

## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

The Trading Post is happy to report that last year was a spectacular year for us, earning \$151,407! In-store sales account for the majority of the money we raise and these sales were 37% higher in 2024 than in 2023. In addition to the sales from the shop, we raise money from eBay sales, consignment store sales, cash donations and the recycling of metal. We even have a crafter in Kentucky who makes a donation to the Trading Post for moth-eaten cashmere sweaters that we mail to her!

Donations of goods from church members and the community-at-large have been over the top in their generosity. It feels like a great vote of confidence to have so many people bringing their things to us instead of the many other possible outlets. We take great care with the things we receive. We test all electronics, wash clothing and items that need a bath, check games to make sure they have all their pieces, check LPs for scratches, put batteries and light bulbs in all things that need them, repair and polish jewelry, polish shoes, etc. etc. etc. If we can't use the items, we find someone who can.



Trading Post's Volunteer Leaders, pictured, left to right: Cathy Hanson, Chris Casavant, and Beth Hanson.

	2024	2023
<b>Raised from In-Store Sales</b>	<b>\$142,443</b>	<b>\$110,320</b>
<b>Raised from Outside Sales including:</b>	<b>\$8,964</b>	<b>\$14,813</b>
eBay Sales	\$8,100	\$7,908
Consignment Sales	\$595	\$227
Vases sold to florist	\$62	\$66
Other Misc. Income	\$207	\$6,612
<b>Total Raised</b>	<b>\$151,407</b>	<b>\$125,133</b>

Approx. Volunteer Hours Worked	8,000	7,017
Number of Volunteers	42	
Number of New Shoppers	363	
Average Shoppers per day	45	43
Average cost of items in store	\$3.67	\$3.13
Average Daily earnings	\$916	
Average Weekly earnings	\$2,768	\$2,451
Average Monthly Earnings	\$11,847	\$9,739
Christmas merchandise only	\$6,172	\$5,605

## GRANTS AWARDED

### Organization Grants

Our earnings provide financial assistance for the many missions supported by our church. The Mission Grants Team is tasked with the distribution of the portion of funds earned at the Trading Post that is set aside for this purpose. The team aims to divide grant awards between organizations near and far.

ORGANIZATION	AWARD
Tandana Foundation	\$18,500
FC Pride Community Justice Teams	\$2,600
Little Bottoms free store	\$10,000
Rafiki Global AIDS Academy	\$12,500
STEP Together	\$7,000
Habitat for Humanity Mid-Ohio	\$2,500
Deep Griha Society	\$5,000
Riverview International Center	\$20,000
FC Share & Learn Garden	\$2,550
FC Youth Mexico Mission Trip	\$12,000
Healing Art Missions	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$102,650</b>

### Individual Emergency Grants

The Missions Grants Team also funds some individual emergency assistance grants for utility bills including gas, electric, water, trash, phone, and internet. Emergency grant applicants are usually referred by the volunteers managing the Heart to Heart Resource Line, although they occasionally come from other church departments like Pastoral Care or FC Foundation. This year, we supported 21 households by paying 38 utility bills, divided as follows:

CATEGORY	TOTAL
Electricity	\$7,170.51
Gas	\$770.14
Water	\$2,175.09
Phone	\$1,256.05
Transportation	\$1,144.05
Internet	\$885.92
Housing	\$3,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,401.76</b>

## IMPACT

In addition to these recipients, we have also provided material donations to:

- **House of Hope**  
Seasonally appropriate clothing for men and women who struggle with drug addiction. We provide clothing for Heart-to-Heart's pop-up pantry volunteers to deliver when they take food to this location.
- **Little Bottoms Free Store**  
Clothing (sizes 0 to 5T) and accessories for young, low-income mothers with small children.
- **Community Kitchen & Star House**  
Hats, scarves, gloves and mittens.
- **Faith Community Church (Sullivant Ave.)**  
Quilts and sheets for sponsored Haitian refugee families.
- **Capital City Gardens Nursing & Rehab and Commons at Buckingham**  
Linens, clothing, décor, pillows, etc. We have also provided them with medical and rehabilitation supplies that we cannot sell.
- **Friends of the Homeless**  
Blankets, backpacks, small luggage.
- **Goodwill and Volunteers of America**  
All items we cannot sell or direct to another group.



Dedicated volunteer Dick Rohrer diligently manages the register. All Trading Post staff are volunteers.