



# Hope House of Milwaukee, Inc.

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*Ending homelessness and creating healthy communities*

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## UNITED SOUTHSIDE FOOD PANTRY

### Annual Report: January 1 – June 30, 2014

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.

**During the first half of 2014, a total of 1,242 households received emergency food distributions. This amounts to 2,543 people – 1,723 adults and 820 children. Monthly averages for the first half of the year are 207 households – an average of 287 adults and 137 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, 207 households per month have received emergency food baskets during this year, including all food groups, and fresh produce.**

**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, 207 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:** About 1,170 of volunteer service were provided to our pantry in the first half of 2014.

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