Dear Friends,

Thank you for making 2017 such an abundantly blessed year for Christ Kitchen as a standalone ministry. It is through the provision, protection and guidance of our Almighty God and the steadfast faithfulness of His Saints, like you, that Christ Kitchen celebrated two decades of service to women in poverty in January of 2018!

In my short time as Executive Director at Christ Kitchen, one thing that stands out above and beyond all else is PASSION. Passion is a deep, powerful emotion that summons a genuine call to action in some capacity. Each person I have encountered cares so passionately for our women and the work that The Lord is doing in the lives of everyone who enters through our doors. I am so honored to be a part of such a committed community.

With over 23 thousand women living in or below the poverty line in the Spokane area, the need for this ministry is astronomically great. Our dedicated staff and selfless volunteers have done an incredible job at expanding our outreach, while strengthening our programs and services and loving deeply with wild abandonment in the name of Jesus. Here are just a few impact highlights:

Victories in 2017:
- Graduated five women into sustainable employment
- Graduated two women into leadership roles within Christ Kitchen
- Rejoiced in over 2,007.75 volunteer hours
- Shouted Praise! For a cleared product warehouse
- Conducted 20 Christ Kitchen 101 Sessions

Today, this ministry is…
- Providing employment for 23 women in May 2018, up 300% over last year
- Supplying 19 grocery stores with our wholesale product line
- Providing expanded work hours in 2018
- Developing and expanding our Job Training Matrix and Life Skills Program
- Developing and growing our monthly Sustainer of Hope Partnership Program

Thank you for being a part of every one of these amazing, Kingdom impacting triumphs! Our ongoing goal is to keep our overhead as low as possible, while increasing our products and services, enabling us to hire more women and share the redeeming, life changing love of Jesus.

You truly do make this possible through your obedience and investment of time, talent and treasure in support of our important mission. It is my earnest pleasure to work with an impeccable Board of Directors, talented volunteers, generous donors, and the most amazing staff; all of whom are willing to do what it takes to make a Kingdom difference, one life at a time.

Thank you again for wholeheartedly being a life preserving, passionate partner of Christ Kitchen. We are looking forward to another tremendous year in 2018.

Kim Kelly
Executive Director

To help us steward our finances properly the next newsletter will be in limited print.
Please email your preferred email address to sales@christkitchen.org and put Newsletter in the subject line so you don’t miss out!
Linette Herrera  
Christ Kitchen Board Member

WHO, ME? When I was first approached to become a member of the Board of Directors at Christ Kitchen, my first thought was, “I am not qualified.” Not me, no way! I am not experienced enough, I am not wealthy, and I have no “connections.” I assumed it must be a mistake; if they really knew me, surely they would regret the invitation. What could I offer? That invitation, however, came with instructions: “Pray about it. Ask God if this is where He wants you.” I wanted to say no, but Christ Kitchen was where He wanted me, and I said yes. Next, I was filled with excitement to learn about the operation, to learn what had been working, and to learn what needed improvement. My experience as owner of Catered for You, a full-service catering company here in Spokane, was just what the ministry needed. In hindsight, as typically happens with me, I could see God’s plan. I was in the right place, at the right time, to do His work through my hands.

As a Board member, I have met a variety of Christian business people that I now call teammates. We work together to ensure that the ministry is moving in the right direction. We work together to ensure your donations are properly steward- ed. We are learning to lead according to the best practices of Board Governance with the help of experienced Christian mentors. It has been a rewarding journey so far, and I am anxious to learn where God wants to take me as I continue to grow in the position. We all have something to offer. If you feel that you are “not qualified” I challenge you to think again. What in your background, experience, or knowledge can you offer? 1 Cor 12:18-20 “But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body.” Peace to you.

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-Christ Kitchen 101's-
Please join us for a complimentary breakfast OR lunch. We will be sharing the vision, mission and passion of Christ Kitchen as a standalone ministry. You will hear about where we are going from here and how you can be involved in the Kingdom impacting work being done here! Please RSVP to reserve a spot!

**Held on the fourth Wednesday of every month.**
7:30-8:30 AM for Breakfast OR 12:00-1:00 PM for Lunch

-**Upcoming Events**-
Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

**September 10:** Annual Christ Kitchen Luncheon  
20 Year Celebration

**December 9:** Gingerbread

**February 2019:** Raise a Glass
“In the Fight Against Poverty”

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Kari Kelli  
Development Manager

When I was growing up, my Dad always told me, “The older you get, the faster time goes!” I must admit, as a young child those words didn’t hold much weight in my mind. It is hard to believe that twelve months have gone by since Christ Kitchen launched as a stand-alone ministry, but, they have and my Dad’s words ring true, time has gone by quickly. A few more words that have settled in my heart over the last year are, “We live by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7. And, lastly, I still have the note I referred to last year that one of our partners sent us that says, “Faith kicks in about now!” These words, wise words, have spoken volumes to me in this last year.

My heart is full of gratitude as I look back and see how in my blindness, God has reminded me that I need not be able to “see” in order to experience His vision. I need to stay faithful and faithFULL! So many of you have played such an integral part in God’s vision and plan for Christ Kitchen and our doors remain open because you have selflessly given of your time, talent and treasure. It has been my pleasure to get to know many of you, to hear your stories behind why you choose to partner with us and to share with you what God is doing in the lives of the women who call the Kitchen home. If we haven’t had the opportunity to get together, know that I would be honored to meet with you. Please call the Kitchen or email me at kari@christkitchen.org to set up a time for lunch or coffee.

We can’t and would never want to do this alone. Christ Kitchen is a team effort and we are blessed that you are a part of our team!  
*To God be the Glory!*
Abbey
Housing through Salvation Army, working FT at McDonalds and going to school.

Alice
Moved on to care for her son.

Ashley
Working full time and is reunited with her son.

Auldine
Working full time.

Becky
Taking care of her daughter and her body physically could not do the work. She is now on SSI.

Bernadette
Out of the program and caring for adult children and grandchildren.

Bobbi
Got visitation with her kids and is working part time.

Candice
Reunited with family in Hawaii.

Cassie
Full time grocery outlet, moved into management : Update: In jail for old charges. Filled with Jesus and happier then she has ever been.

Cathy
Full time caretaker employment.

Christal
Full time school as an X-ray Tech and caring for her children.

Clara
Full time care giver and mother.

Connie
Full time at Home Health Care, now Relapsed.

Crystal
Entered into a treatment center and now has one year clean and is in her own place.

Cynthia
Working outside of the Kitchen and caring for her grandchild.

Cynthia
Quite for medical reasons.

Dawn
Fell back into addiction, back in prison.

Deidre
Working part time job at Anna Ogden Hall and teaching at Awana at her church.

Diana
Anna Ogden Hall Recovery Program: Update: Now living in a group home and doing well.

Emily
Works full time with full benefits and is in marriage classes, relapsed.

Georganne
Back in addiction.

Georgia
Secured a supervisor position with a medical building cleaning after hours.

Jamie
Full time employment with benefits and volunteers at 2nd Harvest.

Janelle
Off the program, addicted.

Janelle
Working fulltime and in marriage classes and working toward reunification with family.

Jean
Unknown

Jennifer
Reunited with two of her three disabled children, working full time with benefits.

Jennifer
Entered into Mariam's House.

Jessica
Full time job at Days Inn.

Julie
In-house treatment center currently.

Katie
Attending school to become a substance abuse counselor.

Kelli
Quit.

Kellyann
Medical Issues, moved.

Lisa
Works part time and started her own business.

Lisa
Recovering from Breast Cancer, visits us often.

Lori
Secured a job with Duram School Bus Services.

Lynn
Off the program due to medical reasons. Can no longer work and continues to volunteer.

Melissa
Living in Idaho, working full time as a house-keeper.

Melanie
Working full-time and caring for her daughter.

Meranda
Working full time, continues to work toward being united with her son and now has another baby.

Natalie
Unknown.

Nativia
Working full time with benefits, moved to Utah.

Robyn
Full time employment with a family dining restaurant.

Shannon
Working full time in Deer Park.

Sharon
Mental Health Issues.

Shelly
Quit.

Stephaine
Back in addiction.

Stephanie
Full time employment with the Airport Food Dining Court.

Susan
Works at Alderwood Manor, continues to volunteer.

Tammi
Gained employment after injury and rehab.

Wendy
Works full time at Alderwood Manor.

Windy
Working fulltime at Providence.

Zelma
Out of the program.
My name is Adam King and I work as a Relationship Manager for Wells Fargo. I first heard about Christ Kitchen from a good friend of mine who was serving on the Mission Impact Council (MIC). He told me about the organization and encouraged me to get involved and support the ministry. After receiving the tour and having a better understanding of how the ministry worked, I was excited to contribute. What drew me to the organization was that rather than a handout they were offering a hand up.

There are an abundance of organizations in town that provide food and shelter for the poor and needy, many of which do a wonderful job demonstrating Christ’s love. With that being said, Christ Kitchen differentiates its self by providing on the job training through meaningful work for underprivileged women. These women are offered a paying job where they can learn to work, learn to be employable and ultimately to support themselves without dependence on the government and/or others.

They do all this while being shown the love and grace of our heavenly father through the wonderful staff. It is here at the kitchen where these women are offered a chance at something more for there life, a chance for change. This was exactly the type of organization I wanted to be apart of.

I have been serving on the MIC for 4 years, during this time there have been significant changes in both the organization and the MIC. Despite obstacles, the Kitchen has continued to grow in both employment and sales. Similarly, we are eager to expand membership on the MIC. The committee is tasked with sharing the Kitchen’s mission & vision in our community in an effort to encourage support.

If you are interested in connecting your time, talent or treasures with the ministry, please reach out to the kitchen and see how you can get involved. We are always looking for new MIC members!

We are still open normal business hours during the Monroe Street Construction Project. Come on in!

Let us cater your next event. Our box lunch is perfect for business meetings, family gatherings, bible studies, and events of all kind.

- Chicken Salad Sandwich
- Gluten-Free Box Lunch: Curried Egg Salad on Romaine, Rice Crackers, Salad, Fruit, Glorious Gluten-Free Cookie
- Dilly Tuna Sandwich
- Soup & Salad: Soup of the day and Chef salad
- Hummus Sandwich (Vegetarian)
- Meat & Cheese Sandwich
- Salad Trio: Three Christ Kitchen Salads w/ Cornbread & Honey Butter [1 Meat salad, 1 Chef Choice Signature Salad and 1 Green Salad]
- Breakfast Box: Sarah’s Scone or Barnabus Breakfast Bar, Goliath Granola, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice
- Manwhich Breakfast Box: Sausage, egg, hash brown burrito with Goliath Granola, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice

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Party with a **Purpose!!**

There are so many times we want to give more to those that have a need….we want to help, to make a difference. **What makes the difference?** “…for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:35-40).

**Party with a Purpose………**

Is one of these ways we can make a difference in the life of another in the name of Jesus Christ! The Lord is very clear on helping those in need, and our **Party with a Purpose** is founded on these vital scriptures:

**Acts 20:35 ESV:** In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’

**Proverbs 19:17:** Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

**Matthew 25:35-40:** For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. ’Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’...’

**Galatians 6:2 ESV:** Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

**Deuteronomy 15:11:** For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’

**Impact the life of a woman at Christ Kitchen today!**

**Host a “Party with a Purpose.”**

It is easy, fun and very impactful. You INVITE your friends, neighbors, co-workers, church groups, and everyone in-between to a selected night at Christ Kitchen!

Select a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday night to host your Purpose Party at Christ Kitchen, create a FREE e-vite invitation at [www.evite.com](http://www.evite.com), call, email and evite everyone.

Choose a party type: Soup, Salad or Desert and we do the rest!! We prepare a selection products for your guests to sample, along with coffee and tea.

You and your guests will enjoy delicious food, fellowship, recipe ideas and more! You will then hear an impactful testimony of one of our Christ Kitchen Women.

Everyone at your party will receive 10% off all of their purchases that night with **ALL THE PROCEEDS GO TOWARD EMPLOYING MORE WOMEN!**

$50.00 Provides One Day of Work. $200.00 Provides One Month of Work. $2000.00 Provides ONE entire YEAR of work! Minimum $50.00 party purchase is requested.

**Call TODAY to set up your Party with a Purpose and impact a life forever! 509-325-4343**
Jan Bowes Martinez  
*Christ Kitchen Founder*

Who could have imagined 20 years ago that Christ Kitchen would grow into a thriving business, a successful employer, a home for community volunteers and a distinguished local ministry? Certainly not me in 1998 when all I wanted to do was to attract Christ Clinic patients to Bible study. God knew how overwhelmed I would have been had He told me His plans! Do you know how many times over the years I prayed, “God, I am just a therapist. What am I doing selling beans?” And through it all, it has been an honor to be a part of His miracles as He grew us up. He brought gifted, energetic, faithful women, like Kim, Kari, Amy and Linda, to provide their gifts, wisdom, foresight and valuable infrastructure to meet the demands of this flourishing ministry/business.

The best part in all these years is hearing the testimony of countless women who’ve come to know the Lord and seeing their whole lives transformed as a result. THANK YOU for being a part of our little business of selling beans as God goes about His big business of changing lives!

P.S. We’re throwing a BIG 20th anniversary party on September 10th with Jill Briscoe as speaker! **SAVE THE DATE!**