Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches

2017 Annual Report

Uniting People of Faith, Serving People In Need.
Dear Friends,

Most people don’t like change. Change can lead to uncertainty or fear – like an unexpected job loss or a health crisis. It usually takes courage, determination, and a support network to get through major changes like these. While change can be difficult, it can also be the start of positive transformation.

GMCC has undergone significant change over the past couple of years and we appreciate your steadfast support as board and staff re-affirm mission and programs. The impact we are having on addressing human issues and transforming lives is as strong as ever. We ask your continued support by renewing your financial commitment to GMCC. Help us continue our century-old legacy of investing in other people.

Some of GMCC’s program highlights over the last year include:

- MN FoodShare March Campaign generated $8.1 million dollars and 4.7 million pounds of food for Minnesota food shelves;
- 700 volunteers representing 30 teams from 26 organizations and businesses prepped and painted 42 exterior home projects for low income seniors, veterans and persons with disabilities through Metro Paint-A-Thon;
- Kinship of the Greater Twin Cities is supporting 139 mentor matches, including nearly 40% of which are mentor families;
- 78% of youth being mentored through Kinship reported increased hope or optimism for their future, and 93% reported improved or maintained interest in school;
- Urban Immersion Service Retreat groups contributed more than 10,950 hours of community service; and 37 nonprofit, church, government, and business groups completed our nationally recognized Poverty and Privilege trainings – more than doubling the number served in the last two years!

On the theme of change, we have determined that the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program would have more opportunity for success through other venues in the Twin Cities. CPE was sunset at the end of 2017. Secondly, we are exploring transitioning Metro Paint-A-Thon to another organization if it means more people can be helped. We will have a clearer idea later in 2018 about what the future of Metro Paint-A-Thon will be.

GMCC is stronger and healthier organizationally than we have been in several years. The Charities Review Council renewed our Meets Standards seal of merit after meeting their rigorous standards again. Due to feeling more solid now, the board has determined that a search for a new, permanent leader can begin soon. Interim President and CEO Curt Peterson has done great work in leading GMCC through these changes and will work with a new future leader to complete the transition.

We have accomplished much over the past year as we re-invent GMCC. We will continue our transition to an increasingly results-driven organization in 2018. We are doing meaningful, impactful work and ask that you continue to stand with us.

Sincerely,

Bruce Ensrud, Chair
GMCC Board of Directors
2017 Financial Summary

Operating Revenue
$3,654,649

- Individuals—22%
  $801,613
- Foundations and Corporations—16%
  $586,753
- Religious Organizations—2%
  $70,616
- Government—41%
  $1,481,073
- United Way—7%
  $267,754
- Fees and Interest Income—8%
  $302,486
- Affiliated Organizations—3%
  $98,664
- Gain on Sale of Assets —1%
  $45,690

Operating Expenses
$3,774,056

- General Programs—89%
  $3,351,175
- General Administration—9%
  $336,767
- Fundraising—2%
  $86,114

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GMCC Mission & Focus

We accomplish our mission, “Uniting People of Faith - Serving People in Need” through a strategic set of responsive human services programs. The overarching vision of GMCC is to empower people to achieve greater stability and optimal health for themselves and their families. Our services include: Fighting Hunger; Empowering Youth to Succeed; Helping Seniors Live Independently; and Building a Caring Community.

GMCC’s focus is on those most in need. We operate a strategic set of human service programs that help Minnesotans in need access the services and build the skills desired to accomplish the stability and achievement goals they aspire to reach. GMCC primarily serves the Twin Cities seven-county area with the exception of MN FoodShare which is statewide.
Our Family of Programs

**Minnesota FoodShare** fights hunger through fundraising, education and advocacy. We mobilize communities across Minnesota to raise food and funds for 300+ partner food shelves and work year-round to improve access to healthy foods for all.

In 2017, the Minnesota FoodShare 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.

**Kinship Mentoring** provides quality mentoring for youth who face significant economic and social barriers, ages 5 to 18, living in Minneapolis - Saint Paul. The program connects children and youth with caring adults, couples and families. Kinship meets 100% of mentoring best practices as determined through independent review by Mentor Minnesota.

In 2017, Kinship supported 131 mentor matches, and had approximately 160 children on the waiting list for a mentor. Additionally, nearly 40% of Kinship mentoring relationships involve caring couples and families.

**Metro Paint-A-Thon** organizes teams of volunteers to paint, free of charge, the homes of low-income seniors, veterans, and adults with physical disabilities throughout the Twin Cities metro area. Dozens of organized teams give thousands of hours of their time to prepare and paint dozens of homes annually.

In 2017, approximately 700 volunteers representing thirty teams from 26 organizations/businesses prepped and painted 42 exterior home projects which enabled fifty-two homeowners to age in place in their own homes and communities with dignity.

**Urban Immersion Service Retreats** provides opportunities for groups to participate in immersive community learning experiences. During each retreat, groups participate in our nationally recognized poverty & privilege trainings and volunteer at one or more of our service learning partner sites.

In 2017, UISR groups contributed more than 10,000 hours of direct community service. Additionally, 37 nonprofit, church, government, and business organizations hosted Poverty and Privilege training workshops.

**Division of Indian Work** serves the needs of urban American Indian families while honoring cultural traditions. Our mission is to empower American Indian people through culturally based education, counseling, advocacy and leadership development.

In 2017, DIW provided approximately 200,000 pounds of culturally appropriate food to more than 3,000 families and connected each of those families to additional resources and services to improve household stability.

**Clinical Pastoral Education** trains dozens of faith leaders each year in our Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) accredited program and place them in community settings with a variety of diverse human services partner organizations in Minneapolis and Saint Paul.

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