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Ending homelessness and creating healthy communities

UNITED SOUTHSIDE FOOD PANTRY

Annual Report: January 1 – December 31, 2012

Current, local research shows that for too many low-income families, persistent hunger and poor nutrition are a sad, but preventable fact of life. In response, the **United Southside Food Pantry** - the fourth largest emergency food distribution site on Milwaukee's south side - has developed a multifaceted continuum of services designed to reduce hunger, improve nutrition, and enhance quality of life for households in the 53204 zip code. The three tiers - healthful food distribution, applicable education on good nutrition and general wellness, and relevant service referral and linkage - create a positive, proactive, and integrative method for recipients to learn, develop, and apply new behaviors and strategies that improve and maintain their quality of life. The United Southside Food Pantry seeks to reduce hunger today and lead to good health tomorrow.

PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

The geographic community served by the United Southside Food Pantry extends throughout the 53204 zip code, comprised of a mix of long-time homeowners and a number of new immigrants who occupy a variety of rental units in the area.

In 2012, a total of 3,642 households received emergency food distributions. This amounts to more than 9,822 people - 5,512 adults and 4,310 children.

Monthly averages for the year are 306 households - average of 459 adults and 359 children.

PROGRAM GOALS, INDICATORS AND RESULTS

The United Southside Food Pantry offers immediate and interim services and programming with the intention of promoting long-term change in participants.

GOAL 1: TO REDUCE HUNGER FOR PARTICIPANTS

Indicator: *Participants will receive healthful food distributions.*

Results: **On average, 306 households per month have received emergency food baskets during this year.**

GOAL 1: TO EXPAND USE OF COMMUNITY BASED RESOURCES FOR PARTICIPANTS AND PROMOTE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERISM

Indicator: *Participants will receive new "Try Me" recipes and other healthy foods information each month.*

Results: **On average, 306 households per month have received new recipes and health information hand-outs about diabetes, portion control, the on-site Angel of Hope Clinic, and the SNAP program.**

Results: 1,619.4 hours of volunteer service were provided to our pantry in 2012.

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