



Friedens

Community Ministries

2020

ANNUAL REPORT

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



In response to the evolving needs of our community during the pandemic, in 2020 Friedens continually innovated operations. This was possible with the support and dedication of our long-time volunteer Peace Builders, totaling **over 800 individuals** - 30% of whom reside in the neighboring community - logging over 13,000 volunteer hours.

In 2020, we provided **750,000** pounds of fresh and nutritious food options, over **140,000** pounds of which was rescued from local grocery stores. We served **more than 36,000 individuals** and **13,000 households**. This past year, we introduced two **hydroponic greenhouse towers** to grow food yearround.



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

Nourishing the Body

Offering a dependable supply of nutritious food

Programs: Emergency Food, Food Rescue, and On-Site Food Production



Nourishing the Mind

Providing opportunities to learn and grow through community connectedness, volunteer engagement, and job development

Programs: Food Sampling and Food Demonstration



Nourishing the Soul

Creating a physical place of hospitality which offers both spiritual and emotional peace

Programs: Volunteering and Community Center



Number of Clients Served in 2020:

Location		Individuals	Households	Stock Box	Infant Formula
Coggs	1220 W. Vliet St., 53205	4,696	2,642		24
Despensa	1615 S 22 nd St., 53204	17,142	5,104		
Hope House	209 W. Orchard St., 53204	10,419	3,862	921	4
Zion Rock	10230 W. Fond du Lac Ave, 53224	3,904	1,574	706	
Totals		36,161	13,182	1,627	28

Note: The above figures reflect each time of service. These figures also represent 5,737 unique families, over 30% of whom are children and 10%+ are seniors.

*Due to COVID-19, Coggs pantry temporarily closed on March 16, 2020

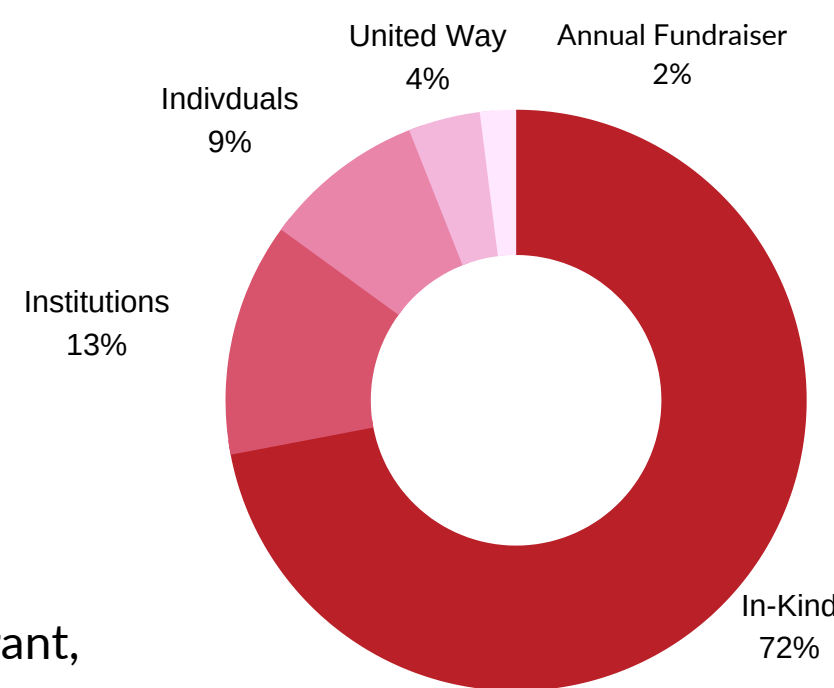
A sincere thanks to our donors for helping us secure over \$2,100,000 in cash and in-kind donations for 2020!

Financials

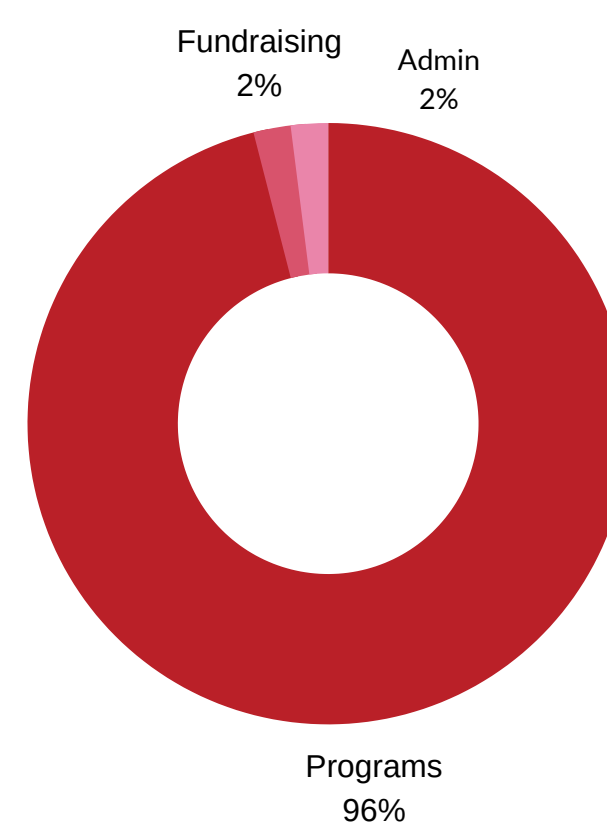


In celebration of 42 years of service, Friedens started the year off with our first-ever **virtual Paper or Plastic Fundraiser Event**, raising over \$40,000. Income and expenses remained sound, consistent with budgeted allowances.

Income



Expenses



2020 Cash Donors and Grants (\$2,500 & above): United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County, AT&T, Anonymous Grant, City of Milwaukee Department of City Development, Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Green Bay Packers Foundation, Gallop Family Foundation, Milwaukee Empty Bowls, Greater Milwaukee Foundation, TJ Max Foundation, AM Construction Services, TEFAP, Southeastern Wisconsin United Church of Christ Association, 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, Walmart, Pewaukee Food Pantry, Save-A-Lot, Costco, Outpost, Aldi, Just One More, D&G Transportation, Ronald McDonald House, Trader Joe's, Bombas, Hydrate the Homeless, Marquette University, AMCSI, United Way, Girl Scouts of America, University School of Milwaukee, Greater Praise Church, Cream City Gardens, Northbrook Church, Tippecanoe Gardens

What's next in 2021?

Friedens is both resilient and innovative. In 2021-2022, Friedens is hoping to incorporate free grocery delivery into its emergency food program to reach more clients in need. Additionally, in order to best support our transition towards a community food center, we have added staff to our team. An Operations Manager and Food Center Coordinator will be focused on creating equitable and efficient supply and distribution networks, expanding programs and resources that increase food literacy, and connecting clients to other supportive services. While it is our hope that we no longer exist in another 40 years due to increased food security, we must work hard today to ensure that our doors are open to meet tomorrow's need.

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