



# Hope House of Milwaukee, Inc.

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*Ending homelessness and creating healthy communities*

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## UNITED SOUTHSIDE FOOD PANTRY

### 2014 Annual Report

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 addition, the Pantry occasionally serves people from outside the 53204 zip code on an as-needed basis.

**In 2014, the pantry distributed a total of 2,872 food packages to families and individuals in need in Milwaukee. This nutritious emergency food fed an average of 338 adults and 197 children every month. In addition, the pantry provided almost 100 cans of infant formula for babies under the age of 1, aiding in the development of children at a crucial time in their life. Finally, the pantry also provided low-income seniors in Milwaukee with more than 650 "Stockboxes," which offer additional non-perishable food to help the elderly (some of whom are homebound) in accessing nutritional food on a fixed income.**

### 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, 239 households per month have received emergency food baskets during this year, including all food groups, and fresh produce.**

**GOAL 2: 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, 239 households per month gained access to new recipes and health information hand-outs about diabetes, portion control, the on-site Angel of Hope Clinic, and the SNAP program.

**Results:** Approximately 2,340 hours of volunteer service were provided to our pantry in 2014.