

Our Vision:
The Milwaukee Christian Center will be a recognized leader, building bridges for positive change from home to community, neighborhood to city, and culture to culture.

Our Partners:



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MCC Program Areas

Emergency Food Pantry

- 3-5 day Emergency Food
- Commodity Supplemental Food Boxes
- Infant Supplies
- Farmer's Market Vouchers

Neighborhood Improvement Project

- Home Repairs
- Graffiti Removal
- Ramp and Lift Installation
- Youthbuild
- Housing Production

Senior Adults Program

- Health Clinic and Wellness Services
- Meal Site, Recreation/Socialization
- ESL, Citizenship, and Health Education
- Bilingual Case Management

Youth

- Afterschool Programs at Neighborhood Schools
- Kids Place
- Youth Development Program
- First Time Juvenile Offender Program
- Community Service Options Program
- Summer Daycamp



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*"Man is a creature of
hope and invention,
both of which belie the
idea that things cannot
be changed."*

Tom Clancy



Dear Friends,

We are pleased to present the Milwaukee Christian Center's 2005 annual report, which highlights the important work that you support.

2005 was a year of change, new possibilities, and growth. Our Youth Development Program moved into the Kosciuszko Community Center greatly expanding our options to provide quality youth programming. The Emergency Food Pantry underwent major remodeling, enhancing our ability to serve the hungry in a dignified manner. The NIP-Youthbuild participants learned new academic, life and vocational skills while constructing their first home at 1206 W. Washington St. And our Senior Adults Program expanded its healthcare-related services, and introduced an innovative approach of teaching English as a Second Language to our Southeast Asian participants.

MCC is a place of hope, encouragement, and promise. Over the past 84 years, staff, board members, and supporters have addressed the ever-changing needs of the community by providing a safe and nurturing environment open to people of all cultures, faiths, and walks of life. We welcome you to visit and learn more about how you are making a difference in peoples' lives.

With gratitude,

Kathy Baillargeon
Executive Director

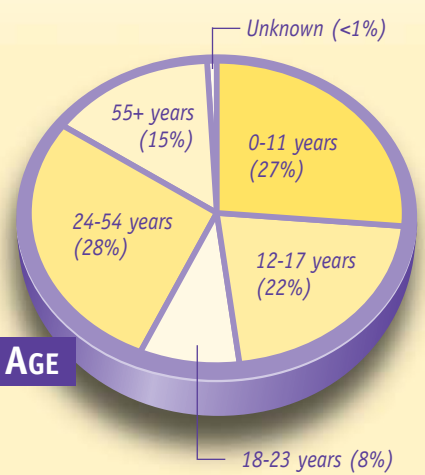
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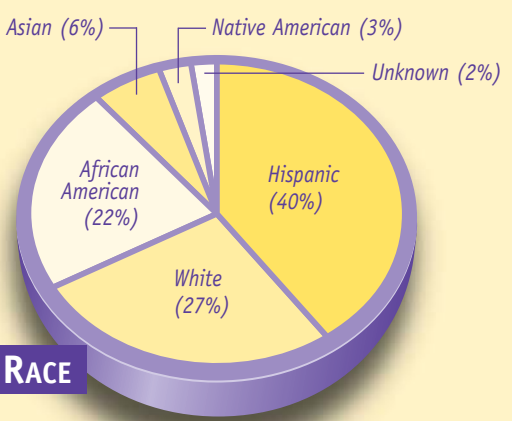


The Milwaukee Christian Center, established in 1921 as an American Baptist outreach ministry, has evolved into a multi-faceted social service and neighborhood development agency dedicated to serving youth, families, and seniors.

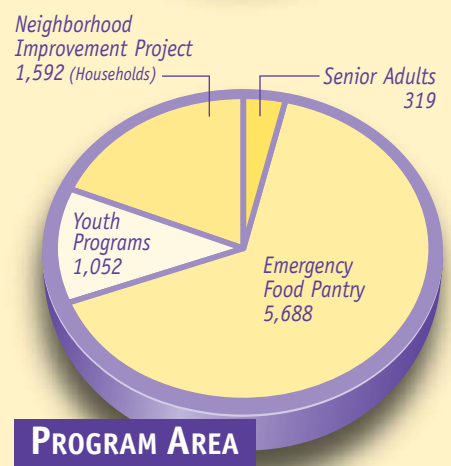
Milwaukee Christian Center Participant Demographics...



AGE



RACE



PROGRAM AREA

Our mission is based on the belief that all people have inherent worth and deserve to be treated with compassion and respect. We live out our faith by offering hope and support to individuals and families living in Milwaukee's South Side, and by bringing people together in community where their lives are enriched, empowered and strengthened.

Our Emergency Food Pantry (EFP) serves the hungry by:

- Providing a three-day supply of culturally appropriate emergency food
- Offering a commodity supplemental food program and farmer's market vouchers
- Referring people to other MCC programs and/or city-wide resources
- Communicating with participants in Spanish, Hmong, and Laotian languages



ROUGH WATERS

Kimberly Jo had three sons to feed, and was out of work for over 3 months while recovering from burns received in a fire. She was referred to the pantry where she met Bernadette who really listened as she shared her situation and offered support.

Kimberly Jo went back to work, but after a few years, found her way back to MCC. She was working three jobs, but decided to quit one of the jobs so she could spend more time with her children. "I want the kids to understand that life isn't all smooth sailing; there are going to be rough waters."

Once again Bernadette was able to help her family. "Last Christmas she told me about an *adopt a family* program that provides Christmas presents for kids. I signed my children up, and was overwhelmed when the people stopped by the house with gifts, a food basket, and even a gift for me. I just started crying because I was so appreciative of their kindness."

During this rough time in their lives, Kimberly Jo is thankful that the people at MCC "care about you as a person. You're not just a number; they take the time to listen."

The pantry moved into a totally remodeled space in 2005, enhancing our ability to effectively serve our participants with compassion and respect. Participants enter the pantry through a separate door off the parking lot, and come into a lobby area where they comfortably wait to meet with staff. The pantry area includes two offices allowing clients to meet privately to discuss their needs. The clients feel more valued now that they have their own area for emergency services.



Our Youth Programs include:

- Age-specific programming at Kids Place and the Youth Development Program
- Juvenile justice programs
- Before and after school programming at two MPS-sponsored Safe Place sites at neighborhood elementary schools
- A Safe & Sound site at Kosciuszko Community Center
- Summer Day Camp

SABEL

Sabel, a 12-year-old, 5th grade student at Riley Elementary School, has been part of our Youth Development Program since it moved to the "Kozy" Center. She has a beautiful smile and a wonderful personality and has been a great participant in our program. She comes almost every day and says, "I really like coming to Kozy. I have lots of fun and learn new things. I like all of the staff. I have really improved my volleyball by playing on the team." Besides being a member of the girl's volleyball team, she participated in salsa dance class and Girl Scouts. Sabel cares about her neighborhood and participated in all of the YDP neighborhood cleanup projects. In her spare time, she loves to read and go on family outings.



MCC's youth programs, located at five different sites, encourage children and teens to discover their potential and experience activities that promote academic achievement, social development, community service and leadership skills, and positive behaviors.

MCC provides year-round programming which strengthens youths' personal assets in order to help them become positive, contributing members of the community.



The Senior Adults Program is open to seniors from all ethnic backgrounds, but we serve a large Southeast Asian refugee component where Hmong and Lao elderly receive services to maintain their independence within the community.



Our services enabled seniors to maintain their health, improve their quality of life, and reduce isolation.



Seniors Participate in:

- Case management
- Recreational activities
- Health education
- Medical screenings
- Long term care referrals
- Nutrition education
- Midday meals
- English as a Second Language
- U.S. Citizenship classes

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Our English as a Second Language (ESL) instructor is very creative, continuously finding new ways to accommodate the differing functioning levels of her senior students. The biggest challenge is providing on-going practice and repetition for some of our newest pre-literate refugee elders, while their more English proficient peers are learning how to read, using phonics decoding skills. Being the innovative person that she is, Denise set up a mini-language lab using multi-station cassette players to address the issue!

With smiles on their faces, and teacher-made learning packets in hand, our newest English language learners now practice their new lessons while "reading" and "copying." "It's a goal for each of these new students to not only clearly say their own names, addresses and phone numbers, but to correctly read and write them, as well." The new "language lab" also allows them to acquire some new words and expressions in English.

POTENTIAL Neighborhood Improvement Project

2005 marked the 30th anniversary of our **Neighborhood Improvement Project (NIP)**. NIP has provided quality service to thousands of home and business owners, persistently holding on to the original mission of improving our community and providing employment opportunities for Milwaukee's residents, particularly young adults.



Youthbuild, a component of NIP, assists low-income and at-risk young adults, ages 18-24, in earning their GEDs while teaching them valuable life and hands-on construction skills that help overcome barriers to self-sufficiency.



In 2005, NIP:

- Provided home rehabilitation and minor home repair to 101 homeowners
- Removed graffiti from 1,467 properties
- Built wheelchair accessible ramps or installed lifts for 12 physically challenged individuals
- Provided academic and vocational training for 12 Youthbuild participants
- Constructed the first Youthbuild home at 1206 W. Washington Street, Milwaukee

SAFE AND SECURE

Ms. Delarczyk, a homebound, 83-year-old homeowner on a fixed income, has lived in her two-story house all of her life. She needed her front porch repaired, garage painted, roof and windows replaced, and interior painting done. She worried about how she could afford to rehab the house.

Her nephews told her about our NIP program, made some calls, and discovered their aunt met the requirements. "The NIP crew came in and worked from the roof, right down to the basement!," Ms. Delarczyk exclaimed. "They replaced the roof and 26 windows, painted several rooms, and repaired the rain-damaged ceiling all for free."

EYES ON THE PRIZE

Twenty-year-old Dollie dropped out of high school, and is the mother of two children. Dollie was enrolled in the Wisconsin Works program when she heard about our Youthbuild program. Youthbuild offered her a chance to earn her GED, as well as receive the training needed to secure a job that pays a living wage.

"Since enrolling in Youthbuild, I feel like I have a purpose to my life," stated Dollie. "I enjoy the hands-on training, especially carpentry. Dr. Bria teaches the GED classes, encourages us, and works with us one-on-one to identify our strengths and weaknesses. I hope to complete my GED by December."

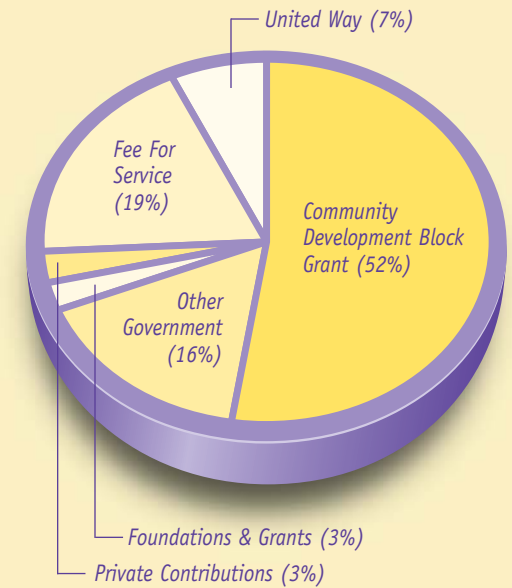
What do her kids think about Mom? "They are still too young to understand what I'm doing, but they know I come home tired after a day of hard work." And that's worth working for.

2005 Financial Information

The complete, audited financial statements of MCC are available at www.mccwi.org.

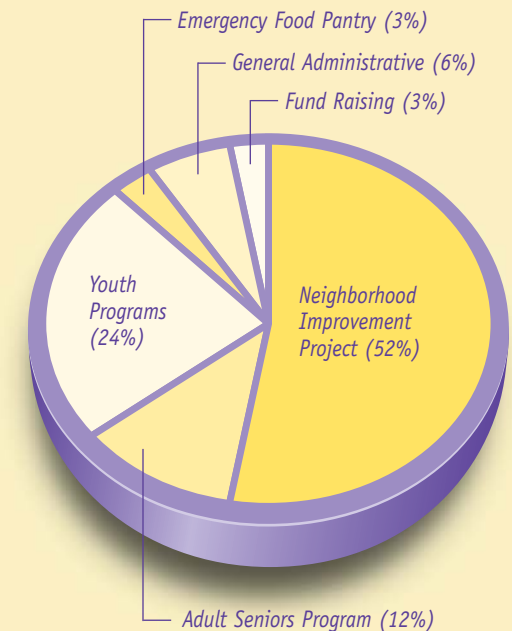
REVENUES

Community Development Block Grant	\$1,791,617
Other Government	551,724
Foundations/Grants	88,195
Private Contributions	96,158
Fee For Service	640,417
United Way	227,867
Total	\$3,395,978



EXPENSES

Neighborhood Improvement Project (NIP)	\$1,785,502
Adult Seniors Program	392,803
Youth Programs	796,095
Emergency Food Pantry	103,179
General Administrative	203,048
Fund Raising	91,012
Total	\$3,371,639
End of Year Net Assets	\$754,154



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Chenoa Baptist Church, ABW, Chenoa, IL
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