



Dear Friends,

My journey with Christ Kitchen began almost eleven years ago and I stay continually amazed that God leads, guides, protects and provides for this ministry..... His ministry every year, in a way that only He can. It has been nearly a year since we started the battle against COVID-19, and in that time all our lives have been changed — and far too many have dealt with great personal loss. After months of physical distancing and caring for one another's health and safety, the news of the vaccine rollout offers great hope.

Spring is always a reflective time for me. As the old deadness of winter fades into new, budding possibilities of HOPE and new beginnings offered to us in spring. It is also a time that we witness great resiliency. One of my spring traditions to find a quiet space with Jesus and search within my heart to reflect on the challenges of the year that has passed and look toward the hope and joy for the future girded on the resiliency and strength found in Jesus.

FY20, to say the least, has been a challenging one for our mission to provide hope and healing to women in poverty. The obstacles and many challenges we encountered as the COVID-19 pandemic made its presence known, has offered opportunity to further develop and implement practices, policies, and procedures to protect the health and safety of our staff and clients while continuing to provide the critical life changing services as we adept to these uncertain economic times. We have also been given such occasions to be grateful beyond words.

We are grateful for our community whose heroic efforts have kept our programs running and ladies served and paid 100% during the pandemic. We are thankful for the hundreds of business partners who have been the hands and feet of Jesus to this ministry through prayer, resources, and support. We are humbled by the generosity of thousands who responded with financial contributions to help us meet the increased costs we encountered while responding to COVID in all our program settings. I am proud of the "can-do" attitude of my faithful staff.

We are grateful to have finally launched our 8th job training matrix, our barista program and coffee house, "Daily Bread Brews." This program as shown a 44% increase in café sales since it's onset on September 29, 2020. And, despite the many unknowns that the future holds, we are filled with hope as we turn the calendar and start a new fiscal year. We are hopeful because: We serve a loving Lord that is the same, yesterday, today, and always, Hebrews 13:8. He alone is a good, good God. He is faithful. He is our provider. He is present. He is all powerful. He sees. He hears. He knows. He loves. He of for us. He comforts. He sustains. He is our refuge. He is our redeemer. He restores our souls. He is our Good Shepherd. He is the lifter of our heads. He gives grace. He makes us new. He is our protector. We are His, purchased by His redeeming love.

We can take catering orders again as well as host a few individuals in our café. Volunteers, in small numbers and under specific circumstances, are being allowed to return to our programs. We have taken a huge hit without these faithful saints that cover the cost of our overhead through their selfless service to our ministry. Our Food truck can be out and about in the community again, offering both exposure and work hours to the ladies in our program.

So, I say thank you to you. Thank you for loving this ministry and supporting us so well. Because of your faithfulness, women learn job and life skills and find new HOPE in Christ. Because of you, they go from barely surviving, to thriving; contributing and to knowing they are loved, living in faith, and finding life sustaining employment. Self-sufficient and Christ reliant.

I am so deeply grateful for the love and support that you, God's Saints, have provided us in the last twelve months and over the past two decades. For the partnership you have deepened with our mission, and for the care you show for the precious ladies in our program.

We could not have and cannot continue to do the work we are called to do without you. When you look at the list of ladies that have changed their lives and the lives of the children that rely on them for survival since 2015, know that you are a huge part of that! Great is your faithfulness to Him, His work, and His people. Thank you.

***Kim Kelly***

Executive Director/CEO  
Christ Kitchen



***Fred Fleming***  
*Christ Kitchen Board Member*

Jesus said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field. Now go, I am sending you... Luke 10:2-3

My lovely wife Vicki and I are both fourth-generation farmers. We have been married for 50 years and we are no strangers to hard work. We have been involved in over 60+ harvests growing up and know about being responsible for the harvest and the importance of strong community.

Luke 10: 2-3 speaks to the inner soul of how we are. Christ Kitchen does just that! They are a strong community of women, harvesting for the Kingdom of God in and through the lives of the precious women in the program. Women that do extremely hard work every day to change the course of their lives and the lives of the children that rely on them for survival.

I was first introduced to Christ Kitchen in 2005 when I along with Shepherd’s Grain donated flour for the Gingerbread fund-raising event that is held every year. And as a result, I have been fondly known as “Farmer Fred” to the ladies at the Kitchen. From the very first day to today I am a big supporter of Christ Kitchen and the work that God does there.

In 2019 Kim Kelly asked me to serve on the board of Christ Kitchen which I was honored to do. In November of 2020 I had to take a small absents from the Board as I had three strokes and subsequently, three operations. It is a miracle that I am here with you today.

Largely due to the “strong community” that surrounded me, which included wonderful doctors, nurses, and support staff of Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center, and of course the many prayers from family and friends. Among these praying friends were the steadfast ladies of Christ Kitchen. I am happy to say that I will now be returning to the combine and will start harvesting again in the name of Jesus. I am humbled and honored to give back and serve my Lord at Christ Kitchen.

Farmer Fred Fleming



***Jim & Jane***  
*Christ Kitchen Partners*

Our introduction to Christ Kitchen began with a pot of Chariots of Chili, Blue Corn Bread and some lovely sweet offerings served at a dinner/seminar that focused on Spokane programs that provide services to help give a helping hand in our community.

Not only did that meal feed our bodies; it fed our spirits and encouraged us to find opportunities to share blessings and help support others in our community. Since that first encounter, we’ve learned much more about Christ Kitchen’s wonderful ministry and how they provide support, training, guidance and love to women in our community.

We’ve met women there who have found a new way forward, as well as those who help to form and lead the efforts of this great organization.

Positivity, Uplifted Spirits and Love shared are palpable as soon as we enter Christ’s Kitchen. We are grateful to be able give support that leads to renewed smiles, restored spirits and skills that can pave the road to success.

1. Abbey Housing through Salvation Army, working FT at McDonalds and going to school.
2. Alice Moved on to care for her son
3. Alexis Left due to health issues
1. Alice Quit Program
2. Ashley Working full time and is reunited with her son
3. Auldine Working full time
4. Austyn Found 3/4-time employment & Caring from her son and husband
5. Becky Taking care of her daughter and her body physically could not do the work. She is now on SSI.
6. Bernadette Out of the program and caring for adult children and grandchildren
7. Bobbi Got visitation with her kids and is working part time
8. Candice Reunited with family in Hawaii
9. Casey Back in addiction/ UPDATE: Back in our program
10. Cassie Full time grocery outlets moved into management
11. Catherine In school fulltime
12. Cathy Full time caretaker employment
13. Charleen Unknown
14. Chelsea Graduated out to full time employment
15. Cheryl Working 3/4 time and going to school
16. Chrystal Full time school as an X-ray Tech and caring for her children
17. Clara Full time care giver and mother
18. Connie Full time at Home Health Care/ Relapsed
19. Crystal Entered into a treatment center and now has one year clean and is in her own place.
20. Cynthia Working outside of the Kitchen and caring for her grandchild
21. Cynthia Quite for medical reasons
22. Dahlia Back in School
23. Dawn Fell back into addiction, back in prison
24. Deanna Health issues with cancer. Doing well. Volunteers
25. Deanna Unknown
26. Deborah Unknown
27. Deidre Working part time job at Anna Augden Hall and going to art school
28. Diana Anna Ogden Hall Recovery Program: Up-Date: Now living in a group home and doing well.
29. Ellie Back in school
30. Emily Works full time with full benefits and is in marriage classes. UPDATE: Relapsed.
31. Georgeanne Back in addiction
32. Georgia Secured a supervisor position with a medical building cleaning after hours. Working in Ministry.
33. Jacklyn Moved on and is mentoring others out of addiction now.  
Trying to get into YWAM now and going to bible college
33. Jamie Full time employment with benefits and volunteers at 2nd Harvest
34. Janelle Off the program, addicted
35. Janelle Working fulltime and in marriage classes and working toward reunification with family.
36. Janice Went to be with Jesus
37. Jean Unknown
38. Jennifer Reunited with two of her three disabled children, working full time with benefits
39. Jennifer Entered into Mariam's House. Full time Disability - Owns her own home.
40. Jessica Full time job at Days Inn
41. Julie In-house treatment center currently
42. Julie Quit the program
43. Kari Full time grandmother! Still supports the ministry and speaks on behalf of the ministry.
44. Kathy Moved on due to medical issues
45. Kathy Moved on to care for her husband and grandchildren
46. Kathy Graduated out to care for her family and her mental health issues
47. Katie Anna Augden Hall Recovery Program. Going to School and had a son.
48. Kelli Quit
49. Kelly Left for a full-time position. She is reconnected with her children and grand children
50. Kellyann Medical Issues, moved
51. KellyAnne Working full time
52. Kim Working at Sweet Frostings
53. Kristen Left to pursue ministry
54. Kristin Graduated into full time management with benefits & retirement.  
Serves a ministry for sexually abused women.
33. Laurene Reunited with kids. Moved and is going to truck driving school
34. Lisa Works part time and started her own business
35. Lisa Recovering from Breast Cancer visits us often. UPDATE: Went home to be with Jesus.
36. Lori Secured a job with Durum School Bus Services
37. Louise Moved on to full time employment with a thrift store
38. Lynn Off the program due to medical reasons. Can no longer work. and continues to volunteer
39. Melissa Living in Idaho, working full time as a housekeeper

**Moved On: Since 2015**

- 59. Melonie Working full time
- 60. Meranda Working full time, continues to work toward being united with her son and now has another baby
- 61. Mirah Started work at Starbucks, with benefits and opportunity for school assistance.
- 62. Monica Working full time
- 63. Natalie Unknown
- 64. Nativia Working full time with benefits, moved to Utah
- 65. P.J. Moved away to Oregon
- 66. Rahwa Moved on to another agency
- 67. Rhonda Went to truck driving school
- 68. Rhonda Unknown
- 69. Robyn Full time employment with a family dining restaurant. UPDATE: Fighting Cancer
- 70. Salina Dropped out of program
- 71. Sara Left due to terminal illness
- 72. Shanie Went home to be with family
- 73. Shannon Working full time in Deer Park
- 74. Sharon Mental Health Issues
- 75. Shelly Quit
- 76. Stephanie In full time in-house rehab, back in addiction. UPDATE: Sober suffering from hardening of the liver.
- 77. Stephanie Full time employment with the Airport Food Dining Court
- 78. Summer Moved on - Married, over a year clean. Had baby girl
- 79. Susan Works at Alderwood Manor, continues to volunteer
- 80. Susan Works as a caregiver and continues to volunteer
- 81. Tami Gained employment after injury and rehab
- 82. Teri Graduated our Jobs for Life Program
- 83. Wendy Working fulltime at Providence / back in school
- 84. Windy Graduated our Jobs for Life program. Working 3/4 time at Manor Care. Rented her own apartment
- 85. Zelma Out of the program





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**And thank you for supporting the women of Christ Kitchen.**

## **Tracy McClain**

### **Philanthropy and Fundraising Officer**



#### **Wow, What a Year!!!!**

For myself, at this time last year, I was working and living in California. While trying to decipher what the "new normal" was and evaluating life, my husband and I decided to start a new chapter in life. For the past ten years, we have been coming to Washington and Idaho to spend summers and knew we always wanted to live here. So after talking about it for four years, in August we decided to move to this area, find new jobs and begin our new adventure. "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." 2 Timothy 2:3 (KJV):

We moved, got settled, and found our dream jobs, and I started at Christ Kitchen in November. Then my family and I caught COVID! Devastation hit me, not because I was sick because I was fortunate to have a mild case, but because I could not come to work. I immediately felt at home here and welcomed by these amazing women, and I just wanted to surround myself in the presence.

When I think of the past year, I think of one of my favorite hymns, "Onward Christian Soldier." It is my go-to when life calls on us to be fierce. It is always playing in my mind when I have a challenging task at hand or facing some tribulation.

*"Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus going on before! Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe; Forward into battle, see his banner go!"*

Here at Christ Kitchen, I have witnessed such fantastic work in the short time that I have been here. The women here are fierce and face life like mighty soldiers. To hear their stories working hard through the past year's restrictions on top of their life challenges is inspiring.

*"At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee; On, then, Christian soldiers, on to victory! Hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise; Brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise!"*

As we celebrate our victories, we celebrate our donors and supporters. Throughout it all, nothing would have been possible without you. Without our donors' and supporters' blessings, none of what we have done and will do would be possible.

*"Like a mighty army moves the church of God; Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod; We are not divided; all one body we, One in hope and doctrine, one in charity."*

Donations like yours make a tremendous difference in our ministry's work for the women in the community. Without people like you, we would not be able to be the hands and feet of the Lord.

*"Onward, then, ye people, join our happy throng, Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song; Glory, laud, and honor, unto Christ the King; This thro' countless ages men and angels sing."*

Thank you for answering our prayers and getting Christ Kitchen through the past year. Together, we make an actual difference!

### **Join Our Mission Impact Council:**

***Isaiah 1:17 "Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow."***

Mission Impact Council is an instrumental leadership opportunity at Christ Kitchen. This group of selfless individuals aid the CEO and Philanthropy and Fundraising Officer to advance the mission of Christ Kitchen into the community and beyond.

The Mission Impact Council (MIC) understands that to drive innovation around creating opportunities to cultivate socially responsible, socially competent women leaders that will create both stronger family units and build a greater Spokane, this Council must educate and invest into the goal of bringing about the utmost impact on the fight against poverty, ultimately creating an avenue for change and growth.

We would love to talk with you further about this critical leadership role and how you can join this amazing team of community leaders. Please contact Tracy McClain, at (208) 814-9781 or [tracy@christkitchen.org](mailto:tracy@christkitchen.org).



***Ann Apperson***  
*Christ Kitchen Volunteer*

Why is Christ Kitchen part of what God is doing in my life? What is God doing in my life? What is my life? At 64, I am retired from work but not God's work. Covid altered my life. I've lost friends. But I've lost more friends from cancer, a disease that I am personally battling. I was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer in 2017.

I've been on chemo ever since. I am grateful to have hair again. However, cancer does not define my life, my activities, my passions or my involvement in the community. I am a people-person by God's design. Christ Kitchen is one of my passions and one way I am involved with people in Spokane. On a personal level, my activities center around my involvement with family, friends, pinochle, hiking, a ladies dinner group, Bible podcast discussions, book club as well as a small group and Bible study group at my church. I serve on the board of elders at my church and serve as the Serve/Outreach coordinator.

My passions involve libraries ( as a trustee and foundation member), refugees (working with a family from Congo via a refugee camp in Rwanda), education in Africa (four times to Africa working with teachers), and women coming out of crisis (working with Life Services and HRC).

I am a part of a group of women at my church that provide & serve lunch monthly at Christ Kitchen. I've been serving there for over 3 years. I started at Christ Kitchen by attending fundraising luncheons and concerts with my friend who was formerly the development director for Christ Kitchen. I believed in the mission of Christ Kitchen but my heart connected when I started serving lunch and praying with the ladies who are transformed at Christ Kitchen. Their stories of God's redemption and grace inspired me afresh.

In studying the life of Jesus, I realized his love for me and those struggling with life. I was motivated to extend his love to others. I want to love like Jesus. I want to support organizations that love like Jesus. Christ Kitchen loves, disciples, encourages women to become the women God made them to be. Nothing is beyond the redeeming grace of Jesus Christ. Romans 8:38...Nothing can separate us from God's love.

Ephesians 2:10...we are God's masterpiece. These verses demonstrate the values instilled in the women who come to Christ Kitchen. Nothing in life can keep you from experiencing the transforming love of God. You are made in the image of God. Valuable. Precious. I see lives renewed at Christ Kitchen. I see prayers being answered.

### **-Upcoming Events-**

**October 30, 2021:**

Board Sanctioned Benefit Event

**December 5, 2021:**

Gingerbread Build-off  
*Northern Quest Property*

**May 23, 2022:**

Annual Christ Kitchen Luncheon  
*True Hope Church*

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**Jan Bowes Martinez**  
*Christ Kitchen Founder*

On a recent trip to Spokane, I was able to visit Christ Kitchen on a Bible study Thursday. I hadn't been back to Spokane since I moved away and, to tell you the truth, hadn't really wanted to. It's taken time and distance and a lot of prayer to soften the intensity of leaving friends, ministry, church, and home of 35 years. So, what a joy to walk back into the Kitchen and reconnect with the love and goodness of the ministry. Some things have changed. Covid has dealt blows to numbers of employees and volunteers along with heightened food-handling restrictions. Despite that, there's a new full-service coffee bar complete with barista training! The hum of tender chaos still permeates with familiar

employees and staff working hard as usual. And what a blessing to hear new employees participating in Bible study!

Clearly, my job that day was to fix the curtains that were hanging cattywampus. I tell you this because part of repairing roman shades requires getting between the window and the shade, making myself unseen to the Kitchen commotion. There, I heard the fond, familiar ramblings of Christ Kitchen: Kim talking to donors, Linda ordering supplies, Alisha taking orders, Jeanna running the kitchen. I heard the sweetest conversation between two women who have worked at the Kitchen for years. They talked about how different they were now after 'growing up' at Christ Kitchen. Ah, I marveled, God's pure grace continues to bless this place. Women are finding a home, a Christ-filled place to hear the Word and to grow up. We have an amazing Lord!

