



ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

Thank you for helping us feed the hungry and keep hearts full!

In the past year, thanks to your generosity, we have been able to serve over 60,000 hot, homemade grab and go meals 6 days a week at 4 distinct meals sites across the City of Milwaukee – serving over 1,000 meals each week.

Like many folks, our community and more specifically our meal guests continue to struggle and face astonishing uncertainty as we all continue to live through the residual impacts of the Pandemic, inflation, access, mental health, etc.. This makes our work at The Gathering more noteworthy than ever, and absolutely fundamental for some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Many don't have stable employment, have access to health care nor qualify for public benefits, and many are homeless, living in the streets, in their cars or couch surfing with family and friends. The basic daily necessities that most of us take for granted are nearly impossible to reach for many whom we serve.



*Executive Directors through the years:
Michelle Mooney, Lyn Hildenbrand and Ginny Schrag*

New data indicates that approximately 15.4% of people in Milwaukee County don't know where their next meal is coming from (147,430). Child food insecurity is up to 25.5% from 21.1%. Milwaukee has the second highest rate of food insecurity in Wisconsin, behind Menominee County. The statewide rate is 10.0% and the national rate is 12.5%. With costs rising, there are many families struggling to make ends meet. Families are paying more at the grocery store and getting less. Communities of color are disproportionately impacted by the increase in food insecurity, 27% of the African American community and 20% of the Hispanic population in Milwaukee County are considered food insecure.

If you've been grocery shopping, you've likely noticed it's harder to find staple foods, toiletries, and baby formula. Supply shortages are frustrating for the average person, but for those already facing food insecurity with astronomical rates of inflation, the situation is more dire. To combat food insecurity we must continue to raise the funds necessary to provide food to those who would otherwise go without.

Today, I ask that you join us as we work to feed the hungry while keeping hearts full during these unparalleled times. Enclosed is a donation envelope for your use. You can make a one-time gift or spread your giving throughout the year. If you prefer you can give online at www.thegatheringwis.org/donate

*Thanks for your kind consideration!
Peace & Grace to you and yours,*

Lyn Hildenbrand
Executive Director



The Gathering would like to thank the following generous supporters who have given \$250 or more in the fiscal year 2021-2022.

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- Gebhard, Thomas & Roxanne
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- Hergenrother, Sean
- Heyroth, Steve and Stephanie
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- St. John's Chapel
- St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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- Tidey, James S
- Trainer, Charles
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- Wolcott, Lee and Carol
- Wyka, Lucy M
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\$500-\$999

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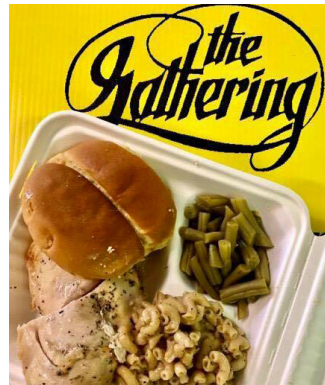
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- Trinity Episcopal Church
- Unitarian Universalist Church West
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- Johansen, Kjell A
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- Johnson, Jeffrey
- Kasten, Susie
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- Kazemi Quercia, Maggie
- Kitzinger, Jim
- Klumb, Randall R.
- Knitter, Margaret
- Kraft, Jennifer
- Kult, Kristin and Pete
- The LaGrant Family Charitable Fund
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- Lenhardt, Evan
- Ligocki, Robert and Holly
- Loxton, George and Sharon
- Luetzow, Timothy M & Lori B
- Martin, Andrew B
- Maxwell, Terrance
- McCormick, James
- Meadows, Christopher
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- Monfre, Greg
- Mooney, Jane
- Mundt, Leo and Patricia
- Murray, James and Patti
- Myers, Greg and Beth
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- Plotkin, Mark
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
- Quade, Brad & Nikki
- Ranta, Bruce and Lyn
- Reilly, James and Cindy
- Roberts, George and Debbie
- Robison, Bill and Amanda
- Roell, Pat
- Rosenberger, George and Gayle
- Roy, Margaret
- Sage, Wayne and Christine
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- Schober, T Michael & Barbara M
- Schriver, Thomas & Meredith
- Schuett, Miriam
- Schwab, Joseph and Suzanne
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- Young, Judith

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Grab and Go Meals at The Gathering



2021-2022 Memorials & Bequeathments

In Memory of James & Jill Ardis
 In Memory of Beverly Preston
 Thanks for Nicole & Jim Hermann
 In Memory of Jeanette Ketelsen
 In Honor of Phil Hudson
 In Memory of Harry Mosely
 In Memory of Lloyd Leder
 In Memory of George Greene
 In Memory of Kathy Awe
 In Memory of Jack Kiefner
 In Memory of Ron Petrus
 Honoring Judith's & August's 73rd
 Wedding Anniversary
 In Memory of Alice M. Gillam
 Thanksgiving for the Work Of The
 Gathering
 In Honor of Lyn Hildenbrand
 In Honor of Joe & Marlene Bruno
 In Memory of Luke Nelson &
 Matthew Purdy

In Memory of Canon Stolpman
 In Memory of Jake McConnell
 In Thanks for Dena's Adopt a Rock
 Fundraiser
 In Honor of Nicole Hermann
 In Honor of Shari Egan
 In Honor of Marilyn Hamilton
 In Honor of Mel & David Johnson
 In Honor of Lisa Murray
 In Honor of The Kortebein Family
 In Honor of Dick & Frank Mooney
 In Honor of Charles Roy
 In Honor of Marian Byers
 In Memory of Douglas Mettelman
 In Honor of Ginny Schrag
 In Honor of John Kenworthy
 In Honor of Baird Financial Dept.
 In Memory of Thomas Sopkovich
 In Honor of Kristin Sage
 In Honor of Tim & Anna Warren

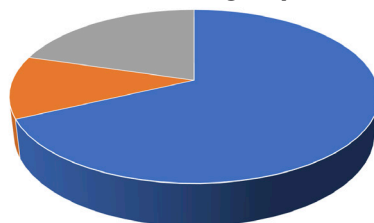
In Honor of Wayne & Chris Sage
 In Honor of Juene Kueffner
 In Memory of Andrew Telford
 In Memory of Dick Iverson
 In Memory of Ambrose, Emma &
 Robert McCormick
 In Honor of God's Touch
 In Memory of Angeline Drinkwater
 In Memory of Pat & Kay O'Connor
 In Honor of All God's Blessings
 In Memory of David Humsik
 In Honor of Mel Johnson
 Happy Birthday Luciano Sanchez
 In Honor of Marie Wolf's 105 Years
 In Memory of Loving Sister Mahnaz
 Kazemi
 In Honor of The Gathering
 In Memory of Nicholas Hirsh

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Pre Audit Financial Report

Expenses	
Professional Fees	\$33,840.00
Personnel	\$235,573.00
Transportation	\$11,357.00
Maintenance	\$6,994.00
Supplies	\$8,344.00
Business Utilities	\$45,700.00
Food	\$12,495.00
Program Expense	\$7,984.00
Equipment	\$2,500.00
Misc	\$2,697.00
Capital Acquisition	-\$5,100.00
Facilities Improvements	\$7,879.00
Program 67%	\$370,263.00
Personnel	\$45,000.00
Postage	\$23.75
Fundraising	\$9,585.00
Marketing	\$9,003.00
Marketing/Fundraising 11%	\$63,611.75
Office	\$16,215.00
Insurance	\$9,172.00
Personnel	\$78,000.00
Professional Fees	\$7,500.00
Admin 20%	\$110,887.00
Grand Total	\$544,761.75

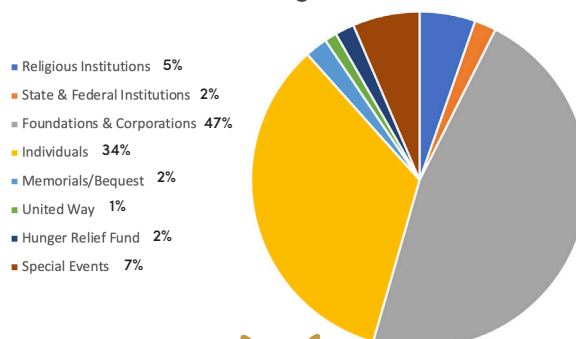
The Gathering Expenses



■ Program 67% ■ Marketing & Fundraising 11% ■ Admin 20%

Revenue	
Religious Institutions	\$29,203.00
State & Federal Institutions	\$11,349.00
Foundations & Corporations	\$25,6784.00
Individuals	\$18,5270.00
Memorials/Bequest	\$11,787.00
United Way	\$6,378.00
Hunger Relief Fund	\$10,061.00
Special Events	\$35,152.00
Grand Total	\$545,984.00

The Gathering Revenue



■ Religious Institutions 5%
 ■ State & Federal Institutions 2%
 ■ Foundations & Corporations 47%
 ■ Individuals 34%
 ■ Memorials/Bequest 2%
 ■ United Way 1%
 ■ Hunger Relief Fund 2%
 ■ Special Events 7%



Your gifts empower us to continue feeding those who would otherwise go without!

Our grab and go meal services have increased our operational costs significantly – if you are able, please consider a gift to The Gathering today.

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Save the date: Mardi Gras Fundraiser Tuesday, February 21, 2023!