

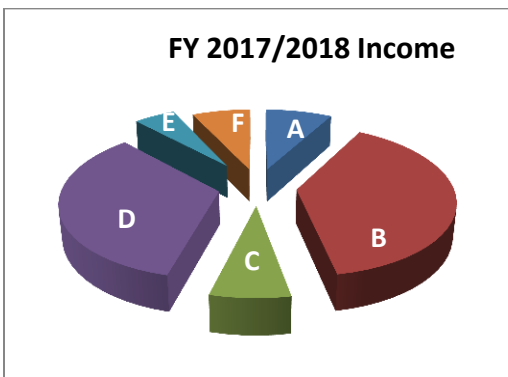


# THE GATHERING ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

**OUR MISSION:** To provide meals and associated services or programs to those who would otherwise go hungry or without. We respect the dignity and values of every individual we serve and value our volunteers who allow us to serve the community. We act directly and in concert with others to alleviate hunger and to address the root causes and related problems associated with hunger. Our success is demonstrated by providing quality services to our guests and remaining a viable volunteer-driven organization

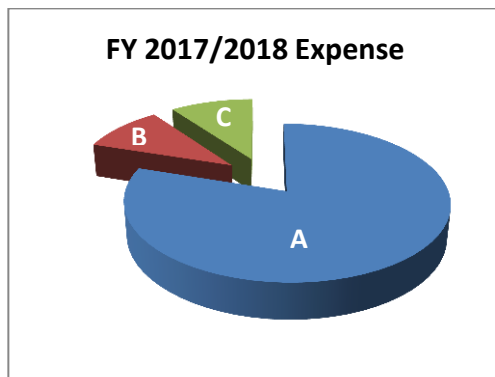
**OUR VISION:** We are a community of guests, volunteers and staff united by a common goal: to feed the hungry in body, mind and spirit.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION



**TOTAL INCOME: \$508,980**

A-Faith Communities (8%); B-Corporations/Foundations (39%); C-Government (7%); D-Individuals (34%); E-Combined Campaigns (5%); F-Special Events (7%)



**TOTAL EXPENSE: \$480,940**

A-Program (80%); B-Administration (10%); C-Fundraising (10%)

*Numbers are based on our end of year income/expense statement.*



**Breakfast Staff, Lynette & Natalee**



**2018 Volunteer Event**

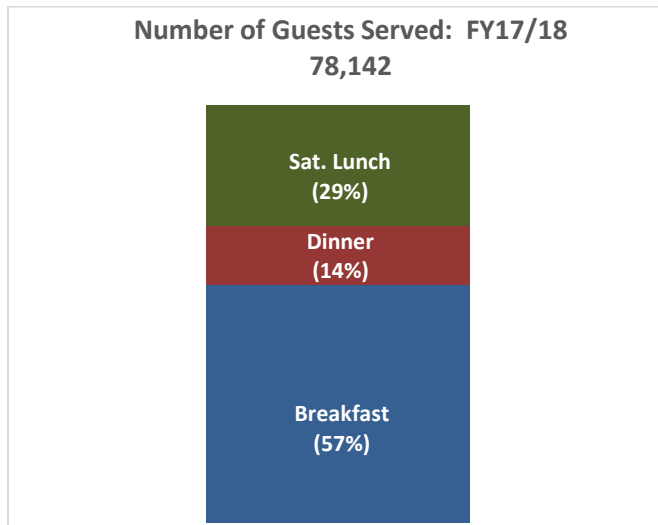


**Baird Gives Back Volunteer Group**

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

**91,094: Total # of Meals Served**

**Community Meal Programs: 78,142**  
*(Free meals prepared on site)*



### Breakfast: 44,555 guests

Breakfast is served Monday through Friday morning at our downtown location (The Gathering on State Street - St. Ben's Parish, 9<sup>th</sup> & W. State). Breakfast guests are majority adult males, 60% homeless, 29% age 60 plus. Medical, mental health, legal, housing, food share and veterans' services are offered on site. On site staff include Breakfast Coordinator, Cook and two security guards, guiding 15-25 direct service volunteers daily.

### Dinner: 10,939 guests

Dinner is served Monday and Wednesday evenings at our south side location (Christian Faith Fellowship East, 724 S. Layton Blvd). Dinner guests reflect the diversity of the surrounding neighborhood. On site staff include Dinner Coordinator, Cook and security guard guiding 12-15 direct service volunteers.

### Saturday Lunch: 22,648

Saturday lunch is served at four locations, the above two sites plus Our Next Generation (35<sup>th</sup> & Lisbon) and Mt. Carmel Lutheran (84<sup>th</sup> & Center). Guests at ONG are primarily African American; 20-30% children. Guests at Mt. Carmel are primarily Caucasian; 88% age 60 plus. Saturday lunches are staffed at all sites by leadership volunteers who cook the meals and guide the volunteer serving groups.

## Additional Food Programming

### Our Next Generation Food Support: 12,952 meals

The Gathering underwrites (through Feeding America) food purchases for meals served to ONG program participants. The site of this tutoring/ mentoring program on 35<sup>th</sup> & Lisbon is also one of our Saturday Lunch locations.

### Fresh Produce Preservation Project (FPPP): 810 lbs.

This seasonal project preserves excess donated produce for immediate and winter use in our daily meals, adding flavor and nutrition. Volunteers under the guidance of Gathering staff prepared and preserved peppers, leeks, cauliflower, cabbage, onions, tomatoes, potatoes, turnip greens, squash and apples. All Saints Cathedral donated program space.

## On Site Guest Services

Though our primary focus is to provide freshly prepared, nutritious meals, we also seek to meet other needs as able.

### Collaborative Guest Services

The Gathering collaborates with community-based programs to provide additional services to our guests on a regular basis. In FY17/18 these services included mental health, medical, legal, housing, food share and veterans' benefits.

### Street Supply Distributions

Distributions of street supplies, such as toiletry items, clothing, blankets, socks, coats and bottled water were donated throughout the year by church, school and corporate groups and distributed on an as available basis.

### Bag Lunch Distributions ("Dinner to Go")

16,270 bag lunches – valued at \$32,540 – were prepared by 25 different groups and available at Saturday lunch sites. These portable meals were offered to guests following the Saturday lunch to tide them over until the next available hot meal.

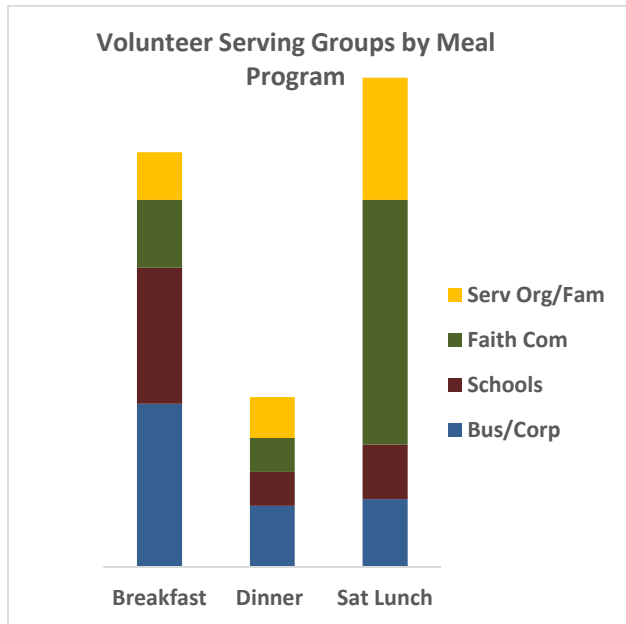
## VOLUNTEERS

Gathering volunteers provide 98% of the direct service work at our meal sites. The work is hands on and face to face, building relationships and working alongside those

we serve. Volunteers come as individuals or as part of a group, serve a meal, or perform leadership roles.

### Service Groups: 149

In FY17/18 volunteer serving groups came from 33 schools, 49 faith communities, 29 service organizations/families, and 38 businesses/corporations. At our week-day meals they were supplemented by individual volunteers from the community at large and from our guest population.



### Leadership Volunteers: 98

Ninety-eight individuals provided 4,355 hours of volunteer service, leading Saturday cook teams, coordinated the work of volunteer serving groups at our four Saturday Lunch sites and served on The Gathering's Board of Directors. These trained leaders primarily take on roles otherwise done by paid staff. For FY17/18 their work was valued at \$99,381

### IN KIND DONATIONS

#### Donated Food: 120.02 Tons

240,040 pounds of food – valued at \$269,193 - was provided by Feeding America, Hunger Task Force, government commodities, McDonalds, Starbucks, grocery stores, bakeries, food wholesalers, farmers, gardeners, serving groups, individuals and food drives.

#### Site Enhancement

Community groups and individuals provided the people power for cleaning and organizing projects, decorated meal sites for the holidays, baked muffins and thousands of cookies, and created children's holiday treat bags. Children youth from schools, churches and service organizations decorated placemats throughout the year to brighten our tables.

## MONETARY DONATIONS: July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

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