

APRIL IS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH



With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer. However, our volunteers make it seem simple as they provide vital services to our guests – fulfilling the most basic need... preparing and serving meals to those who would otherwise go hungry or without. The Gathering's cause, our community, our meal guests, are eminently impacted by the help our volunteers and their actions make the world a better place. Even helping out with the smallest of tasks makes a real difference in the lives of our guests and our organization as a whole.

We are so very thankful to have such a wonderful group of volunteers that give us so much more than we would ever be able to pay back. This THANK-YOU goes out to the courageous, selfless volunteers who continue to see us through 51 weeks of service each and every year. To the Breakfast volunteers, the people who get out of bed before the sun rises, Monday-Friday. For the Dinner volunteers, the individuals who are so loyal they know almost every guest's name by heart. For the Saturday Lunch volunteers, who run all operations, from coordinating to cooking and serving, across all of our locations. *Thank you-thank you-thank you!*



APRIL 16-22 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

Dedicated hearts like yours are not easy to find. It takes a special person to be so generous and kind.

To care so much for your fellow man is a quality all too rare.

Yet you give of your time and talents, for all in need to share.

So thank you for being a volunteer, we're privileged to work with you!

We want you to know how appreciated you are, not just today, but the whole year through.



MARDI GRAS GALA 2023



The Gathering celebrated Mardi Gras with an evening of merrymaking in honor and recognition of our meal guests and those who support our mission. Over 100 friends of The Gathering indulged on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at The Ivy House. Guests enjoyed dinner, music, games, a silent auction, raffles, awards, beads, masks, cookies, and lots of fun-while raising money to allow us to feed those who would otherwise go hungry or without.

One of the reasons we chose to host a Mardi Gras fundraiser has to do with the symbolism of the colors purple, green and gold. Purple means justice, green means faith and gold means power. At The Gathering we walk in faith to achieve our mission; we fight for justice and work to empower our meal guests. The gold, purple and green are a natural fit for the work of The Gathering!

We honored longtime supporters of The Gathering during our program; Michelle Mooney received the Distinctive Trailblazer award, Mel and David Johnson received the Individual Champion award, and Komatsu received the Corporate Advocate award. Click on the link below to watch the video of the awardee interviews.

We are thankful for our event sponsors; Flambeau Sponsor; Komatsu, Doubloon Sponsors; Hupy and Abraham, Joan & Todd Smasal, Mel & David Johnson, John Hickey and Lyn Hildenbrand & Malcolm Martin, and Beaded Sponsors; Town Bank, Brice Cohey Consulting LLC, Christine Ebert, Michael & Ginny McBride, and Judy Young!

Ms. Andrea Williams, our emcee for the evening did an outstanding job facilitating the evening's activities while engaging our guests! The Smooth Jazz Duo of Mike DeRosa and Warren Wiegatz provided us with outstanding music all evening, and we raised nearly \$25,000. "Let the good times roll!"

ASCENSION APPEAL



Our Ascension mealsite was severely damaged in a chemical fire on November 3, 2022. We lost everything that we had at Ascension because of the toxicity of the chemical fire. We have continued to serve our meal guest out of a door in the alley behind the church, by preparing meals at our Running Rebels meal site and transporting them to Ascension for meal service – once meal service is over all of the dirty dishes are transported back to Running Rebels to be washed and put away until the next time we serve at Ascension.

The Gathering's loss amounted to \$88,000 and our insurance provider reimbursed us \$34,000 leaving us with a \$54,000 deficit. We raised \$32,000 to date a donor has offered to provide us with a significant challenge/matching gift to help us raise the rest of the money needed to restore the kitchen at Ascension – if you care to donate to the Ascension Appeal please go to our website, all gifts will be matched up to \$10,000.

SWEET 16 GOLF CLASSIC

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2023

The Gathering's Sweet 16 Golf Classic is one of our special event fundraisers with all proceeds benefiting our meal programs. This year's event will be held on Friday, July 28, 2023, at Brown Deer Golf Course. We anticipate 100 golfers and hope to raise \$25,000.

SCHEDULE:

11:30 Registration & Raffle
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Shotgun Start
5:30 Dinner & Raffle

COST:

\$175 per golfer/\$700 per foursome
Includes 18 holes, golf cart, lunch, dinner, drink tickets



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PLATINUM: \$6,000

Benefits: 12 Golfers; Name & Logo on Sponsorship Banner; 4 Hole Sponsor Signs; Ad with Logo in Event Program, Gathering Newsletter and Website

GOLD: \$3,000

Benefits: 8 Golfers, Name & Logo on Sponsorship Banner; 2 Hole Sponsor Signs; Ad with Logo/Name in Event Program, Gathering Newsletter and Website

SILVER: \$1,750

Benefits: 4 Golfers; Name & Logo on Sponsorship Banner; 1 Hole Sponsor Sign; Logo/Name in Event Program, Gathering Newsletter and Website

BRONZE: \$700

Benefits: 2 Golfers; Name on Sponsorship Banner; 1 Hole Sponsor Sign; Name in Event Program, Gathering Newsletter and Website

HOLE: \$125

Benefits: Name/Logo on Hole Sign; Name in Event Program, Gathering Newsletter and Website

**SPONSORSHIP SIGNUP: Open Now;
Deadline July 14, 2023**

The Gathering would like to thank the following donors who have given \$200 or more during the first quarter of 2023 (January - March) - We appreciate your generous support.

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Honor of Juene Kueffer
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Thanksgiving & Family Health



Your gifts make a difference!

Your gifts empower us to continue feeding those who would otherwise go without!
If you are able, please consider a gift to The Gathering today.

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