

SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH



What can you do to help The Gathering eliminate hunger?

1. Participate in Jars of Change by collecting loose change and donate it to The Gathering!
2. Educate your friends and family about hunger in Milwaukee.
3. Wear an orange ribbon during the month of September!

Hunger Action Month is an annual awareness campaign to inspire action by rallying the public around the issue of hunger in America.

Neighbors who have already been working to overcome the hardships wrought by the effects of the pandemic, are now faced with a 10% increase to buy groceries for their family. When difficult times hit, food can be the first thing people forego to make ends meet. People should never be faced with the impossible choice between food and other crucial needs like medicine and utilities.

Orange is the color of hunger-relief. During Hunger Action Month, we join together by wearing orange and raising our voices on behalf of the 150,000 people facing hunger in Milwaukee County.

September 15 is Hunger Action Day—a day where collective efforts across the country are focused for greater impact. **Wear orange** and use #HungerActionDay on social media.

HOW CAN I HELP?

1. **Donate:** Make every month Hunger Action Month and become a recurring donor!
2. **Participate in Jars of Change:** Reportedly, there are over 10 billion dollars in coins currently gathering dust as spare change in piggy banks and old cookie tins in homes all across America. One great way for us to raise funds is to get our hands on this money through Jars of Change. All you have to do is place the enclosed sticker on a jar and drop your spare change into the jar – at the end of September donate your jar of change to The Gathering – or pop a check in the mail or go to our website to make an online Jars of Change donation.
3. **Volunteer:** Our volunteers are crucial to helping us fight hunger. From cooking and serving to sorting and packaging food, no good deed goes un-noticed. Go to our website to sign up to volunteer.
4. **Advocate:** Join us in the fight and become an anti-hunger advocate.
5. **Join us** at The Gathering Place Brewery: Every Thursday in September The Gathering will receive a portion of the sales at both locations. Staff and volunteers will be at each location 5:00 – 8:00 each evening...please join us.
 - o The Gathering Place Riverwest – 811 E Vienna Ave or
 - o The Wauwatosa Brewery - 7208 W North Avenue.



ST. PAUL COGIC NOW SERVING

We are excited to announce that we have a new community partner, St Paul COGIC! Thanks to Pastor Walter Fields for his welcoming cooperative spirit and positive energy, which helped roll out this partnership.

On Wednesday August 2 we served our first meal at St Paul, with the good people of the church both cooking and serving folks. Then on Saturday, August 5 we served our first lunch with volunteers from St. Anne's!

St Paul COGIC is located at 2661 N 53rd St, a neighborhood where our services are much needed due to rising numbers of those facing food insecurity.

We are serving dinner each Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 and lunch is served every Saturday from 11:30-12:30.



A SUCCESSFUL GOLF CLASSIC!

The Gathering had an amazing time at the Brown Deer Golf Course on Friday, July 28th, while we celebrated our Sweet 16 Golf Classic. Our event included a day of golfing, our traditional Wine Ring Toss, a Raffle & Silent Auction. To end the night four-somes were recognized; Team Trimble had the lowest score and Team Hanrahan had the highest score!

We would like to thank our staff, donors, and golfers for making this event a huge success. The Gathering would also like to thank our sponsors: **Komatsu, Mel & David Johnson, Trimble Family Foundation, and Waterstone Mortgage.**



IN MEMORY OF MAGGIE BROEREN



Maggie Broeren, a longtime friend, supporter and loyal board member of The Gathering died on August 1, 2023, at her home in Milwaukee, surrounded by her family. Maggie attended Marquette University where she earned degrees in Speech Pathology while being exposed to a broader world-view by Jesuits.

She went on to live in community at I 'Arche Daybreak for years before embarking upon careers (Milwaukee College Prep) and endeavors (Jesuit Volunteer Corps and The Gathering) that involved inviting economically and socially privileged people to encounter the dignity of those marginalized by society.

A beloved community of friends carried her through these past years as the ultimate mystery neared.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to **The Gathering**, Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Midwest Jesuits, Casa Romero Renewal Center, Franciscan Peacemakers are appreciated.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

The Gathering is always looking for new people to join our team! Volunteering at one of our mealsites is the best way to get involved. With 4 meal sites, and 3 serving times, we have options to fit your busy schedule. Please consider joining us making a difference in the Milwaukee Community.

Our guest count has gone up 22% since food share benefits were cut earlier this year. We need your kind assistance more than ever in these unprecedented times! As a volunteer lead agency - we can't accomplish our mission with out YOU!

Sign up as an individual or recruit some friends and sign up a group to help out at any of our 4 meal sites! You won't be disappointed!

To learn more visit our website at www.thegatheringwis.org or by scanning this code!



The Gathering would like to thank the following donors who have given \$250 or more during the second quarter of 2023 (April - June) - we appreciate the generous support.

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*We have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of this information.
If we missed you or spelled your name incorrectly, please let us know. soulfood@thegatheringwis.org



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