

# BUILDING A STRONGER MILWAUKEE *Together*





## MISSION

The Milwaukee Christian Center (MCC) believes all people deserve to be treated with compassion and dignity. We exist to move people beyond the challenges of poverty by offering programs and services that are life-affirming and supportive.

## VISION

MCC is committed to creating strong neighborhoods where the inherent value of each person is cherished and opportunities abound.

## 2016 HIGHLIGHTS



## ONE BRAND-NEW GREEN SPACE AND COMMUNITY MURAL INSTALLED



# 6,489

## INDIVIDUALS SERVED

# BUILDING A STRONGER MILWAUKEE *Together*

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Dear Friends,*

Celebrating 95 years in the community is no small thing! 2016 gave us a chance to pause, take stock, and ask: what does history really mean?

This report, which captures the voices of many people who are part of MCC's work, begins to answer that question.

Ours is a rich history, which has left a tremendous impact on the neighborhoods and families we serve. Each week, I bump into somebody who owns part of this history. A participant who went on to take risks, grow and give back. A staff member who transformed lives and was transformed themselves. And community partners who have brought whatever they can to make life better for all.

2016 was a year of growth for MCC, but also a year of reckoning. MCC doesn't own this history. We all do.

**Together we are building a stronger Milwaukee.**



Karen Higgins  
Executive Director



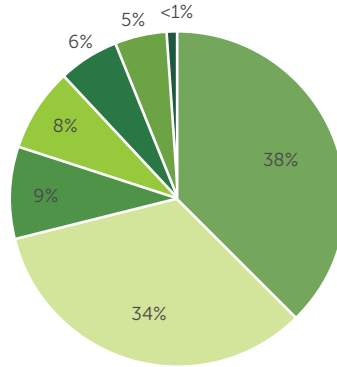
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# FISCAL YEAR 2016

## AUDITED FINANCIALS

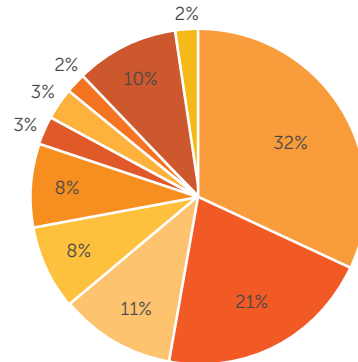
### ANNUAL REVENUES

Government Grants.....	\$ 1,966,351	38 %
Contributions and Grants.....	\$ 1,736,961	34 %
House Sales.....	\$ 439,700	9 %
Program Service Fees.....	\$ 426,228	8 %
Contributions In-Kind.....	\$ 327,720	6 %
United Way.....	\$ 245,839	5 %
Other Revenue.....	\$ 24,130	<1 %
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUE.....</b>	<b>\$5,166,929</b>	<b>100 %</b>



### ANNUAL EXPENSES

Housing Programs.....	\$ 1,624,465	32 %
Violence Free Zone.....	\$ 1,072,231	21 %
YouthBuild.....	\$ 539,751	11 %
Emergency Food Pantry.....	\$ 417,899	8 %
Youth Programs.....	\$ 357,841	8 %
Senior Program.....	\$ 175,630	3 %
Family Care.....	\$ 171,468	3 %
Building Neighborhood Capacity Program.....	\$ 110,443	2 %
General Administrative.....	\$ 488,357	10 %
Fundraising.....	\$ 111,741	2 %
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>\$5,069,826</b>	<b>100 %</b>



**NET ASSETS – \$97,103**

**16,504**  
EMERGENCY  
FOOD SUPPLIES  
AND SENIOR  
STOCK BOXES  
DISTRIBUTED

**70%**  
OF YOUTHBUILD  
GRADUATES GAINED  
FAMILY-SUSTAINING  
EMPLOYMENT

**7,907**  
LUNCHES  
SERVED TO  
LOW-INCOME  
SENIORS



2016 ANNUAL REPORT





# PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

MCC's ability to make a strong impact in Milwaukee begins with the diverse areas of programming we provide. We support our city's most vulnerable by improving our local neighborhoods, ensuring food security and providing building blocks of support for our often over-looked youth and senior neighbors.

TOGETHER WE ARE BUILDING A STRONGER MILWAUKEE ONE PROGRAM AT A TIME.

## Community Empowerment

### BUILDING NEIGHBORHOOD CAPACITY PROGRAM (BNCP)

By empowering residents to transform their neighborhoods into successful, vibrant places to live, BNCP helps shape the future of Milwaukee's communities.

## Food Security

### EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

Our Choice Pantry offers food supplies and connections to community resources to assist the hungry in our community during times of crisis.

## Neighborhood Improvement

### NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (NIP)

NIP improves housing conditions for eligible, low-income home owners. From home repairs to new construction, we are improving Milwaukee's neighborhoods one house at a time.

### YOUTHBUILD

Provides young adults, ages 18-25, GED preparation and hands-on construction training, so they may attain family-sustaining employment.

## Senior Support

### SENIOR PROGRAM

Quality of life is important to our seniors. We help our participants stay active and engaged in the community by offering nutrition, recreation, exercise and health programs.

## Youth Development

### AFTER SCHOOL & SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

MCC's Youth Development Program at Kosciuszko Community Center and Forest Home Avenue Safe Place empower 400+ youth, ages 5-18, to explore interests and career paths, grow as leaders, succeed academically and become fully bilingual.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE OPTIONS PROGRAM

Works with juvenile offenders, ages 10-17, to prevent future offenses and hold young people accountable for their actions.

### MAKING PROUD CHOICES & PROMOTING HEALTH AMONG TEENS

By empowering youth to gain knowledge and make good choices, middle and high school students make safe decisions and develop healthy relationships.

### VIOLENCE FREE ZONE (VFZ) & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ACADEMY (YPA)

Operating in five MPS high schools, MCC's VFZ Program builds relationships with 550+ youth each year, turning disruptive behavior into positive leadership among peers.

By partnering with Milwaukee area employers, MCC's YPA Program extends this work by giving VFZ students the confidence and employment skills training they need to successfully enter the workforce.



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*"As we were growing up, our parents taught us to give back for the many blessings received from God. We enjoy these blessings, but we also enjoy sharing them with others. By making a gift to MCC in our will, we are keeping this giving alive, even after our lives end here on earth.*

MCC is a community of love that is shown to everyone regardless of age, race or background. We want to see MCC's never-ending love continue."

– BILL & LOIS HART

*"My fellow trustees and I continue to support MCC because of the unwavering long-term commitment of the organization to neighborhood development. You all do a lot with a little over the long haul and that is what makes a difference."*

– BRIAN O'MALLEY  
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*"Hunger Task Force is a proud partner of the Milwaukee Christian Center. Together we advocate for an end to poverty. MCC is unique in its historic service to the many diverse people who have established themselves as Milwaukee natives on the near south side."*



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– **RONNIE WATSON**  
MCC YouthBuild Alumni,  
MATC Student, Forklift Operator







*“MCC builds individuals’ self-respect and self-reliance, important attributes that should be encouraged for generations to come.”*

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*“When I was younger, I was a problem child. VFZ helped me out a lot personally and with school. They are like a second family to me.”*

– SAVANNAH  
VFZ Student, Bradley Tech High School



*“Coming to MCC’s Senior Program every day gives my father purpose. He gets up and wants to see his friends and socialize, instead of staying home. My father always wants to learn more things. He takes English classes at MCC and finds the teacher very helpful.”*

– LA PHAKEOVILAY  
Son of Senior Program Participant, Sout Phakeovilay



*"I enjoy coming to MCG often to visit with friends. Everyone here is friendly and helpful. Whatever questions I have, they help me out a lot."*

– CHANSOUK MANIKHAM  
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*"MCG gave me the freedom and the support I needed to develop and then adapt many programs. I was allowed to become active in issues affecting residents and neighborhoods in the City of Milwaukee. I was blessed to be surrounded by a diverse staff that kept each day different, sometimes challenging and almost always rewarding."*

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*"I volunteer in MCC's food pantry because I enjoy coming here every week. At one time, we needed a food pantry for support and now I have the opportunity to give back."*

— CHRIS BLAHA  
Emergency Food Pantry Volunteer



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– PASTOR MARK WEISSER  
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