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**OUR MISSION**

The mission of The Gathering is to provide meals and associated services or programs to those who would otherwise go hungry or without. We respect the dignity and values of every individual we serve and value our volunteers who allow us to serve the community.

**WE ACT** directly and in concert with others to alleviate hunger and to address the root causes and related problems associated with hunger.

**OUR SUCCESS** will be demonstrated by providing quality services to our guests and remaining a viable volunteer-driven organization.

**OUR VISION**

We are a community of guests, volunteers and staff united by a common goal: to feed the hungry in body, mind and spirit.

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**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

**JOE BRUNO**

It is a privilege to serve on the Board for the Gathering Meal Program. I began serving meals with Our Lord’s and Christ UMC several years ago and made it a commitment to continue helping wherever I could. It was somewhat a shock when I was asked to join the Board as I thought “what could I offer that they did not already have?” Little did I know that the Board is made up of many “hands on” hard working members with a passion for serving others. I found a home and enjoy it more than I can ever express. The Gathering is blessed with smiling volunteers. Our guests thank them as they arrive, and again as they leave after having a warm nutritious meal. When we analyze the contributed hours of volunteer service it equates to approximately 18 full time people.

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**INCOME / EXPENSES**

**Total Income FY 2013-2014**

$440,836*

A • Religious Institutions • $38,134 • 9%
B • Corporations/Foundations • $161,250 • 37%
C • Government • $15,143 • 3%
D • Individuals • $151,604 • 34%
E • Donor’s Choice - United Way • $19,547 • 4%
F • Special Events • $38,084 • 9%
G • Hunger Relief Fund • $17,074 • 4%

**Total Expenses FY 2013-2014**

$499,501

A • Programs • $405,196 • 81%
B • Fundraising • $34,080 • 7%
C • Administration • $60,225 • 12%

* Numbers are based on our end of year income/expense statement.
* Does not include the Shelter Meal Program financed by Community Advocates.
Breakfast

47,156 guests (avg 187 guests/meal)
A hot, balanced breakfast is served Monday through Friday mornings at our downtown site, St. James’ Episcopal Church, 833 W. Wisconsin Avenue. This was the site of The Gathering’s first meal in 1982. The majority of breakfast guests are adult males; 60-70% homeless. Legal, medical, and mental health services are provided on site.

Dinner

10,426 guests (avg 104 guests/meal)
Dinner is served Monday and Wednesday at our south side location, Christian Faith Fellowship Church East, 724 S. Layton Blvd. Dinner guests live primarily in the surrounding neighborhood, reflecting that neighborhood’s diversity in age and ethnic background.

Saturday Lunch

25,221 guests (avg 495 guests/Saturday)
The Gathering’s Saturday lunch is served at three locations - the above two sites and at Our Next Generation Neighborhood Center (ONGNC), 35th & Lisbon. Guests at ONGNC are primarily African American; 20-30% children. Lunch is also provided on the 4th Saturday of the month at Mt. Carmel Lutheran church, 82nd & Center.

Shelter Meal Program (SMP)

50,025 meals
The Shelter Meal Program provided three meals daily to residents of three shelters managed by Community Advocates: Women’s Refuge homeless and domestic violence shelters and Autumn West, housing for adult mentally ill. Community Advocates funded the program and The Gathering provided the staffing, food and delivery of services. Unfortunately, Community Advocates had to pull out of the project in mid-October 2013 due to loss of funding.

Our Next Generation Collaboration

13,204 guests
The Gathering provides financial support for meals served at ONG. This tutoring/mentoring program at 35th & Lisbon, one of our Saturday Lunch sites, serves a light meal four afternoons each week to program participants of middle school and high school age.

On Site Services

Mental Health Program

912 contacts
Our collaboration with the Homeless Outreach Nursing Center focuses on connecting with and stabilizing the lives of the homeless mentally ill, twice weekly at our Breakfast Program - where 60-70% of guests are homeless - mental health staff provided information/referral and general screening services to 574 guests, and direct mental health services to 338.

Legal Assistance

71 Clinics
Our collaboration with the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, along with volunteer attorneys, addresses legal barriers to housing, job acquisition and job retention. At the Breakfast site, 48 clinics serving 111 guests were held dealing with issues such as social security, consumer, landlord/tenant, criminal, employment law, divorce, municipal citations/warrants and eviction. The Dinner site offered 23 clinics serving 31 guests dealing with bankruptcy, landlord/tenant, municipal citations/warrants, divorce and social security.

Medical Assistance

348 contacts
Staff from St. Ben’s Medical Clinic conducted 45 clinics at our breakfast program, providing blood pressure checks, health resources and health insurance information for 303 guests; flu shots for 45 guests.

Sundries from the Avenue

1,997 served
Sundries from the Avenue, a ministry of St. James’ Episcopal Church, conducted monthly distributions of toiletry items, including soap, lotion, shampoo, laundry soap, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant at our St. James’ Saturday Lunch. This ministry is particularly important at this downtown location where a majority of Gathering guests are homeless.

Bag Lunch/Sandwich Project

97 distributions
Thirty-two groups provided bag lunches or sandwiches for Gathering guests to take home with them following the Saturday Lunch meals. The next large scale meal is not available until Sunday noon. The number of groups participating in this project doubled from the past year with an estimated 16,900 bag lunches distributed valued at $23,350.
83.5 tons (166,964 lbs.)

88,564 pounds of perishable and nonperishable foods from government and other sources were donated through Hunger Task Force. An additional 45,390 pounds came from area restaurants, grocery stores, coffee shops and bakeries. Food drives brought in 4,236 pounds of food, and 2,400 pounds of fresh produce was donated for the Produce Preservation Project. 16,900 pounds came in the form of take home bag “dinners” for our Saturday Lunch guests, and an estimated 9,474 pounds of coffee, fresh milk and cookies were donated by Saturday Lunch serving groups and holiday volunteers.

One of the major ways we are able to keep costs in check is with the thousands of dollars of food and supplies donated each year. Without such donations, The Gathering’s expenses would double. However, that is not the only reason such gifts are important. They also reflect the commitment of the community to this work and they allow us to provide services not in our annual budget, such as warm clothing, treat bags on holidays, and street supplies for those who are homeless.

83.5 TONS (166,964 LBS.)

Donated food

Individuals, families, school groups, companies, and churches donated warm outerwear and blankets, holiday treat bags, holiday decorations, decorative placemats, small appliances and kitchen tools, equipment repairs, and hours of cleaning.

Volunteers are the backbone of the Gathering’s ministry, providing 98% of the direct service to guests. We rely on hundreds of individuals and groups annually who donate their time and expertise. Numbers below are based on available tracking, observation and best practices.

Volunteers come to The Gathering as individuals or as groups, one time or daily. 156 different groups served meals at Gathering sites: 41 businesses/organizations, 51 religious institutions, 34 schools, and 30 service groups and families. Groups volunteered at 82% of the 518 meals offered, working alongside individuals from the community and from our guest population. Each meal required 12-20 volunteers, resulting in 27,478 donated hours of service. Produce Preservation volunteers, bag lunch makers, serving group recruiters and Saturday cook team volunteers made up the remainder of the donated hours.

Counts volunteers

These volunteers serve as lead cooks and coordinators for our Saturday lunch programs. They serve in roles that would otherwise have to be covered by paid staff. Leadership volunteers provided 3,238 hours valued at $70,524.
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

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