



## Thank You!

In 2018, we provided 1.3 million pounds of fresh and nutritious food options, serving more than 59,000 individuals and 25,000 households. With Friedens becoming the referral food pantry for the 53205-zip code area, the number of clients served at the Coggs Center has doubled since 2016.

Although service requests increased, Friedens was able to meet the demand at current staffing levels with the support and dedication of our long-time volunteer *Peace Builders*, who now total over 2700 individuals, 30% of whom reside in the neighboring community, logging in over 300,000 volunteer hours.

### Strategies:

**Nourishing the Body** - Offering a dependable supply of nutritious food

**Nourishing the Mind** - Providing opportunities to learn and grow through community connectedness, volunteer engagement, and job development

**Nourishing the Soul** - Creating a physical place of hospitality which offers both spiritual and emotional peace

### Quality Administration and Operations

In addition, to assure the quality of administration and operations, Friedens's Board/Staff successfully updated or developed new policies and procedures including: Safety Policy, Nutrition Policy, Financial and Fundraising Policies, Conflict of Interest, Emergency Contact, and Volunteer/Board Orientations.

## A Network of Food Pantries Building Ladders of Peace



Volunteers, Staff, and Board President at the Friedens Community BBQ at Northcott Neighborhood Center, July 2018

## 2018 Annual Report

2018 was a year of reflection as we celebrated 40 years of service in the community. Our Board took stock of where we came from and our future direction with revisions of our *Mission, Vision, Values, and Strategic Direction* (listed below).

**Mission:** A network of food pantries building ladders of peace to nourish the body, mind, and soul

**Vision:** We envision a world of peace where people have enough healthy food to eat and food pantries are no longer needed

### Values:

**Peace Building** - Empowering our community through connectedness, resiliency, abundance, trust, and respect, offering a place of respite from a stressful world

**Community Health** - Building a community-centered approach that focuses on the physical and mental needs of individuals

**Social Justice** - Supporting opportunities, human dignity, respect, and resources necessary to meet basic human needs for all

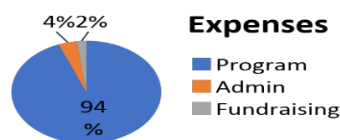
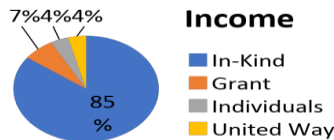
## 2018 Food Pantry Service Data

Site Location	Address	Individuals	Households	Stock Box	Infant Formula
Coggs	1220 W Vliet St, 53205	22,457	12,113	-----	215
Despensa de la Paz	1615 S 22nd St, 53204	18,619	6,795	-----	-----
Hope House	209 W Orchard St, 53204	13,201	4,601	1,162	19
Zion Rock	10230 W Fond du Lac Ave, 53224	4,759	1,737	753	-----
<b>Totals</b>		<b>59,036</b>	<b>25,246</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>234</b>

Note: The above figures reflect each time of service. These figures also represent 10,234 unique families and 22,661 unique individuals, 34% of whom are children and 11% of whom are seniors

**SINCERE THANKS TO OUR DONORS FOR HELPING US TO SECURE \$1,800,000 IN CASH AND IN-KIND DONATIONS FOR 2018**

**Financials:** In celebration of 40 years of service, Friedens started the year off with a successful *Paper or Plastic* Fundraising Event, raising over \$40,000, which was 25% higher than the 2017 level. Income and expenses remained sound, consistent with budgeted allowances.



**2018 Cash Donors and Grants (\$2,500 & above):** United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County, Anonymous Grant, Greater Milwaukee Foundation, TJ Max Foundation, AM Construction Services, TEFAP, Southeastern Wisconsin United Church of Christ Association, Emanuel Church UCC, Weiss Family Foundation, Street Life, Racine Dominicans, Racine UCC (plus many smaller donations, not listed)

**In Kind Donations:** Hunger Task Force, Feeding America, Muskego Food Pantry, Walmart, Roundy's, Sendik's, Fresh Thyme, Pewaukee Food Pantry, Save-A-Lot, Costco, Outpost, ALDI, Casa Maria Hospitality House, Just One More, Abundant Life, Aldi's Brookfield, D&G Transportation, Northbrook Church, Guest House of Milwaukee, Panera Bread, Angelic Bake House, Witte's Vegetable Farm, Half Price Books

## 2019 Challenges and Future Vision

As the largest food pantry network in Milwaukee, Friedens now serves 4 unique neighborhood locations. One site, Despensa de la Paz (1615 S 22<sup>nd</sup> St., 53204) has outgrown its current space, with 150-200 family visits on any given Saturday morning. As we looked to expand, more square footage in our current location opened-up, with an opportunity to move from 1,500 square feet up to the 7,000+ square feet available. To make this futuristic dream a reality, we will secure financial support from key partners while maintaining viability of all sites as need for our services continues to rise.

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