



## WHAT IS OUTREACH FOR HOPE?

Outreach for Hope exists to support the word and sacrament ministries of congregations located in low-income central city areas of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA (our "Ministry Partners").

That support comes in the form of regular grants; seasonal social purpose drives to collect items like clothing and food; and opportunities for partnership between Ministry Partners and suburban congregations.

Our Ministry Partners do more than just meet the physical needs of their neighbors-- they are life-giving centers of spiritual transformation and hope in the heart of their communities.

a partner ministry with  
the Greater Milwaukee Synod

***We foster faith,  
compassion,  
collaboration & hope.***

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## YOUR GENEROSITY SUPPORTS...

- 18 ministries engaged in **partnerships** with another congregation, nonprofit organization or social justice coalition.
- 18 food pantries and/or **meal programs**.
- 14 programs that **serve youth** through after-school tutoring, summer programs, childcare, a diaper pantry and a Strong Baby Sanctuary.
- 12 **gardening** programs and one **beekeeping** program.
- 10 **clothing** closets, **household item** pantries and **neighborhood stores**.
- 7 ministries with on-site **medical clinics** or **parish nurses**.
- 6 ministries offering **bilingual** community services.
- Congregations that host **literacy** classes, **legal** and **employment** services, **prison** and **sobriety** ministries, programs for **the elderly**, classes for **refugees** and a **sex worker sanctuary**.

## LIVES ARE CHANGED.

"[There was a woman I'll call] Ava, who slept outside the church building on some of the coldest nights of the year. I believe she continues to come back, not just to the food pantry ministry, but two or three times a week when she knows that people she's developed a relationship with will be there. She's experienced a lot of past trauma in her life, and those who have inflicted trauma have been tied to her religious upbringing. And so in the relationships that we've developed with her, she's very anti-religious, as can be understood. But how we represent Jesus has warmed her heart and opened her mind to new possibilities about who Jesus is and who Christians are. And so she's on a faith journey...and we've seen a difference in her mental wellness, in her making plans and steps forward for improving her life situation."

- Pastor Kevan Penvose,  
Unity Lutheran Church in Milwaukee



## IN AN AVERAGE WEEK,

- Outreach for Hope partner ministries serve **985** congregants, and host **2,146** non-worship program participants.
- Food programs supported by Outreach for Hope feed **over 3,500** people in Southeastern Wisconsin.
- **295** volunteers give of their time and talent to our partner ministries.