

2014 Annual Report



THANK YOU!

During the 2014 fiscal year, more than 73 individuals, 25 churches, 7 businesses and 14 grants invested finances in our food pantry networks. Over 600 volunteers gave more than 24,000 hours of their time. Most of them worked side by side with our community preparing bags of food. Others serve on the Board or help run aspects of the organization. Together we have been building ladders of peace throughout Milwaukee since 1978.

What We Do

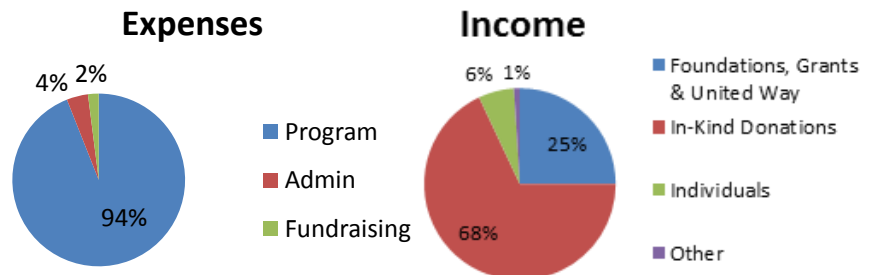
Friedens Community Ministries, Inc. is a network of food pantries building ladders of peace throughout Milwaukee. We believe that a dependable supply of food is a means of bringing hope and dignity to our community.

Friedens' has experienced a year of building a greater sense of connection between the pantries, with the goal to bring hope, peace, dignity and respect to all areas in which we serve. This year we have seen a network of food pantries united in serving our community, while allowing each pantry to flourish as they meet the unique needs of their neighborhood.

We strive to provide a 3-5 day supply of nutritious food including meat, protein, fruits and vegetables (fresh when possible), dairy products, soups, breakfast foods, bread and starches such as pasta. We not only try to prevent hunger but we also provide healthy food choices to our many clients. Friedens is also a significant provider of baby and infant formula. In addition to our food pantry services, two of our pantries have a free library and our Despensa location also runs a small clothing bank.

Financials

Two full time staff coordinates the efforts of 600+ unique volunteers. Over 80% of the needs of Friedens are accomplished by volunteers. Thanks to the generosity of our donors we raised over \$600,000 in donations (both cash and in-kind).



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Friedens Community Ministries, Inc. is a nonprofit organization, under IRS Section 501(c)(3) public charity. Contributions to Friedens Community Ministries, Inc. may qualify as a charitable deduction for federal income tax purposes, to the extent permitted by law. Please consult with your tax advisor.

Federal Tax ID #39-1587037.

2014 Number of Clients

Coggs Center Food Pantry (1220 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee, WI 53205)

- Household: 5,572 (2,774 in 2013)
- Individuals: 10,952 (6,483 in 2013)
- Infant Needs: 400 (217 in 2013)

Dispensa de la Paz Food Pantry (1615 W. 22nd St., Milwaukee, WI 53224)

- Household: 5,568 (4,661 in 2013)
- Individuals: 20,812 (18,097 in 2013)

JCY Food Pantry (9050 N. Swan Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53225)

- Household: 1,118 (1,316 in 2013) open 10 months
- Individuals: 4,209 (4,573 in 2013) open 10 months

StreetLife Community Ministries

- Served around 70 homeless individuals each week with a hot cup of coffee, sandwiches, new winter boots, jeans, tennis shoes, handshake and a smile. Working together to connect the disconnected.

Totals:

- Household: 12,258
- Individuals: 35,973 + StreetLife

Management Team

Board of Directors

Bill Hintz- President
Joe Timm- Vice President
John Dorr- Treasurer
Mellissa Minich- Secretary
Amanda Frazer-Collins- Past President
Kathy Adam
Jim Dorr
John Fatica
Tracey Magyar
Jean Miller
Mike Miller
David Nelson

Staff

Catherine Draeger
Executive Director

Andre Pirtle
Food Management Specialist

Gina Alfonso
Site Manager (Intern)



What's Next?

Unfortunately, the need around us keeps rising and more people are in need of our food pantries. We are stepping up to meet that need. In 2015, we are going to begin to oversee the pantry at Hope House Shelter of Milwaukee. To connect with us visit our newly designed website: www.FriedensPantry.org and you can follow our activities at facebook.com/friedenspantry