

## The Gathering's Mission:

Our mission is to provide meals and associated services to those who would otherwise go hungry. We respect the dignity and values of every individual we serve and value our volunteers who allow us to serve the community. Our work is best expressed in our motto: **"People in community feeding the hungry."**



### Services

**Meal Programs:** The Gathering provides ten free meals each week at three sites to over 100,000 of Milwaukee's hungry and homeless annually. This work is done by hundreds of volunteers.

- Breakfast Program - Monday through Friday
- Dinner Program - Monday & Wednesday
- Saturday Lunch - Three sites

**Additional Services:** The Gathering collaborates with organizations whose missions are complementary to ours to provide on-site services:

- Mental health
- Legal assistance
- Medical referrals
- Supply distributions

### History

Begun under the direction of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee; we are now an independent nonprofit organization.

- January, 1982 - first meal served (Saturday lunch) at St. James Episcopal Church, downtown Milwaukee
- Spring, 1983 - Breakfast Program added at our St. James' site
- 1986 - Dinner Program & second Saturday lunch site began at St. John's Episcopal Church on Milwaukee's near south side
- 1988 - Third Saturday lunch site added at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (now St. Andrew's Episcopal Outreach Center)
- 1990 - Jubilee House, a supportive transitional housing program fostered by Gathering volunteers, opened its doors
- 1996 - Homework Help, an after-school tutoring program began under the auspices of The Gathering; it is now a program of Faith Lutheran Church on Milwaukee's south side
- Fall, 2000 - Mental Health Program began at our breakfast site in collaboration with the Homeless Outreach Nursing Center of the American Red Cross
- Fall, 2002 - Dinner Program and south side Saturday lunch moved three blocks to The Milwaukee Outreach Center (now Christian Faith Fellowship Church South)
- 2004 - Michelle P. Mooney Scholarship Fund awarded its first two scholarships for education and training to Gathering guests.
- Fall, 2004 - The Mental Health Program received the 2004 Milwaukee Nonprofit Strategic Alliance Award
- Spring, 2005 - A pilot project - the Municipal Court Ticket Clinic - was instituted at the St. James' site by the Legal Aid Society.

### Funding

The money to do this work is raised each year from various sources including churches, foundations, individuals, United Way Donor's Choice and special events. The Gathering Board of Directors, staff and volunteers continue to explore ways to meet the changing needs of those we serve.



Loaves & Fishes quilted mural created by Gathering guests and volunteers

## **Welcome to The Gathering of Southeast WI, Inc.**



*Our mission is to provide meals and associated services to those who would otherwise go hungry.*

**97,243 guests served in 2008**

*As a volunteer-driven, faith-based nonprofit organization, we come from varied backgrounds, faiths and humanistic concerns to directly address the issue of hunger in Milwaukee by serving those in need. It is our fundamental belief that through serving, we are served by becoming part of The Gathering community.*



Local Fox Valley Parishes (FVCYMA) youth ministry will be serving at The Gathering on Saturday, July 24, 2010 at the St. Andrew's Site in Milwaukee. The bus will leave from St. Bernadette Parish, Appleton at 7:30AM, pick up some more volunteers at Solea's Restaurant, Neenah at 8:00AM and head out for Milwaukee, serving the guests until 1:30PM, clean-up, process our experience through sharing and prayer, go to Milwaukee's famous frozen custard (Copp's) for a treat, and arrive back home around 4:00PM or so. The cost is \$15.00 per person, and we are asking people to bring 2 dozen-baked goods and 2 gallons of milk each. The Gathering depends on the volunteers to provide the milk and dessert for that day. If you have any questions, please contact your parish youth minister (Mrs. Cindy Kyles-Werth 729-4562 ext. 113 or email [ckyleswerth@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:ckyleswerth@tcces.k12.wi.us)). Thank you.