



THE GATHERING NEWSLETTER

SUMMER/FALL 2021

JOIN US THIS SEPTEMBER AND COLLECT YOUR JARS OF CHANGE

September is National Hunger Awareness Month and this year we are inviting you to join us and millions all over America to stand together in the fight against hunger. Join us as we take action to alleviate hunger, right here in our own backyards.

In this mailing we've provided you with materials that you can use to raise awareness of & help fight hunger in Milwaukee.

Enclosed you will find an orange ribbon. Orange is the color of hunger awareness. We ask that you wear this ribbon throughout the month of September and specifically on *Hunger Action Day, September 17, 2021*. Let's stand united with meal programs and food banks across the country to raise awareness and fight hunger!

Join us this September and collect your Jars of Change.

Also, enclosed in this mailing you'll find a sticker. Attach this sticker to an empty jar and throughout the month of September, drop your loose change, in your Jar of Change! At the end of the month donate your Jar of Change to The Gathering, where it will directly support our community meal programs.



YOUR CHANGE MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE GATHERING OFFICE




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CHECKS CAN BE MAILED TO THE GATHERING, WITH THE MEMO "JARS OF CHANGE".

YOU CAN ALSO DONATE ONLINE AT WWW.THEGATHERINGWIS.ORG/DONATE

FACTS ABOUT HUNGER IN MILWAUKEE

Statistics provided by our partners Hunger Task Force and Feeding America

-  In the City of Milwaukee, 27.4% of people—of that an overwhelming 39.8% of children—live below the federal poverty line. (www.hungertaskforce.org)
-  In 2018, 1 in 11 Wisconsin households (8.9%) experienced low or very low food security. (www.hungertaskforce.org)
-  The pandemic has caused more families to seek help from food banks in the Feeding America network. Food banks estimate that 4 in 10 people visiting a food bank now need assistance as a result of COVID-19. (www.feedingamerica.org)



GATHER 'ROUND, IT'S A SCRAMBLE!

There's still time! Our Unprecedented 14th Annual Golf Classic is a one-of-a-kind event you don't want to miss! Register now and golf-on-your-own at Brown Deer Golf Course, "where Tiger Woods turned pro". Gather your foursome and soak up the last few weeks of summer. Golf anytime between now and October 15. Register at www.thegatheringwis.org/events.

Be sure to also check out our Silent Auction taking place September 15–October 1. Visit our website for more details, coming soon!



MEAL PROGRAM UPDATES

OUR BAG LUNCH PROGRAM IS BACK!

We have relaunched our Saturday bag lunch to-go program and we need your help! The Gathering depends on outside groups and organizations to donate prepared bag lunches for our Saturday meal program each and every weekend! Interested in learning more? Email us at soulfood@thegatheringwis.org. Through your contribution, The Gathering is able to provide hot meals 6-days a week, AND in addition to a hot meal, serve Saturday bag lunches to-go to our meal guests at all of our meal sites.



COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at The Gathering

Our friends at Outreach Healthcare for the Homeless (OHCH) are providing mobile vaccine clinics at our Breakfast and Dinner programs this summer. Our guests at both Running Rebels and Ascension Lutheran meal sites are receiving their two-shot dose of the Moderna vaccine. We are grateful for the partnership with OHCH!



Face Covering Policy Update & Tentative Re-opening

The Gathering continues to serve Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner meals to-go at our four locations. In an effort to keep our meal guests, volunteers, and staff safe, masks are still required to be worn regardless of vaccination status. We thank you for your kind cooperation in abiding by this policy. Our projected re-opening for dine-in meal service is November 15, 2021, with more details to come.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The past 19 months at The Gathering have been unprecedented, to say the least. As we look into the near future we find ourselves in need of volunteers, more than ever. We are currently welcoming five to seven volunteers on-site at each of our programs. If you, as an individual, or group, are interested, willing and able to volunteer at any of our three meal programs, please go to our website www.thegatheringwis.org to learn more and sign up today!



TO STAY UP TO DATE ON THE GATHERING'S NEWS, MEAL PROGRAM HAPPENINGS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SIGN-UP FOR OUR MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER! TO SIGN-UP, VISIT WWW.THEGATHERINGWIS.ORG