



WHAT IS OUTREACH FOR HOPE?

Outreach for Hope exists to support congregational word and sacrament ministries of the Greater Milwaukee Synod - our Ministry Partners - located in low-income central city areas of our synod.

That support comes in the form of regular grants; seasonal social purpose drives to collect items like clothing, food, and baby supplies; and fostering opportunities for collaboration and 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 of
the ELCA since 1998

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



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LIVES ARE CHANGED.

"I've been on my own running the streets since I was 12. I have six kids. I've been through addiction many times. I've been through homelessness. I've been in jail. I've died close to eight times. I've been through everything. You think you've got it, but you don't.

This time feels better - it feels real. I'm 30 now and I've changed a lot. I've been clean for two years now. I've got a job and I feel my life is going in the right direction. I have all six of my kids back with me.

It feels like God has brought me back for something - to make a difference; that I am here for something - to help others. Hephatha has meant the world to me. Hephatha has a parent specialist working with me. They help me with diapers, formula, any supplies that I need to take care of my children, which often lasts for a month. It helps to have people who understand me. I appreciate Hephatha for helping me to become a better person and know I am loved."

- Member of Hephatha, Milwaukee



YOUR GENEROSITY SUPPORTS...

- 18 food pantries and/or **meal programs**.
- 14 programs that **serve children** through after-school tutoring, summer programs, childcare, a diaper pantry, safe drinking water efforts, and a Strong Baby Sanctuary.
- 12 **gardening** programs and two **beekeeping** program.
- 10 **clothing** closets, **household item** pantries and **neighborhood stores**.
- 7 ministries with on-site **medical clinics** or **parish nurses**.
- 4 ministries offering **bilingual** community services.
- Congregations that host **literacy** classes, **legal** advocacy, **employment** services, **prison** and **sobriety** ministries, programs for **the elderly**, and classes for **refugees**.



IN AN AVERAGE WEEK,

- Outreach for Hope Ministry Partners 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 Ministry Partners.