



# Hope House of Milwaukee, Inc.

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*Ending homelessness and creating healthy communities*

## FRIEDENS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY

### 2016 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 *Friedens Community Ministries Inc* - a network of food pantries building ladders of peace throughout Milwaukee – has developed a multifaceted continuum of services designed to reduce hunger, improve nutrition, and enhance quality of life for households in Milwaukee. 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. Friedens Community Ministries believe that a dependable supply of food is a means of bringing hope and dignity to our community.

### PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

The geographic community served by the Friedens Community Ministries extends throughout the 53204 and 53215 zip codes, 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 53204/53215 zip codes on an as-needed basis.

**In 2016, the pantry distributed over 150,000 lbs of food. A total of 3,497 households were served, with over 9,800 individuals. In addition, the pantry provided almost 40 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 703 “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 Friedens Community Ministries 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, 349 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, 349 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 1,950 hours of volunteer service were provided to our pantry in 2016.