THE MISSION of The Gathering is to provide meals and associated services to those who would otherwise go hungry. We respect the dignity of every individual we serve and value our volunteers who allow us to serve the community.

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.

Total Income for FY 2015/2016 was $430,382
A • Special Events • 8%
B • Religious Institutions • 8%
C • Corporations and Foundations • 32%
D • Government • 9%
E • Combined Campaigns • 7%
F • Individuals • 36%

Total Expenses for FY 2015/2016 were $483,189
A • Programs • 81%
B • Fundraising • 7%
C • Administration • 12%

Numbers are based on our end of year income/expense statement. Difference between income and expenses is covered by reserves.


92,832
TOTAL NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED - breakdown follows

47,306 BREAKFAST: Monday-Friday downtown site; majority of guests are homeless.
10,894 DINNER: Monday & Wednesday south side site; diverse guest population.
26,128 SATURDAY LUNCH: 4 locations; above sites and north side site serving 20-30% children, plus additional west side location two Saturdays each month.
8,504 OUR NEXT GENERATION: A tutoring/mentoring program providing light meals to program participants through The Gathering's support.

650 MENTAL HEALTH NURSE CONTACTS: Collaboration with the Homeless Outreach Nursing Center, providing information & referral services, general screening and mental health screening at our Breakfast Program.
67 LEGAL ASSISTANCE CLINICS: Provided by Legal Aid Society at our Breakfast and Dinner Programs; top issues include landlord/tenant and social security/disability.
263 MEDICAL NURSE CONTACTS: St. Ben’s Medical Clinic provides blood pressure checks and health resources weekly; flu shots seasonally at our Breakfast Program.
70,524 DOLLAR VALUE OF VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP: 80 leadership volunteers provided 3,316 hours of service at our Saturday Lunch Programs. Leadership volunteers take on roles otherwise done by staff.
22,926 HOURS PROVIDED BY DIRECT SERVICE MEAL PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS: Roles include serving meals, kitchen assistance, and dining hall set up and cleaning. Volunteers came as individuals or part of a group.

177 NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER SERVING GROUPS: In FY15/16 serving groups came from 54 businesses/corporations, 32 schools, 56 faith communities, and 35 service organizations/families. Groups volunteered at 88% of the 531 meals served.

89.9 TONS OF DONATED FOOD: Provided by government and other sources through Hunger Task Force, and by area restaurants, coffee shops, grocery stores, bakeries, gardeners, farmers, food wholesalers, serving groups, and individuals. Valued at $205,921.

15,600 BAG LUNCHES (“DINNER TO GO”): These prepared “meals” are given to guests following Saturday Lunch to tide them over until the next available large scale meal on Sunday. In FY15/16 fifteen groups supplied bags for 50% of the Saturday meals.

862 POUNDS OF PRESERVED PRODUCE: Through our Fresh Produce Preservation Project, volunteers froze donated peppers, corn, onions, and green beans for use in winter meals. An additional 101 quarts of apples and tomatoes were canned.