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.

THE NUMBERS

91,094 TOTAL NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED (breakout follows)

44,555 BREAKFAST - Monday through Friday; downtown site; majority of guests are homeless.

10,939 DINNER - Monday & Wednesday; south side site; diverse guest population.

22,648 SATURDAY LUNCH - 4 locations; above sites plus near north side and near west side locations.

12,952 OUR NEXT GENERATION - A tutoring/mentoring program providing meals to program participants with The Gathering’s support; home of our Saturday north side lunch.

99,381 DOLLAR VALUE OF VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP - 98 Leadership Volunteers including Saturday cook team leaders & coordinators plus Gathering Board members provided 4,355 hours of service. Leadership volunteers primarily take on roles otherwise done by paid staff.

149 VOLUNTEER SERVING GROUPS - Serving groups came from 33 Schools, 49 Faith Communities, 29 Service Organizations/Families, and 38 Businesses/Corporations.

120.02 TONS OF DONATED FOOD - 240,040 pounds valued at $269,193; provided by Feeding America, Hunger Task Force, government commodities, Starbucks, McDonalds, grocers, gardeners, farmers, food wholesalers, bakeries, serving groups, individuals and food drives.

16,270 BAG LUNCHES (“DINNER TO GO”) - Prepared by 25 different groups & valued at $32,540, these portable meals are given to guests following Saturday Lunch to tide them over until the next available large scale hot meal Sunday noon.

810 POUNDS OF PRESERVED PRODUCE - Through our seasonal Fresh Produce Preservation Project volunteers prepared and preserved peppers, leeks, cauliflower, cabbage, onions, tomatoes, potatoes, turnip greens, squash, and apples for both immediate and winter use.

290 HOURS OF ONSITE COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMMING - Provided weekly/bi-monthly at no cost by skilled professionals from mental health, medical, legal, veterans, housing and food assistance organizations.

2760.29 OUR MEAL GUESTS - 27% children at north side Saturday Lunch; 60% homeless at Breakfast; 29% of all guests age 60 and over.