



# Friedens

## Community Ministries

# 2019

## ANNUAL REPORT

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



With increased service requests, 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 2,500 individuals**, **30% of whom reside in the neighboring community**, logging in over 35,000 volunteer hours.

### Our Vision

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

### Our 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

In 2019, we provided **1.3 million** pounds of fresh and nutritious food options, **servicing more than 65,000 individuals and 26,000 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.



### 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*



# Number of Clients Served in 2019:

Location		Individuals	Households	Stock Box	Infant Formula
<b>Coggs</b>	1220 W. Vliet St., 53205	20,981	12,325		134
<b>Despensa</b>	1615 S 22 <sup>nd</sup> St., 53204	25,600	7,138		
<b>Hope House</b>	209 W. Orchard St., 53204	14,010	4,963	1,112	6
<b>Zion Rock</b>	10230 W. Fond du Lac Ave, 53224	4,640	1,768	853	
<b>Totals</b>		65,231	26,194	1,965	140

Note: The above figures reflect each time of service. These figures also represent 12,012 unique families and 25,537 unique individuals, 34% of whom are children and 11% of whom are seniors

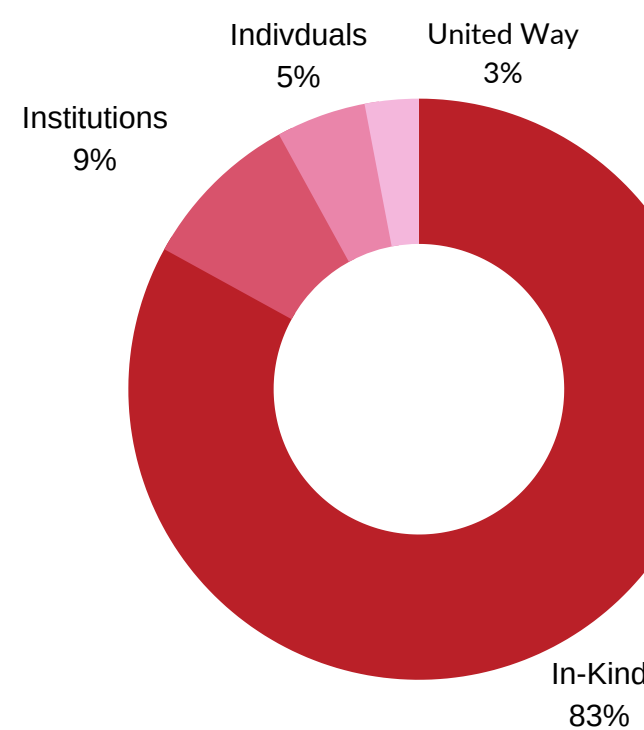
**A Sincere thanks to our donors for helping us secure over \$2,000,000 in cash and in-kind donations for 2019!**

## Financials

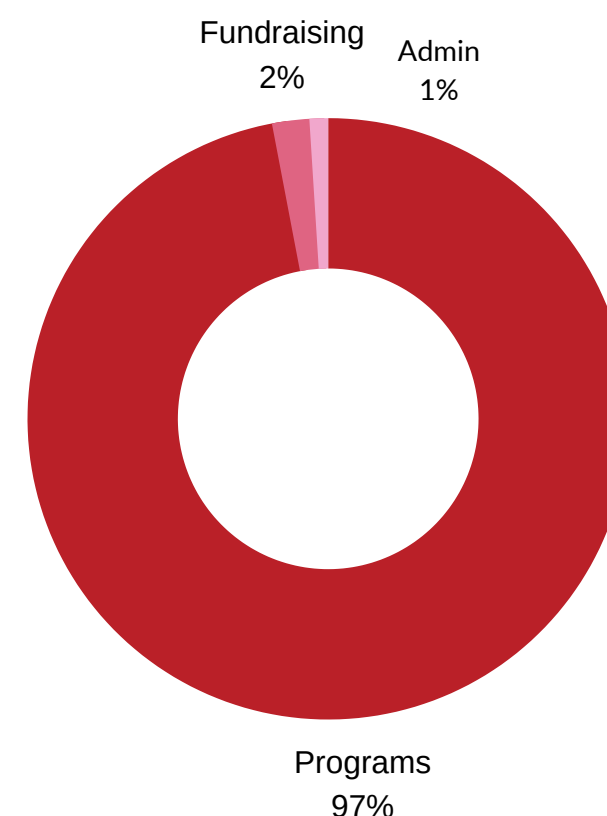


In celebration of 41 years of service, Friedens started the year off with a successful **Paper or Plastic Fundraiser Event**, raising over \$50,000, which was 25% higher than the 2018 level. Income and expenses remained sound, consistent with budgeted allowances.

### Income



### Expenses



**2019 Cash Donors and Grants (\$2,500 & above):** United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County, AT&T, Anonymous Grant, Hands for Hope Foundation, Milwaukee Empty Bowls, Greater Milwaukee Foundation, TJ Max Foundation, AM Construction Services, TEFAP, Southeastern Wisconsin United Church of Christ Association, Wells Fargo, Weiss Family Foundation, StreetLife, Racine Dominicans (plus many smaller donations, not listed)

**In Kind Donations:** Hunger Task Force, Feeding America, Milwaukee County, Hope House of Milwaukee, Muskego Food Pantry, Roundy's, Sendik's, Fresh Thyme, Walmart, Pewaukee Food Pantry, Save-A-Lot, Costco, Outpost, Aldi, Casa Maria Hospitality House, Just One More, Abundant Life, D&G Transportation, Ronald McDonald House, Nova Logistics, Trader Joe's, Ryder Integrated Logistics, GESU Church, Northbrook Church, Suddath, Woodlands School, Pathways Middle School, and Campus Kitchen (Marquette).

## What's next in 2020?

As the largest food pantry network in Milwaukee, Friedens now serves 4 unique neighborhood locations. One site, Despensa de la Paz (1615 S 22nd St., 53204) has outgrown its current space, with 150-200 family visits on any given Saturday morning. We are excited for an expansion and renovation of this site, going from 1,500 square feet up to 5,000+ square feet, and presence 1 day a week to 7. We hope to enhance our services and partnerships, solidifying Despensa as a true hub for community food and resources. To make this dream a reality, we will secure financial support from key partners while maintaining viability of all sites as needs for our services continues to rise.

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