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# WE WERE MADE “FOR A TIME SUCH AS THIS”

ESTHER 4:14

# Seizing the Moment with Boldness

*A message to you from our bishop*



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The pandemic has painfully yet powerfully clarified our radical, human need for relationship. As people created in the image and likeness of God, we are wired for deep communion with God and each other, most profoundly in the spiritual family of the Church. Despite our technological sophistication and communication possibilities, more people feel lonely and disconnected in our culture than ever before.

The love of Jesus Christ is the only power that can heal and satisfy the desires and the wounds of the human heart! The saving grace that flows to us from the death and resurrection of Christ is the central message of good news that constitutes the truth of the gospel. This time is our moment to evangelize with greater fervor, confidence, organization, and love. People are literally dying of loneliness because they do not truly know

that God loves them, Jesus wants to live within them, and the Church is the source of sacramental grace to fill us with the Holy Spirit.

The first followers of Christ evangelized with great boldness and joy because they had personally experienced the resurrection of Christ! They loved with a self-emptying generosity that won many hearts to the truth and goodness of the Gospel. They were willing to lay down their lives, even to the point of suffering terrible tortures and death, rather than give up their faith. We pray for the strength and passion of the martyrs to course in our veins, that we may go forth and proclaim Jesus to the world!

**+Donald J. Hyung**  
Bishop of Madison

# Now is the Time for Disciple Makers



A Gallup poll tells us that around 20% of self-identifying Catholics regularly attend Mass on Sundays. This low percentage usually induces hand-wringing. What is to become of our beloved Catholic faith in the wake of such low engagement?

**Maybe our perspective is wrong.**

Maybe we should celebrate this. Despite all the cultural and technological shifts of the past fifty years, the Lord continues to draw us in, continues to have a plan for us, and continues to call us to more than we think we are capable of. The Lord has much in store for us and you know this.

**You also know that the 20% longs for more from the Church.**

You know that the 20% sees the pain in so much of the world. You know that the 20% wants to share Jesus, his healing and his love, with neighbors, friends, co-workers, and most especially with family. You also know that many of them do not have the tools to share Jesus effectively.

**You have felt an urgency to provide these tools, and you have been generous.**

Because of you and your partnership in this work, we will train 3,000 of the 20% this year to reach over 10,000 people with the good news through their personal apostolates in the world.

Most of them will lead small groups and others will evangelize people in more ordinary ways.

But they will be eternally fruitful if they remain connected to Jesus (John 15:5). They will change the world. The gates of hell will not prevail against the power of their unleashed Baptism.

The time to send the 20% into the world as zealous disciple makers of Jesus is now. Thank you for sharing our hope for this historic moment in the Church and the world.

*In Jesus,*

**Jason Simon**  
President, The Evangelical Catholic

**Lisa Zasada**  
President, Board of Directors



# Paving the Way for Bilingual Communities



## You're empowering multicultural lay leaders who have often been ignored.

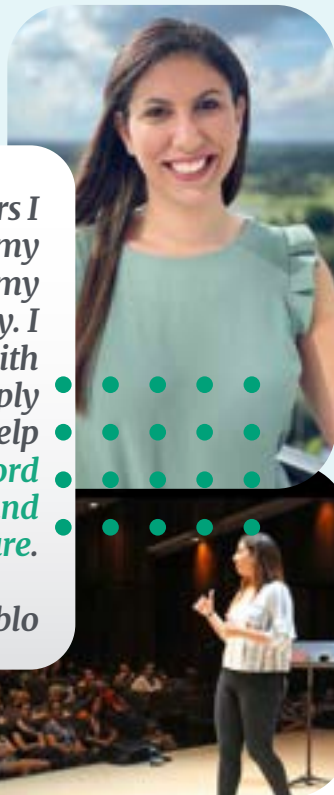
You have changed the way we are able to serve our Spanish-speaking communities. With your support, the Reach More Mission Training content—both written and video—was translated into Spanish. You opened the door for us to reach out to more communities across the country and accommodate their unique situations.

Because of you, we are also excited to introduce our new full-time Reach More consultant, Mari Pablo, to coach our ministry partners who are bilingual or exclusively Spanish-speaking. A Miami native, Mari has been ministering to Catholic youth for over fifteen years. As a talented public speaker, Mari has traveled across the United States and Latin America independently and for the Steubenville Youth Conferences to reach young people in the Church. She has worked closely with Ascension Press in numerous projects, including *The 99*, *Connected*, *YOU*, and as a presenter for Ascension Presents.

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*For the past few years I have had a desire in my heart to reach out to my own Hispanic community. I feel so blessed to work with these parishes and simply be an instrument to help others encounter the Lord in our own language and culture.*

—Mari Pablo



# Flourishing in a Time of Uncertainty

## Your help is making it easier for us to equip lay leaders in the Church.

It's a time when many organizations and businesses are reeling from the continued pressures of the pandemic. Your financial gifts and spiritual offerings have not only kept us afloat, but have allowed us to pour generously into improving what we can provide our current and potential partners.

Your generosity has allowed us to upgrade Reach More, our online mission training platform, with completely revised written content, high-quality video formation, and improved accompanying materials. The new Reach More greatly improves our ability to serve our partner ministries,

providing updated advice and tools to staff and thoughtful pedagogy to parishioners to engage and equip them for mission.

Thanks to you, we have also been able to launch three new discipleship steps—Guide Your Kids, Come to the Altar, and Seek Forgiveness—in the Nextstep Family Pathway.

Your giving also supports a new service level—Reach More Community—that allows ministries an accessible and cost-effective way to utilize Reach More Mission Training in a virtual group coaching setting.

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*Reach More was already well crafted, yet The Evangelical Catholic found a way to re-envision their training content. It's more targeted and clearly defines what we as leaders [and clergy] can do to bring life to the mission of evangelization. Thank you Evangelical Catholic!*



— Dcn. Tom Elsesser  
Holy Name of Jesus Parish  
Niceville, FL



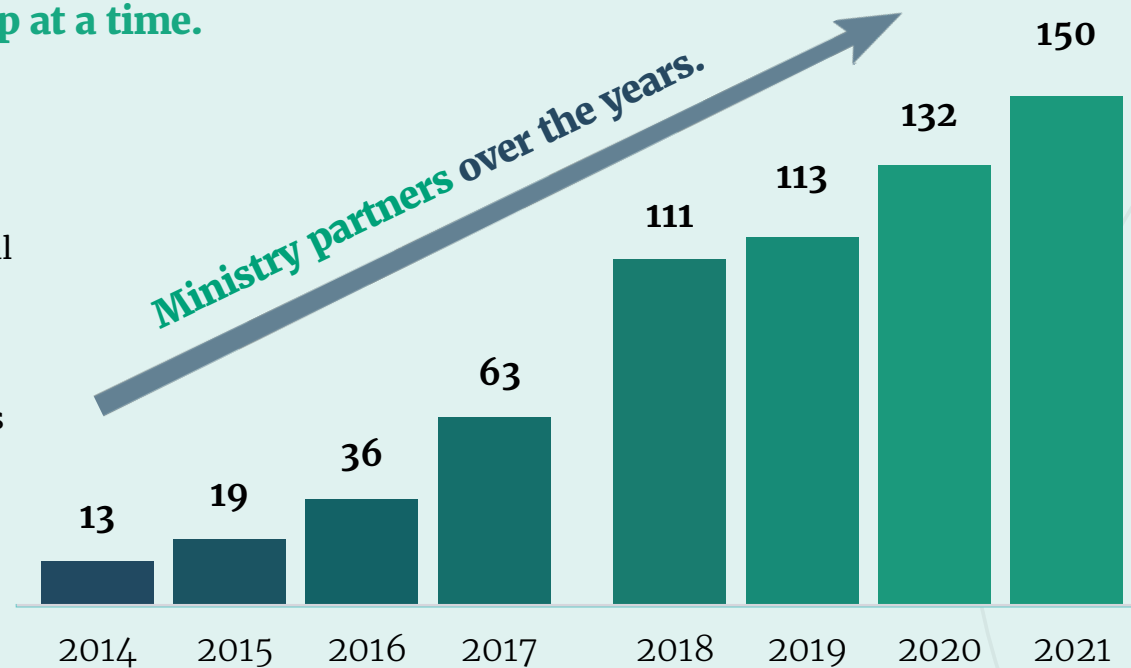
## A New Dawn for Mission

**You are building up communities, one relationship at a time.**

Many people in our partners' communities are still feeling the residual effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been blessed to see a continual growth in ministries who want to partner with us, and we recognize the opportunity to emphasize forming the deep individual relationships people need. With your support, trained lay leaders across the country are forging lasting connections with others by seeking Jesus together.

**49%**

The increase in the amount of people meeting one-on-one since Fall of 2019



## We are Made to **Change** Lives

**1,549**

Trained lay leaders from current ministry partnerships

**4,665**

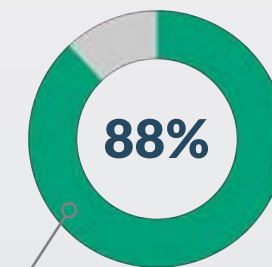
Individuals currently experiencing a small group

**943**

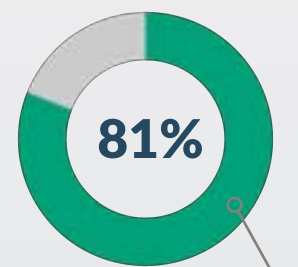
Individuals receiving one-on-one formation

**7**

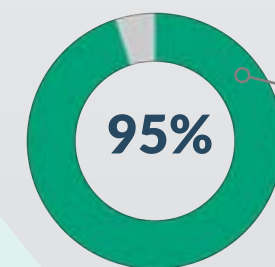
Average size of an evangelization small group



People reported improving how they live their faith after participating in a small group



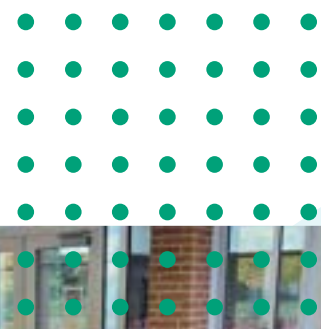
People said small group helped them develop stronger Christian friendships



People said small group helped them develop a more enriched prayer time



# When Thinking Small Makes a Profound Impact



## Thanks to you, people across the country are reaching the disconnected.

Among our 150 current partnerships, many of our partners are wondering if their daily operations will ever return to the pre-pandemic “normal.” But because of your giving, the way our partners are seeing “normal” is rapidly changing. No longer is it a failure when large gatherings and ministry-wide events can’t continue in the same way.

Your support has allowed our ministry partners and their lay leaders to see this new landscape as an invitation to think small and pour more deeply into the lives of people close to them.

Michaela Moreau, Steward for The Evangelical Catholic, Small Groups, and Bible Studies at Saint Michael Parish in Olympia, WA, has seen this change in her lay leaders firsthand.

One lay leader shared how her own personal transformation allowed the Holy Spirit to reach another:

*Evangelization. That word! Conjures images of knocking on doors, handing out pamphlets, asking strangers if they have accepted Jesus as their personal savior. The word doesn’t leave me rejoicing. In all honesty, it sometimes scares me.*



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*The [Evangelical Catholic] training group taught me that my images of evangelization were so distorted. Evangelization begins with my own close connection with Christ.*

*And it’s not about knocking on the doors of strangers or handing out pamphlets. It’s about looking to the people already in your life and praying about who God is leading you to form a trusting relationship with.*

*Thinking about these things, my neighbor came to mind. I didn’t know her except for a ten-minute conversation through a car window several years ago. But I had heard her husband was in the hospital, and I knew she struggled with being comfortable outside her home. So, I started to pray for her and asked God to show me how to reach out to her.*

*Within a few days, I was walking down the road to her house, bearing cookies and a note with my contact info. I saw her through the window and knocked, but she didn’t come to the door. As I was leaving, she suddenly appeared from around the back of the house. We had a pleasant conversation for a few minutes and by the end of the conversation she shared a few needs and we had exchanged phone numbers. I was surprised by this success!*

*I continued to pray for her and a few days later I offered to get her groceries. But she decided to come with me! She was nervous in the car and in the store, but texted me several times throughout the trip for reassurance. I was kind of dumbfounded how she trusted me so much when I, too, was a virtual stranger. During the drive home she shared her life story. Shocking.*

*A few days later, she called me unprompted. She opened her heart to me about her struggle with loneliness and anxiety, and brought up the topic of faith. We had a rich, yet short, conversation and within minutes she had an action plan to tackle her struggles.*

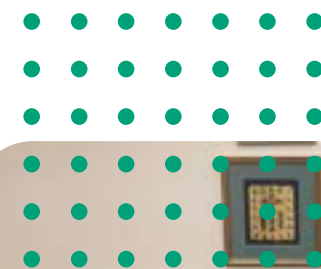


*It’s all in God’s design. He planted the seed in my heart and removed the barrier.*

*This series of encounters occurred over just two weeks. They’ve been astounding to me; definitely not my normal. It’s all because I was taught to pray first. It’s all in God’s design. He planted the seed in my heart and removed the barrier. He worked within the parameters of my life to make a deeply profound impact on this woman. I definitely couldn’t have done this on my own.*

24%

The increase in the total amount of trained lay leaders since Fall of 2019







Randall Edwards, campus minister for McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA, hosts a small group for students at the Cowboy Catholics Student Center.

## A Generation Built in Christ

Your generosity is shaping the next generation of disciples.



Students at the University of Texas-Arlington gathered virtually to continue their weekly rosary, and held socially-distanced praise and worship.

Although most campuses no longer face strict lockdown measures, they are now challenged with recovering their student communities after over a year of being unable to gather in person. But your continued support of our campus partners has equipped them to look beyond these seemingly small numbers of returning students. You have helped them see the opportunity that comes from training and sending a small number of deeply formed and passionately on-fire student leaders.

Jeff Hedglen, Campus Minister for the University of Texas-Arlington, shared how partnering with The Evangelical Catholic was essential in getting their campus ministry through challenging times.

*“Partnering with the EC gave us the ability to weather the pandemic. They reminded us that Christ is holding everything together and drawing everything forward. It’s all about helping college students connect with each other by seeking Christ first.”*

The campus community at UT-A is now back to the same levels of student activity as before the pandemic. Jeff is also seeing an unprecedented amount of new students joining the community through small groups. **“Three out of every four students is a person I’ve never seen before. That means that we’re reaching those we don’t normally see at Mass or at the student center.”**

Your investment in these campus communities is making all the difference. Students that are on-fire for Jesus are seizing their opportunity to bring the good news to others in this unique time of evangelization.





# YOU ARE MAKING AN IMPACT

## FINANCIALS

**\$2,599,546**  
TOTAL REVENUE

22%  
Ministry  
Income

Benefactor  
Contributions  
77%

1%  
Other  
Income

**\$2,387,188**  
TOTAL EXPENSES

9%  
Operations &  
Management

71%  
Evangelization:  
Consulting &  
Resources

20%  
Stewardship  
& Expansion

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# REACH MORE™ MOVEMENTS

## ALASKA

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
Anchorage, AK

## ARKANSAS

**University of Central Arkansas**  
Jonesboro, AR

## ARIZONA

**Northern Arizona University**  
Flagstaff, AZ

**St. Mary Magdalene**  
Gilbert, AZ

## CALIFORNIA

**Humboldt State University**  
Arcata, CA

**Catholic Communities of Brawley & Westmorland**  
Brawley, CA

**Our Lady of Guadalupe & St. Mary**  
El Centro, CA

**Ascension**  
San Diego, CA

**St. Brigid**  
San Diego, CA

**St. Gregory the Great**  
San Diego, CA

**St. Therese of Carmel**  
San Diego, CA

**St. Vincent de Paul**  
San Diego, CA

**Santa Sophia**  
Spring Valley, CA

## FLORIDA

**University of Florida**  
Gainesville, FL

**Florida Institute of Technology**  
Melbourne, FL

**Holy Name of Jesus**  
Niceville, FL

**University of West Florida**  
Pensacola, FL

## GEORGIA

**University of West Georgia**  
Carrollton, GA

**Valdosta State University**  
Valdosta, GA

## IOWA

**St. Cecilia**  
Ames, IA

**St. Joseph**  
Bellevue, IA

**St. Benedict**  
Decorah, IA

**Clarke University**  
Dubuque, IA

**Archangel Cluster**  
Garner, IA

**Holy Family of the Bluffs**  
Lansing, IA

**St. Boniface**  
Waukee, IA

## ILLINOIS

**St. Joseph**  
Aurora, IL

**St. Patrick of Merna**  
Bloomington, IL

**St. Matthew**  
Champaign, IL

**University of Illinois-Champaign**  
Champaign, IL

**Mary, Seat of Wisdom**  
Parkridge, IL

**St. Louis**  
Princeton, IL

## INDIANA

**St. Louis de Montfort**  
Fishers, IN

**Butler University**  
Indianapolis, IN

## LOUISIANA

**McNeese State University**  
Lake Charles, LA

**Our Lady of Good Counsel**  
Lake Charles, LA

**St. Margaret of Scotland**  
Lake Charles, LA

## MASSACHUSETTS

**St. Matthew the Evangelist**  
Billerica, MA

## MARYLAND

**Johns Hopkins University**  
Baltimore, MD

## MICHIGAN

**Michigan State University**  
East Lansing, MI

**St. Thomas Aquinas**  
East Lansing, MI

**Western Michigan University**  
Kalamazoo, MI

**Holy Family**  
Sandusky, MI

**Catholic Biblical School of Michigan**  
Warren, MI

## MINNESOTA

**Mary, Mother of the Church**  
Burnsville, MN

**Queen of Peace**  
Cloquet, MN

**St. Maximilian Kolbe**  
Delano, MN

**St. John Neumann**  
Eagan, MN

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
Hastings, MN

**St. John the Baptist**  
New Brighton, MN

**St. Patrick**  
Oak Grove, MN

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
St. Paul, MN

**St. Pius X**  
White Bear Lake, MN

## MISSOURI

**Our Lady of Good Counsel**  
Kansas City, MO

**St. Thomas More**  
Kansas City, MO

## MISSISSIPPI

**Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle**  
Jackson, MS

**St. Jude**  
Pearl, MS

## NORTH CAROLINA

**Appalachian State University**  
Boone, NC

**Charlotte Area Catholic Campus Ministry**  
Charlotte, NC

**Duke University**  
Durham, NC

**Elon University**  
Elon, NC

**High Point University**  
High Point, NC

**St. Mark**  
Huntersville, NC

**St. Luke the Evangelist**  
Raleigh, NC

**Sacred Heart**  
Salisbury, NC

## NEW JERSEY

**Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception & Sacred Heart**  
Camden, NJ

**St. Lawrence the Martyr**  
Chester, NJ

**Our Lady of the Lake**  
Sparta, NJ

## NEW YORK

**Syracuse University**  
Syracuse, NY

## OHIO

**St. Joseph**  
Avon Lake, OH

**SS. Robert and William**  
Euclid, OH

**St. Mary**  
Hudson, OH

**St. Mary of the Falls**  
Olmsted Falls, OH

**St. Peter**  
North Ridgeville, OH

**Holy Family**  
Stow, OH

## OKLAHOMA

**St. John the Baptist**  
Edmond, OK

**St. Francis Xavier & St. Gregory the Great**  
Enid, OK

## PENNSYLVANIA

**St. Matthias**  
Bala Cynwyd, PA

**Queen of the Universe**  
Levittown, PA

**Mary, Mother of the Redeemer**  
North Wales, PA

**Our Mother of Consolation**  
Philadelphia, PA

**Slippery Rock University**  
Slippery Rock, PA

## SOUTH CAROLINA

**St. Peter**  
Beaufort, SC

**The Citadel Military College**  
Charleston, SC

**College of Charleston**  
Charleston, SC

**Coastal Carolina University**  
Conway, SC

## TEXAS

**Our Lady of Angels**  
Allen, TX

**University of Texas - Arlington**  
Arlington, TX

**St. Thomas More**  
Austin, TX

**Texas A&M - Corpus Christi**  
Corpus Christi, TX

**Diocese of Dallas**  
Dallas, TX

**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Dallas, TX

**St. John Nepomucene**  
Ennis, TX

**Texas Christian University**  
Forth Worth, TX

**Texas A&M - Galveston**  
Galveston, TX

**St. Katharine Drexel**  
Hempstead, TX

**Rice University**  
Houston, TX

**University of Houston**  
Houston, TX

**University of St. Thomas - Houston**  
Houston, TX

**Sam Houston State University**  
Huntsville, TX

**St. Joseph**  
Richardson, TX

**Midwestern State University**  
Wichita Falls, TX

## VIRGINIA

**St. Louis**  
Alexandria, VA

**Good Shepherd**  
Alexandria, VA

**Farmville Catholic Campus Ministry**  
Farmville, VA

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**  
Lake Ridge, VA

**Lynchburg College**  
Lynchburg, VA

**Naval Air Station**  
Norfolk, VA

**Virginia Commonwealth University**  
Richmond, VA

**Christ the Redeemer**  
Sterling, VA

**St. Bede**  
Williamsburg, VA

## WASHINGTON

**Church of the Assumption**  
Bellingham, WA

**St. Michael**  
Olympia, WA

## WISCONSIN

**All Saints**  
Berlin, WI

**St. Dominic**  
Brookfield, WI

**St. Francis Borgia**  
Cedarburg, WI

**St. Stephen**  
Clinton, WI

**University of Wisconsin - Green Bay**  
Green Bay, WI

**St. Mary**  
Hales Corners, WI

**St. Charles**  
Hartland, WI

**St. Joseph**  
Hayward, WI

**St. Gabriel**  
Hubertus, WI

**St. Patrick**  
Hudson, WI

**Kaukauna Catholic Parishes**  
Kaukauna, WI

**Blessed Sacrament**  
Madison, WI

**Diocese of Madison**  
Madison, WI

**Good Shepherd**  
Madison, WI

**St. Dennis**  
Madison, WI

**St. Monica & St. Eugene**  
Madison, WI

**St. Olaf & St. Joseph**  
Madison, WI

**St. Peter**  
Madison, WI

**St. Raphael Cathedral**  
Madison, WI

**St. Thomas Aquinas**  
Madison, WI

**St. John the Baptist**  
Marshfield, WI

**St. Bernard**  
Middleton, WI

**St. Christopher**  
Verona, WI

**St. Gabriel**  
West Bend, WI

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### GERMANY

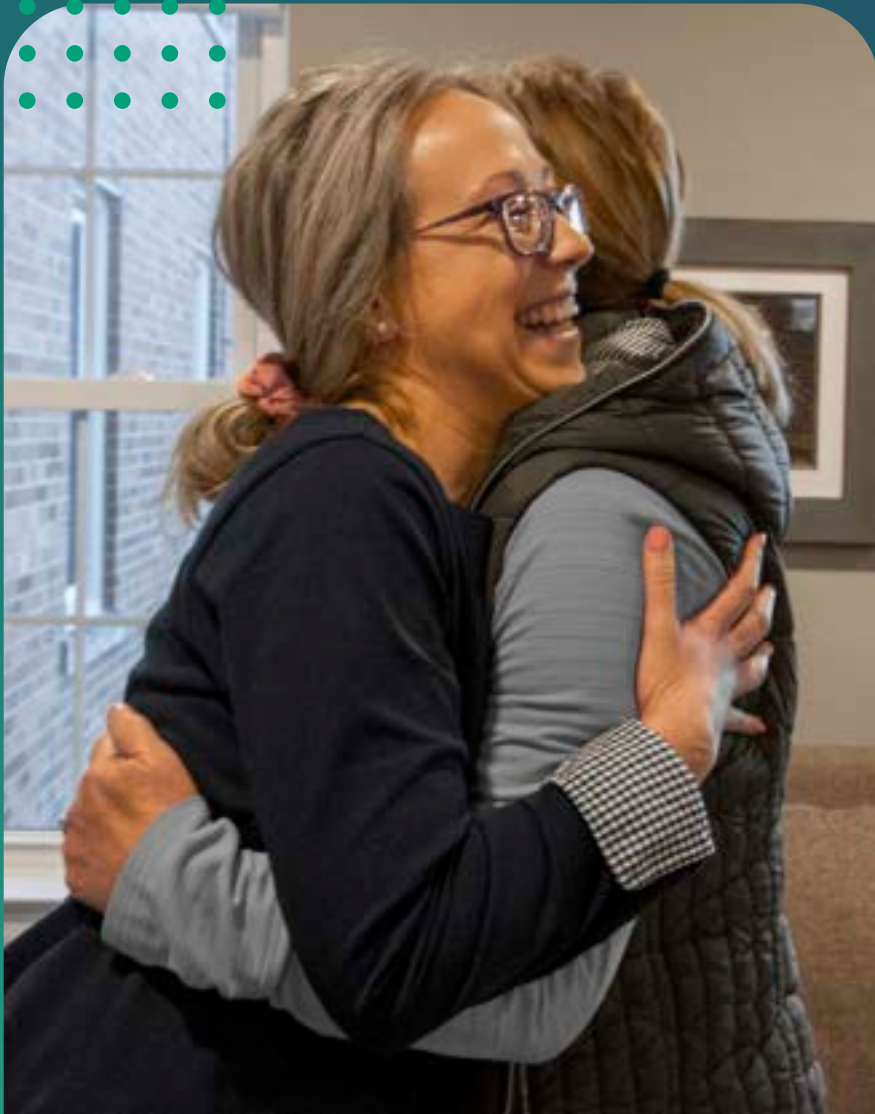
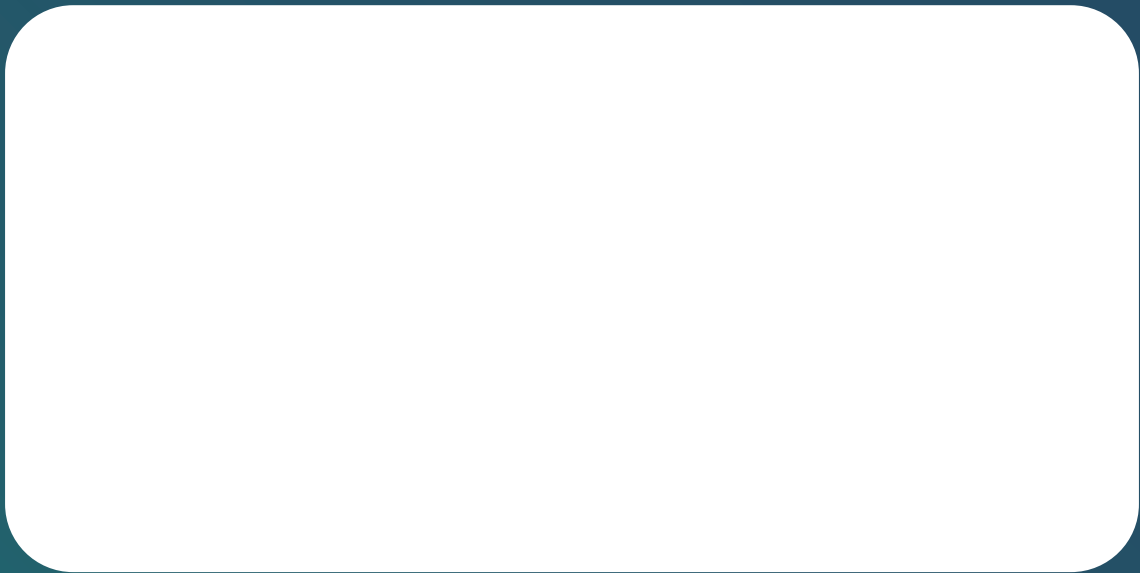
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