

## ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

## Thank you for helping us feed the hungry while keeping hearts full!

Dear Friend of The Gathering!

We have experienced another year of progress and deviations, however the incredible outpouring of support from you, our community has put us in a position to be able to adjust our sails rapidly and responsibly to the ever changing circumstances that come our way. We have been changing, growing, and adapting – always trying to stay one step ahead of the next curve ball so we are able to meet needs of our guests during perpetual conversions.



Executive Director Lyn Hildenbrand Michelle Mooney 1st Executive Director

With a small but mighty staff and a strong engaged board, we have been able to quickly alter our production to make certain that our guests were fed and that meals were hot and healthy. Whether it was altering our mode of meal service due a year-long renovation of a chemical fire at our Ascension mealsite or establishing a new partnership at St. Paul COGIC – we made sure that folks were fed. We adjusted to be able to fulfill the needs of The Benedict Center, The Cathedral Center, Sojourner Family Peace Center, and Running Rebels programs – ensuring that folks are fed!

A deep level of gratitude to our supporters. You called, emailed, and inquired how you could help. You donated and gave support that augmented our work. Your generosity came in unexpected waves that kept us afloat. As the fluctuations continued, we kept true to our genuine care for those in need. Even though times were difficult, there was gratitude. The meals we serve continue to give real hope. We are mindful of our guests needs so we can continue to serve those who would otherwise go without. We are at the base of the mountain as we climb to meet the need of our community continues. I am confident that we are prepared, and with your help, we will keep providing a place our guests can count on for meals, comfort, and kindness.

Our dedicated staff and volunteers have been doing a lot more with a lot less. Food insecurity and financial distress continue to rise, and families continue to need our help. The community has very graciously stepped up to help us address the increase in demand. It is our responsibility and commitment that we remain steadfast in our mission by providing healthy food and associated services to promote long term results for families struggling with hunger and economic instability. Together, we will move forward with unwavering purpose to achieve a lasting impact for those in need in our community.

While we feed the hungry and keep hearts full – Thank you again for all of your kind support!

Peace & Grace to you and yours!



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Impact 100

Sweet 16 Golf Classic

Mardi Gras

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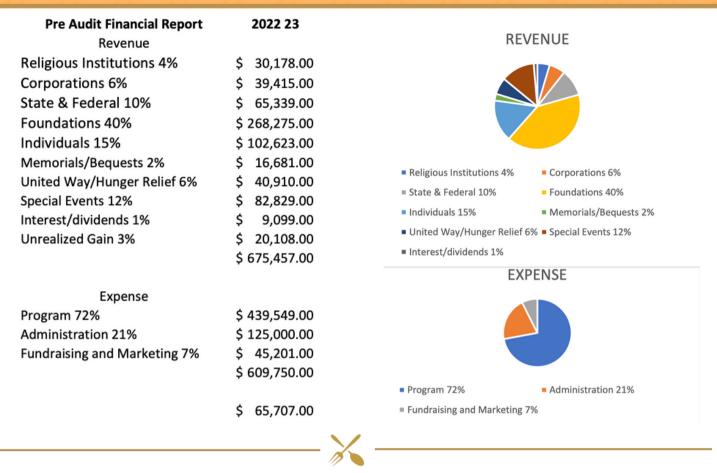


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Save the date: Mardi Gras Fundraiser Tuesday, February 13, 2024!