



A NOTE FROM A SUPER WOMAN...

"Every year The Gathering hosts a Volunteer Appreciation event honoring the best volunteers around. Unfortunately 2020's event was postponed due to the pandemic. Ironically, the theme chosen for last year's event was going to be "Superheroes." How appropriate then, and even more so now during this pandemic? Being a hero to me means being a helper to those in need, a supporter and a friend, offering strength to others and supporting their weaknesses. This is how I see The Gathering Volunteers as "superheroes." I truly believe you have been called and set apart for a good work such as this. Your work now is far more important than ever before and we thank you from the bottom of our heart. **Romans 5:1-2**"

- Angela Wright, Program & Volunteer Manager



SEE YOU IN NOVEMBER!

WE ARE HOSTING OUR VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT IN-PERSON COME NOVEMBER 2021.
KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MORE DETAILS, COMING SOON!

VOLUNTEER TESTIMONIALS

"I am a marketing consultant and, like many, have a hectic life. I also love cooking – so much so that I sought out a creative outlet to do more of it. I compared many volunteer opportunities in Milwaukee and concluded that The Gathering was a perfect fit. It allowed me to cook from scratch, create a team, and do something meaningful with my passion.

What can I say about The Gathering and what it means to Milwaukee? There is so much heart in this organization. I knew it from the minute I met Angela, the program manager. She cares so much about making sure those in need have a hot meal and don't go hungry. It doesn't stop with her. There are so many others that help with no question other than where do you need me. It's no doubt, Milwaukee has some special people.

I was on the west coast visiting family when the pandemic shut everything down. It kept me there much longer than I had planned. A lot of people were out of work, so there was a significant need. When I returned to Wisconsin, I immediately volunteered to help wherever they needed me. In the beginning, we did what we could with what we had – making PB&J sandwiches, packing fruits, and other good stuff into brown bags. Eventually, Saturdays began evolving back into hot meals – a little closer to the old reality. I feel so fortunate to serve the community and work with such amazing people."

- Mike, Saturday Cook

"I choose to volunteer during the pandemic because volunteers are needed, now more than ever. And I felt comfortable with The Gathering's security precautions. Thanks to The Gathering for continuing to serve our community's most vulnerable during these difficult times."

- Carolyn, Saturday Cook

"I have volunteered during the pandemic at the Southside and now Ascension Gathering site. I believe that this is where God wanted me to help during this unsettling time in our country. I wanted to do what I could to help our brothers and sisters that are less fortunate than I. I kept thinking about all the frontline workers and what they were doing during the pandemic and in a very small way was my calling to serve. I thank God for The Gathering and their continuing commitment to helping our community."

- Cheryl, Saturday Coordinator

"It's hard to put into words something you just feel in your heart..."

- Miriam, Saturday Cook and Coordinator

"With so many people unemployed due to the pandemic, it was important to help keep the Gathering's meal service going, now that it was needed more than ever. The precautions that were taken at the site were such that I never felt like I was in any danger."

- Gregg, Saturday Kitchen Coordinator

"The main reason [I've continued to volunteer] was to get out of the house! Cooking and serving meals at The Gathering have been a part of my life for a long time, so I was happy to be able to continue to do that. One normal thing in the past year!"

- Shari, Saturday Cook

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Thank You, Volunteers!

