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The Gift of Community

"Community...
A feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests and goals."
Oxford Dictionary

MUM Participates in Wheaton's Arts Parade

Photo courtesy of James Corbett, Epic Life Images

September 22, 2019 marked the fourth year of Wheaton's Annual Arts Parade. It was Mid-county United Ministries' first year of participation. Since Wheaton has been designated an Arts and Entertainment district by Montgomery County one of the primary ways of living out that designation has been the arts parade. It was MUM's first year to participate with a float based on Andy Warhol's famous can of soup. Certainly, for some along the parade route, it was their first awareness of MUM and the work being done in our community.

MUM Partnership

MUM partners with the Capital Area Food Bank. That partnership allows us to purchase food at a greatly reduced price. It was funding from the Capital Area Food Bank that allowed us to purchase our newest addition. In our original location we often dreamed of being able to give our clients fresh food-such as eggs, milk or produce. But with our limited space that was only a dream. In our new location we now have room for this significant piece of equipment. Now we are fulfilling this dream.

Volunteer Jean Hoyt offers choices from MUM's new refrigerator. Photo by Michael Hoyt.

The Gift of Volunteer Service at MUM

In 2016, Karen Holt was thrilled to find a meaningful volunteer opportunity at MUM's food pantry to keep her teenage boys busy during summer break. But what started out as a one-time mother/son volunteer stint turned into an act of service that Karen anticipates weekly.

"I have met some of the most compassionate people I know on the MUM staff, and I truly embraced MUM's mission. I just couldn't leave when my boys went back to school."

As a food pantry volunteer, Karen stocks the shelves, greets clients and helps them select food, receives and records donations, and enters data. Karen recalls one of her most memorable experiences at MUM: "It was close to Thanksgiving, and I had an opportunity to serve a woman who was a wife and mother of two teens, just like me. Her husband had served in the military, and suffered with disabling PTSD. She was a federal employee, but had advanced breast cancer and couldn't work. She was in dire circumstances."

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Executive Director

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Administrative Assistant

Washington Armstrong
Wheaton & Mobile Pantry Assistant

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Saturday Pantry Coordinator
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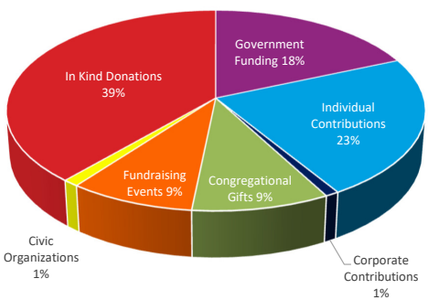
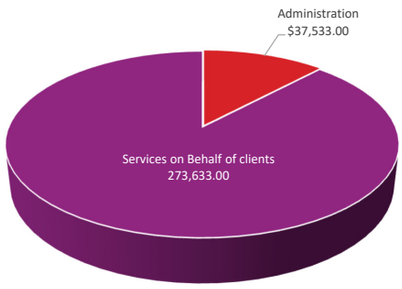
INCOME

FY ENDING JUNE 30,2018
TOTAL INCOME: **$314,600.00**



EXPENSES

FY ENDING JUNE 30,2018
TOTAL EXPENSES: **$311,166.00**



Government Funding	58,142.00
Individual Contributions	71,533.00
Corporate Contributions	2,955.00
Congregational Gifts	29,764.00
Fundraising Events	27,273.00
Civic Organizations	3,429.00
In Kind Donations	121,504.00
TOTAL	**$314,600.00**

Administration Support	37,533.00
Services on Behalf of Clients	273,633.00
TOTAL	**$311,166.00**

CLIENT ASSISTANCE: FY 2019

Total Food Assistance Visits
2,783 Total Visits

Food Distribution
97,589 lbs. of food through
2,544 office and mobile pantry visits
valued at $120,459

Eviction Assistance
$24,727 helping
120 clients

Utility Assistance
$31,180 helping
95 clients

Prescription Assistance
$3,678 helping
24 clients

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Karen continues: "I remember, how delighted she was to find sweet potatoes on the shelf (a favorite of her husband whose diet had become very limited). We laughed and chatted about our families. She had every reason to be downhearted, but she was joyful. I was reminded of two things that day. First, that anyone can be a circumstance away from need. Second, despite life's challenges, we can choose joy. She touched my heart."

Karen considers it a privilege to volunteer at MUM. " Although I come here to be a blessing to others, I feel like I receive the biggest blessing at the end of the day."

MUM Gives to the Community | The Community Gives to MUM

MUM is only able to "Make a World of Difference" because our community gives of its resources. MUM's Board of Directors' set an ambitious goal of $27,500 for our annual (non-event) Fall Fund Raiser. This exceeded the goal we set a year ago even though certain voices in the media had warned that with the new tax structure, charitable giving would decrease. In our community, it didn't. The goal was exceeded.

By the way, did you know that all the food that MUM gives away comes to us either by local gifts in kind or donations of funds that enable us to purchase food? Currently, MUM receives no governmental funding for food.

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