



MILWAUKEE CHRISTIAN CENTER

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



OUR MISSION

The Milwaukee Christian Center builds strong neighborhoods full of opportunity.



A YEAR OF COMMITMENT

Dear Friends,

A year ago, none of us could have anticipated the events of 2020.

As we reflect on the past year and look with hope to the year ahead, I am incredibly proud to say that the Milwaukee Christian Center never closed its doors. We remained open throughout 2020 pivoting to provide essential services and support to our community in safe and responsible ways throughout the pandemic.

In 2020, Milwaukee Christian Center served more than 17,000 individuals across our housing, youth development, older adult and food security programs. Additionally, our commitment to the Muskego Way neighborhood did not waver.

While the service delivery model shifted, the need for support did not change. Our neighbors in 53204 and 53215 have been disproportionately impacted by the current pandemic. Thanks to individuals like you, an incredible partnership network and the tireless efforts of our staff, the Milwaukee Christian Center remained focused on youth development, housing, food security and older adult programming on the near south side of Milwaukee and beyond. As we look ahead with hope to 2021, I am grateful for your belief in our mission. In 2021, the Milwaukee Christian Center will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Your unwavering commitment to this work throughout our

history has had a profound impact on the individuals and neighborhoods we serve.

Thank you for your incredible support as we navigate this challenging time and your commitment to building strong neighborhoods full of opportunity.

Karen Higgins,
Executive Director

Dennis Stappas,
Board Chair



BY THE NUMBERS



“

MCC taught me to **deeply love a community** than needs more heart to heal its wounds.

-Daisy

”

MEET

DAISY

Daisy was introduced to the Milwaukee Christian Center (MCC) as a nine-year old. Her mom enrolled her in MCC’s youth development programming at Kosciuszko Community Center (Kozy) while she worked full-time and attended school in the evening.

Initially joining so she wouldn’t “become a coach potato,” Daisy became a fixture at Kozy and, what she didn’t know at the time, was about to embark on a decade-long commitment to Milwaukee Christian Center that would shape the course of her life.

At 14, Daisy was asked to serve as a camp counselor working with the younger kids at Kozy. She spent several summers – and parts of her school year – working to support MCC’s youth development program eventually stepping into leadership roles while remaining

engaged in teen groups and hands-on arts programming.

A literacy partnership created to support first and second grade students’ summer reading opened unexpectedly. Daisy was immediately identified as the “perfect fit” and co-led literacy programming alongside seasoned leaders with decades of experience. Not surprisingly, Daisy was a tremendous addition to the team. The kids and partners raved about her leadership and ability to communicate with and support the students in the class.

Daisy’s willingness to lead proved to be critical during the pandemic. Daisy currently serves in the National Guard setting up and running COVID-19 testing sites while pursuing her Bachelor’s degree from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, where

she is pursuing a degree in Biomedical Sciences with a minor in Spanish. Today, she credits her ability to work with others and lead to her experiences at the Milwaukee Christian Center.

“Being involved with MCC definitely helped me strengthen my ability to work well with others in a team environment,” said Daisy. “Working with children and planning activities throughout the day helped strengthen my ability to take on a leadership role.”

At the Milwaukee Christian Center, we remain committed to creating opportunities for everyone that we serve. Daisy is an incredible example of how we work to support young people on pathways of educational, career and civic success.

“MCC taught me to deeply love a community than needs more heart to heal its wounds,” said Daisy.

Daisy, thank you for everything you do to help build strong neighborhoods full of opportunity in our city. We are proud to know you.





BOARD OF DIRECTORS

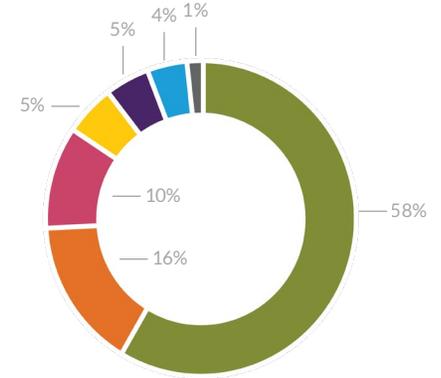
- Karen Higgins *Executive Director*
- Dennis Stappas *Board President*, Northwestern Mutual
- Eric Wynn *Board Vice President*, J.H. Findorff & Son, INC.
- Betty Ulmer *Board Treasurer*, Brookdale Senior Living
- Mary Binder AT&T
- Rev. Jose Encarnacion Iglesia Evangelista Bautista Milwaukee
- Rev. Patrick Roberts First Baptist Church, Kenosha
- Rev. Dr. John Alvis Jones IV American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin
- Eric Elfner CG Schmidt, INC.
- Brandon Rule Rule Enterprises, LLC
- Craig Schedler Northwestern Mutual
- Eduardo Santiago Milwaukee County



FINANCIALS

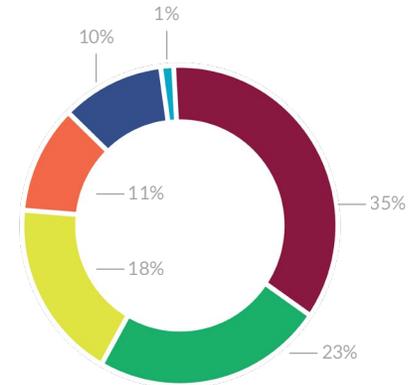
2020 Annual Revenues

■ Government Grants	2,711,064	58%
■ Contributions and Grants	750,838	16%
■ Contributions In Kind	458,148	10%
■ House Sales	252,000	5%
■ United Way	213,044	5%
■ Program Service Fees	198,421	4%
■ Other Revenue	69,030	1%
Total	4,652,545	100%



2020 Annual Expenses

■ Housing	1,508,994	35%
■ Youth Development	1,002,030	23%
■ General Administrative	794,956	18%
■ Older Adults	473,912	11%
■ Food Security	452,790	10%
■ Muskego Way Forward	58,802	1%
■ Fundraising	40,677	1%
Total	4,332,161	100%



Change in Net Assets 320,384



MILWAUKEE CHRISTIAN CENTER

807 S 14TH STREET
MILWAUKEE, WI 53204
414.645.5350