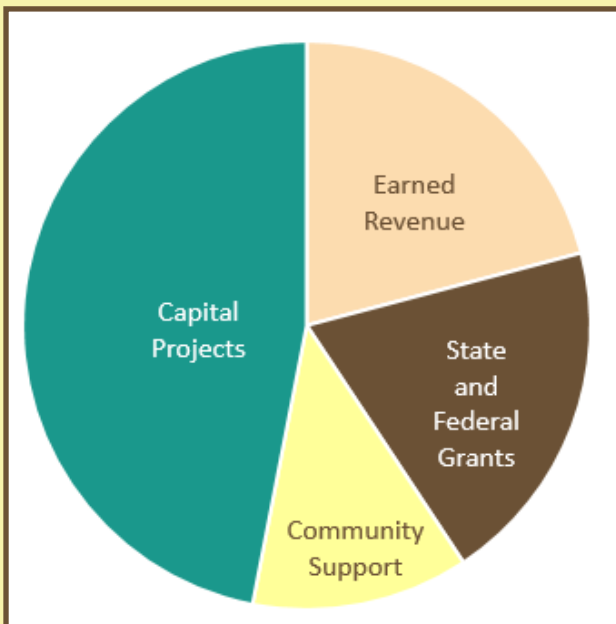


Volunteers who gave  
**1,385 hours**

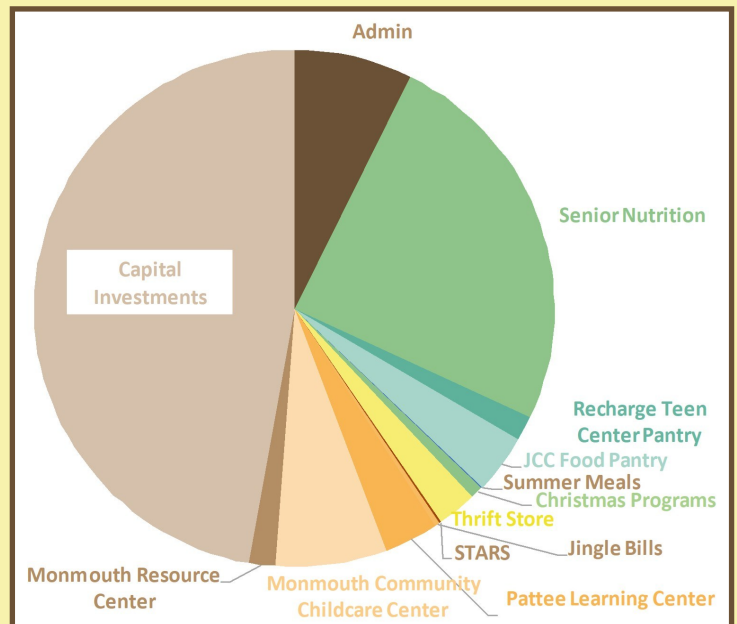
### In-Kind Donations

We are thankful for all Individuals, organizations, churches and groups who donated items to the thrift store, food pantry, Community Christmas Store, and S.T.A.R.S. program.

### 2024 Revenue



### 2024 Expenses



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## Build a brighter future



The energy in the room was electric. Cheers erupted as another race winner was announced. Behind the betting window, Chris smiled, handing out tickets and taking in the excitement of her first A Night at the Races last March.

Just months earlier, she hadn't heard of Jamieson Community Center. But when long-time friend Kassie Wollbrink encouraged her to join the board, everything changed. "A friend encouraged me, and once I learned about JCC's work, I knew I wanted to be involved," Chris recalls.

Chris Lung jumped right in, volunteering at JCC's first major fundraiser since the pandemic. "It was a fun night. People really got into it, and placing bets made them feel part of the excitement." Now, she's helping plan the second annual event on April 5th, with proceeds supporting JCC's Weekend Meals program. This program provides six meals every weekend to 80 Monmouth-Roseville children in Pre-K through 6th grade, ensuring they have breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the school year.

Chris's involvement with the JCC board led her to volunteer at the Community Christmas Store last year, where she worked at the registration table, welcoming participants as they arrived. Reflecting on the experience, she noted, "It was wonderful to see the impact JCC has on the community. People were so grateful for this program."

Looking ahead, Chris is excited about JCC's upcoming initiatives, including the childcare center and expanded resource connections, which will allow the organization to serve even more families. Chris's journey with JCC is just beginning. She's proud to contribute her time and energy to creating a brighter future for all.

**2nd ANNUAL**

 *A Night at the Races* 

**Experience the Thrill of Horse Racing**

Who will cross the finish line first? Place your bets and watch the action unfold on the big screen!

**Saturday, April 5, 2025**  
**Doors open 5:30 PM, Post Time 6:15 PM**  
**Meks on Main**

ADMISSION  
**Must be 21 or older to attend the event**

Includes a seat, heavy hors d'oeuvres, 2 free drink tickets, racing guide, and fun money for betting  
\$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 at door QR Buy a reserved table of 6 for \$150

**ADDITIONAL FUN MONEY FOR SALE**

CASH BAR	BEST HAT CONTEST
AUCTION ITEMS	"BEST BETTOR"



**Name A Horse: \$20**  
**You name the horse and the owner**  
**If your horse wins the race, you win a trophy!!!**  
All proceeds benefit JCC Weekend Meals

Use your phone camera to scan the QR code, then click on the link to make purchases.



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## Bring out the best in people

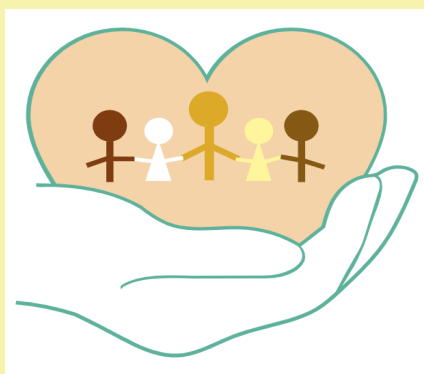
After 10 years at JCC, I recognize the signs of need. Often, there are subtle clues: Joey's slumped shoulders, Molly's downcast eyes, Avery's clothes that do not fit quite right, or Carol who gets way too excited when she sees me. Because we love people, we notice them, pay attention to their cues, start a conversation, and suggest options that might get them closer to where they want to be.

In ten years, I've seen the children we serve become young adults. They are excited to share their accomplishments with me as they venture out into the world. Their successes are your successes. I am confident their lives are better because of JCC.

*Nancy Mowen*

**Executive Director**

To opt out of JCC's Community Connections, please send an e-mail to [thejamiesoncenter@gmail.com](mailto:thejamiesoncenter@gmail.com) with OPT OUT in the subject line.



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