



Minnesota FoodShare, launched by GMCC in 1982, is fighting hunger in Minnesota through local community action. Our role in the emergency food system is unique in that we help food shelves raise critical cash which is needed for purchasing items needed from the regional food banks and other food discount programs. From the first participation by a modest number of congregations and food shelves, the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign has grown to become the state’s largest annual grassroots campaign dedicated to raising food, funds and awareness of hunger. Minnesota FoodShare provides vital resources, organizing, and advocacy support to food shelves, as well as to congregations, schools, businesses and civic groups, etc., so they can effectively fight hunger locally.

Results

- In 2017, the March Campaign generated \$8.1 million dollars and 4.7 million pounds of food for Minnesota’s food shelves! 100% of funds contributed to Minnesota FoodShare during the March Campaign were distributed to participating food shelves
- In 2017, 144 congregations actively supported Minnesota FoodShare which represents an 18% increase in participation from the previous year.
- In 2017, 1,592 individuals contributed directly to Minnesota FoodShare representing an increase of more than 24% over 2016.

Metrics

	2015	2016	2017
Food raised by food shelves (LBS)	4,814,281	5,226,890	4,748,756
Funds raised by food shelves	\$7,466,969	\$7,935,541	\$7,781,597
Food Fund Distribution	\$500,000	\$380,000	\$325,000
Food Shelves	283	309	280
Individual MFS donors	1215	1278	1592
Congregations	190	122	144

Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches
2017 PROGRAM REPORT



Metro Paint-A-Thon was started by GMCC in 1984. This program rallies volunteers from businesses, congregations and civic groups to prep and paint the homes of low-income seniors and people with disabilities. The annual undertaking helps seniors continue to live independently in their homes and communities while improving neighborhoods throughout the seven-county Twin Cities metro area.

Results

- In 2017, approximately 700 volunteers representing 30 teams from 26 organizations and businesses prepped and painted 42 exterior home projects
- In 2017, 52 seniors and physically disabled adult homeowners, and their partners, were able to age in place in their own homes and communities with dignity

Metrics

	2015	2016	2017
Number of Homeowners Served	56	52	52
Number of Volunteers	~1000	~1220	~700
Number of Volunteer Hours	~10,000	~8,500	~5,000
Gallons of Primer/Paint	489	552	440
Number of Homeowners Served with City Violations	1	2	4
Number of Veterans Served	3	4	0
Number of Seniors (60+) Served	50	43	52
Number of Disabled Adults (under 60) Served	6	9	0
Number of Projects with Lead-Based Paint	45	41	27



Kinship Mentoring, established in 1954, is a community mentoring program that matches individuals, couples and families with youth ages 5-18 who need additional support. Kinship is an exceptionally effective mentoring program where mentor matches last an average of more than four years compared to the national average of less than one year for other mentoring programs. Kinship respects the faith wishes of participants and our unique program model builds lasting friendships through fun activities and quality time; creating sustained, supportive connections capable of giving kids the tools they need to succeed.

Demographic Snapshot

- 83% of Kinship Kids qualify for free or reduced-price lunch
- 70% of Kinship Kids come from single-guardian households
- 24% of Kinship Kids have an Individual Education Plan at school
- 24% of Kinship Kids have an incarcerated relative

Results

- In 2017, Kinship supported 131 mentor matches, continuing into 2018, and has approximately 160 children on the waiting list for a mentor
- In 2017, Nearly 40% of Kinship mentoring relationships involve caring couples and families

Metrics

	2015	2016	2017
Mentees reporting improved or maintained interest in school	88%	93%	93%
Mentees demonstrating improved decision-making & problem-solving skills	71%	71%	73%
Mentees reporting increased hope or optimism for their future	65%	75%	78%
Mentees demonstrating improved or maintained social skills	71%	71%	73%
Mentors reporting satisfaction with their Kinship involvement	93%	96%	97%
Average length of mentor match	4± years	4± years	4± years



Urban Immersion Service Retreats, a program of GMCC launched in 1996, operates retreats to educate people about urban poverty, provides in-service opportunities and teaches participants about how to be catalysts for change to address issues of poverty in their own communities. Annually, we guide more than 1,000 volunteers through a service-learning immersion experience that may include serving meals at shelters, renovating affordable housing, doing chores for low-income seniors and/or reaching out to children in homeless and battered women’s shelters.

Results

- In 2017, UISR groups contributed more than 10,950 hours of community service
- In 2017, thirty-seven (37) nonprofit, church, government, and business organizations hosted Poverty and Privilege trainings – doubling the number served two years ago!

Metrics

	2015	2016	2017
Participants in weekend retreats	566	430	546
Weekend community service hours contributed	2,830	2,150	3,276
Participants in summer half-week retreats / service hours contributed	326	315	273
Half-week community service hours contributed	3,260	3,150	3,276
Participants in summer full-week retreats / service hours contributed	88	207	163
Full-week community service hours contributed	2,024	4,761	4,401
Poverty and Privilege Workshops conducted	18	27	37

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

The goals of the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program are to: 1) provide professional spiritual care/pastoral counseling to adults and children in need; 2) provide meaningful placement for faith leaders, pastors, and seminarians wanting to further develop their pastoral counseling skills; and 3) extend the ministries of GMCC to partner with local organizations and accomplish together what neither could do alone.

Traditionally, CPE is almost exclusively offered in hospital settings. GMCC's CPE program is one of only a few in the nation that partners with organizations including: 1) homeless shelters; 2) addiction treatment and recovery; 3) transitional living residences; 4) inner-city social services; 5) ex-offender mentoring programs; 6) correctional chaplaincy; 7) long-term care chaplaincy with low-income residents; and 8) refugee and immigrant services.

Accredited through the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE), our CPE program provides four units with up to eight students per unit; each unit consisting of 300 hours of clinical work and 100 hours of interpersonal group process learning.

Results

- In 2017, CPE provided 1,600 hours of ACPE accredited classroom training
- In 2017, CPE placed 29 trained faith leaders at 24 contracted clinical sites

Metrics

	2016	2017
Faith leader participants/completers*	29	29
CPE Clinical Site contract locations	24	24
Participant classroom hours in graduate level theological training	11,600	11,600
Participant hours of service in ministry or spiritual care	8,700	8,700
Participant hours in interpersonal group process learning	2,900	2,900

*Each year is a different cohort of faith leaders