Holy Cross Ministries (HCM) is a Utah-based non-profit organization committed to improving underserved communities' well-being through health, education and justice programs. Sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, a Roman Catholic congregation of women religious, HCM helps connect individuals with the resources they need to live healthier, happier and more independent lives. HCM’s history of providing services in Utah dates back to 1875, when the first two Holy Cross Sisters arrived in Utah Territory to establish a grade school. By assisting Utahns regardless of their race, religion, income or any other defining characteristic, HCM proudly advances the Sisters’ long legacy of compassionate service.

MISSION STATEMENT
We respond to the underserved community’s need for health and well-being. We share God-given resources, connect people to community services and assist individuals and families towards independence and full participation in the community. We do this to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ and in the spirit of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

OF THE 3,537 PEOPLE HCM SERVED IN 2019...

- 75% were women or children
- 72% were uninsured
- 47% were living in poverty
In 2019, HCM expanded program services, supported an increased number of clients receiving one or more approved legal forms and saw improvements in student learning.

### ANNUAL GROWTH

- **Counseling Program**
  - 331% increase in the number of people (331% increase) who received trauma-informed care.

- **Legal Immigration Program**
  - 16% increase of individuals who received one-on-one support.

- **Parents as Teachers Program**
  - 50% improvement of 109%.

- **Promotora Outreach Program**
  - 49% increase in staff members.

- **School Readiness Program**
  - 109% increase of 20%.

- **Summer Camp Program**
  - 20% increase of 20%.

### KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2019, HCM fostered new partnerships, earned new credentials and broadened our range of services, allowing us to better meet client needs.

- **Receives Recognition** For the first time in four years, one of HCM’s Legal Immigration Program staff members was approved for and recognized as a fully accredited U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) representative (becoming one of the only two in the state of Utah). Additionally, HCM’s School Readiness Program received accreditation from the Utah Department of Health as a licensed child care center, indicating that the program meets the state-defined health and safety criteria of high-quality child care providers.

- **Enhanced Community Involvement** HCM had double the number of volunteers offering their time and talents in 2019 to engage with HCM’s School Readiness Program. These volunteers provided an enriched experience for students by leading additional activities focused on preliteracy concepts, fine and gross motor skills as well as social and emotional development.

- **Launched Additional Services** With the support of the Utah Department of Health, HCM launched two intensive six-week workshops in Spanish for individuals facing chronic health conditions and their families, introducing this curriculum to The University of Utah’s South Main Clinic.

- **Enhanced Wraparound Support** HCM began offering advanced case management services to immigrant victims of crime receiving legal aid at HCM. Additionally, HCM offered a new mental health screening, which identified that 45% of HCM’s Parents as Teachers Program families needed mental health care. HCM connected them to the proper resources, and all clients have been receiving treatment and demonstrating improvement.

### Promotora Outreach Program

- HCM’s bilingual, bi-cultural therapists assist victims of crime on their path to recovery by providing holistic support through counseling services. In 2019, HCM’s Counseling Program gained one additional Licensed Clinical Social Worker and one intern, which allowed HCM to more than quadruple the number of people (331% increase) who received trauma-informed care.

### Legal Immigration Program

- HCM’s attorney and U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) accredited legal representatives help immigrants and their families gain legal status and participate more fully in the community. In 2019, the number of immigration forms submitted (per person) by HCM and approved by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services increased by 16%.

### Parents as Teachers Program

- HCM is the only Parents as Teachers-certified organization providing early childhood education programming through home visits for parents of children ages zero to three years old in Summit County. In 2019 HCM hired an additional staff member to help transition 24 individuals off of the growing waitlist. As a result, the number of parents and children receiving this evidence-based service increased by 50%.

### School Readiness Program

- HCM offers high-quality preschool education for at-risk children, utilizing an evidence-based assessment system to determine students’ development and learning progress. In 2019, the class’ average test scores indicating that students were meeting or exceeding age-appropriate benchmarks doubled, an improvement of 109%.

### Summer Camp Program

- In collaboration with the Park City School District, HCM provides a variety of activities designed to help students build English language skills, increase social and emotional development and reduce summer learning loss. In 2019 20% more children were able to access this program.

### Commenced New Partnerships

- HCM fostered several new partnerships in 2019 including the Utah Department of Health’s Cancer Control Program to connect eligible clients with free breast and cervical cancer screenings; Trees For Keeps to provide free Christmas trees, lights and decorations to families in need; YouTheatre to offer fifth-grade Summer Camp students performing arts workshops; and Salt Lake City’s Neighborhood House to enable HCM to train teachers to become trauma-informed, offer parenting classes with a trauma focus and treat and help prevent re-traumatization of children. Additionally, HCM’s Legal Immigration Program became a founding member of the Utah Immigration Network, an innovative partnership made up of nonprofit agencies that provide legal immigration assistance in the state of Utah.