It is with genuine pleasure that we deliver to friends of Center for People in Need this summary of our work in 2017. It was a successful year by nearly every measure—we delivered almost 3 million pounds of food to hungry people; we provided English language instruction to more than 600 newly arriving residents of Lincoln; we gave more than 5,000 families material help with household goods, supplies, clothing and other daily necessities; we helped about 20 former prisoners learn new skills that will ease their return to normal life; we supported about 300 low-income students pursuing Associates degrees; and we completed a state-of-the-art computer lab. And those were just the major programs; there were dozens of other smaller, but still important successes.

We did that by spending more than 94% our revenue on programs, and less than 6% on general expenses and fundraising.

But our pleasure in the year’s success is tempered by our understanding that poverty and its ill effects still plague our community. It is with genuine gratitude for your past help that we ask you to join us in celebrating success in 2017, and to consider helping us continue the struggle against poverty in 2018.

Sincerely,

Beatty Brasch
Executive Director
Center for People in Need
Where We Work and Who We Serve

A Snapshot of Lincoln, Our Clients & Our Efforts in 2017

In 2017 Lincoln’s population was nearly 278,000. 15%, about 40,000 people, lived in households with income below the federal poverty level (in 2017 the poverty level for a family of 4 was $24,036).

In 2017 Lincoln was 12th in the U.S. per capita for refugee resettlement. The poverty rate for refugee and immigrant families is 36%.

In 2017 more than 9,500 children under age 18 lived in poverty. 20% of Lincoln children were food insecure (lacking consistent access to adequate food). 46% of LPS students received Free or Reduced Price Lunches.

In 2017 five Lincoln neighborhoods were considered in Extreme Poverty (having more than 40% of residents in poverty).

In 2017 more than 30% of Lincoln’s population was “in or near poverty,” living in households with income below 200% of the federal poverty level.

In 2017, as always, Center for People in Need strove to mitigate poverty in Lincoln with food and household supplies, emergency services, and a diverse range of education opportunities.

Here, our clients and Lincoln’s overall population are compared:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Families Served by CFPIN in 2017</th>
<th>Lincoln as a Whole in 2017</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>$10,896..........................Median Annual Household Income.........$54,002</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.09..........................Average Household Size.....................2.36</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Ethnic/Racial Background

Data from Lincoln Vital Signs 2017, Lincoln NE: University of Nebraska Public Policy Center; the U.S. Census Bureau; and Center for People in Need’s annual client survey, Dec. 2016.
Food Insecurity: Lack of consistent access to adequate food.

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

- 14% of Lancaster County residents (43,349 individuals) are food insecure.
- 20% of Lancaster County Children (14,243) are food insecure.

Lincoln Vital Signs, 2017

Center for People in Need food distributions help thousands in Lincoln and Lancaster county fight hunger:

- In 2017 CFPIN distributed nearly 3 million pounds of food to needy families
- CFPIN’s weekly food distributions averaged 58,000 pounds
- 3,500 households (c.12,000 individuals) per month received food
- CFPIN’s cost of food per household per week was about $1.35, or about 2 cents per pound.

Lincoln is 12th per capita in the U.S. for resettling refugees.

U.S. Census Bureau, 2015

The poverty rate for Lincoln refugee and immigrant families is 36%.

Lincoln Vital Signs, 2017

The pathway out of poverty for New Americans begins with English. It is necessary for full access to most aspects of life here; banking, shopping, insurance, school, social services, health care, transportation, and, of course, employment.

- In 2017 Center for People in Need offered four levels of English Language instruction, beginning to advanced
- About 640 refugees attended Center sponsored English classes in 2017
- Students learned about employment searches along with their language instruction
- 34% of 2017 ELL students were employed by completion of level four.

Every year, through a variety of events, distributions, and individual emergency services, Center for People in Need’s Truckloads of Help program provides hundreds of tons of household goods, furniture, cleaning supplies, hygiene items, clothing, toys, and school supplies to Lincoln’s needy families.

The items come primarily from GOOD360, a national not-for-profit that receives and redistributes new merchandise that has been removed from the inventory of national merchandisers. Local donations supplement the GOOD360 shipments.

In 2017 the Center provided goods to 22,032 individuals from 5,243 families (duplicated counts) at events including Client Giveback, Parents days, Tools for Education, Thanksgiving, and Toyland for Kids. In addition, 993 families (duplicated count) received food boxes, diapers, personal care items, and other miscellaneous emergency care.
With the help of volunteers from World Legacy a state-of-the-art, 26-seat Computer Education Center was finished at Center for People in Need in 2017. Currently only a limited number of hours per week of instruction in basic computing and typing skills are offered, along with assistance with online applications for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Future plans include a full program of basic computer classes offered at no cost, a large number of supervised open lab hours when clients may use the facilities, and assistance with resumes, job searches and job applications. These services will commence as funds are secured to hire a Computer Education Coordinator.

Thanks to a local philanthropist, 794 low-income individuals since 2013 have received for free tuition at Southeast Community College through the People Obtaining Prosperity, or POP program. The program not only provides tuition support, but also helps participants succeed in college through supportive, wrap-around services and individualized personal attention.

Since POP began in 2013:
- 318 Students have completed at least 45 credit hours at SCC
- 200 have graduated
- 300 are currently enrolled, and the average grade point average in Fall 2017 was 3.2.

Inmates reentering the community after incarceration face multiple barriers to establishing successful lives. The TRADE Program, established through a grant from the Nebraska Department of Corrections, offers training that can lead to jobs, careers, and a successful future.

Enrollees...
- Learn core life skills for coping in the workplace
- Are trained in skills that allow them to enter the job market
- Learn how to create resumes, conduct job searches, and participate in practice job interviews
- Are connected to employers willing to hire TRADE participants.

In 2017 welding was added to existing programs in forklift, warehousing, and computer and office skills. Sixteen TRADE participants were trained in welding, and five were employed by year’s end.

### Financial Information

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Revenue and Support:</th>
<th>Expenses:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Contributions ................................</td>
<td>Program Services ..................</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$471,470</td>
<td>$10,808,047</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grant Revenue ..................................</td>
<td>Management and General ..........</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$2,199,157</td>
<td>$492,274</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rental Income ..................................</td>
<td>Fundraising ........................</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$395,245</td>
<td>$150,278</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Misc. Income ...................................</td>
<td>Total Expenses ....................</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$24,245</td>
<td>$11,450,599</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>In-Kind Goods ..................................</td>
<td>Change in Net Assets .............</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$7,950,696</td>
<td>($262,159)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>In-Kind Services ................................</td>
<td>Net Assets at Year Beginning ....</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$146,100</td>
<td>$4,185,198</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Revenue and Support ....................</td>
<td>Net Assets at Year End ...........</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$11,188,440</td>
<td>$3,923,039</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Net Assets Released from Restriction ........| Net Assets Released from Restriction $11,188,440
Our Mission
To provide essential safety net services to low-income individuals and families, and educational and training opportunities that will lead to living wage jobs.

Giving to Center for People in Need

Our services for low-income families in Lincoln are made possible by the generosity of individuals, businesses, and foundations. Hundreds of community volunteers provide thousands of hours of help in delivering services. On behalf of the people we serve, Thank You!

Can you help us continue to make a positive impact on the lives of our neighbors in the Lincoln community? There are many ways to help:

Visit our website, www.cfpin.org and go to the “Donate” page. Send a check payable to Center for People in Need to our address below. Donate new or gently used household items, personal care items, cleaning supplies, paper goods, or clean, usable clothing at our North 27th Street location.

A monthly recurring gift will be much appreciated and can easily be established by calling:
402-476-4357, Ext. 197.

cfpin.org
Center for People in Need
3901 North 27th Street
Lincoln, NE  68521
Phone: (402) 476-4357
Fax: (402) 476-4358

Center for People in Need is designated by the IRS as a 501 [c](3) organization. Gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. EIN # 06-1669552.