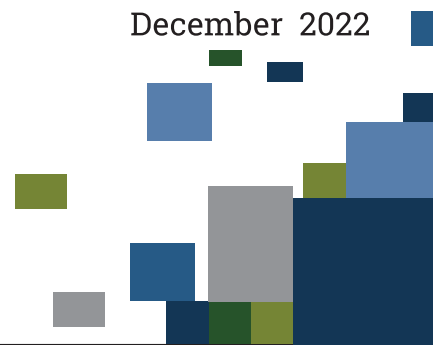


MINISTRY WITH COMMUNITY

rebuilding lives

December 2022



Impact Report: A snapshot of what donors made possible in Fiscal Year 2022

Helping Us Respond to Sudden Needs

As more people look for ways to cut food costs, many are turning to Ministry with Community for meals. In summer 2022, we saw a huge spike in meals served onsite.

In August and September alone, the number of **meals surged 87%** over the same period last year. During those two months, we prepared and served an **additional 12,660 meals, or an extra 207 meals every day.**

Our generous supporters made it possible to meet that need:

- The Ministry with Community Against Hunger 24-Hour Giving Challenge was a vital source of funding last year. Scores of supporters joined together to help us raise more than \$61,000 for our meals program in only 24 hours!
- Sponsored meals and your generosity throughout the year have helped us buy and prepare more food to meet this urgent community need.



Mary (left), Kitchen Assistant, and David (right), Assistant Kitchen Manager, fill to-go containers with a hot lunch for our members.

Keeping A Safety Net Intact

Thanks to you, we're the community's safety net. Some of the most important work we do is catching people when they fall and helping them get back on a path of progress.

Impact Insight: What Your Gift Made Possible in FY22

- We sorted and distributed **mail** for **1,114** members who used Ministry with Community as their mailing address.
- **17%** more people chose to do their **laundry** at our facility compared with the previous year,

completing more than **295** loads each week.

- Members took an average of **33 private showers** every day.

“Many people in Kalamazoo are wondering, ‘Do I buy food? Or do I pay my rent? Do I wash my clothes? Or do I pay my rent?’ Ministry with Community can make these decisions easier, especially for folks living paycheck to paycheck.”

**— Kelly Henderson,
Executive Director**

The mission of Ministry with Community is to empower people to make positive life changes.



Six washers and six dryers are available throughout the day, free-of-charge.

Making Real Progress Possible

One of the most important things we can do for our members is provide opportunities for steady, incremental progress. We know this matters:

According to our data, the more frequently a member uses basic services in our facility, the more likely they are to meet with a social worker.

When a member regularly uses our showers, does their laundry, and checks their mail, they are establishing a healthy routine. That routine gives them steadier ground for taking the next step: meeting with a social worker to tackle bigger challenges.

Impact Insight: What your gift made possible in FY22

- Program Team members held more than **53 one-on-one meetings** with members every week.
- Our members are committed to making progress on big challenges: **Nearly half** of those we served throughout the year met with a social worker or peer support specialist.
- Members got help navigating systems relating to **housing, employment, mental health,** and more.

“Many of our members come to us because they know we will listen. We provide support to those who may not have a family or people who they can trust who are encouraging them.”

**– Johnny Anderson III,
Program Director**

More Services. Onsite.

In 2022, we partnered with dozens of agencies that helped our members. These partnerships are an **efficient way to deliver essential community services directly to large numbers of individuals who need them.**

Impact Insight: What your gift made possible in FY22

Here are examples of how members have been helped by the community partnerships we developed over the past year:

- **WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine (WMed):** In 2022, doctors and students from WMed formed a weekly walk-in clinic at Ministry with Community. Read more about this remarkable partnership in our April 2022 newsletter, available now on our website.
- **Disability Services:** Disability Network of Southwest Michigan is now providing services weekly in our facility. Their presence onsite has led to multiple success stories, including one woman who is legally blind and deaf in addition to experiencing mental health challenges. Disability Network helped her get free glasses and is currently working to secure hearing aids for her. We continue to partner closely and have provided this member with bus tokens so she can travel to her vision and hearing appointments.

- **Fresh Place, Fresh Start:** We launched this program in 2022 in collaboration with area churches, which provide us with home cleaning supplies that we bundle together and provide to members when they get housing.



Our Program Director, Johnny Anderson III, poses at our front entrance.

“Having resources in one place helps our members to navigate this complex system and not have to worry about transportation to multiple service providers.”

**– Johnny Anderson III,
Program Director**

You Make This Possible!

All of this work is possible because of you! When you make a gift, when you donate new clothes, when you spread the word in person or on social media, you are making a difference in the lives of our members. Thank you.

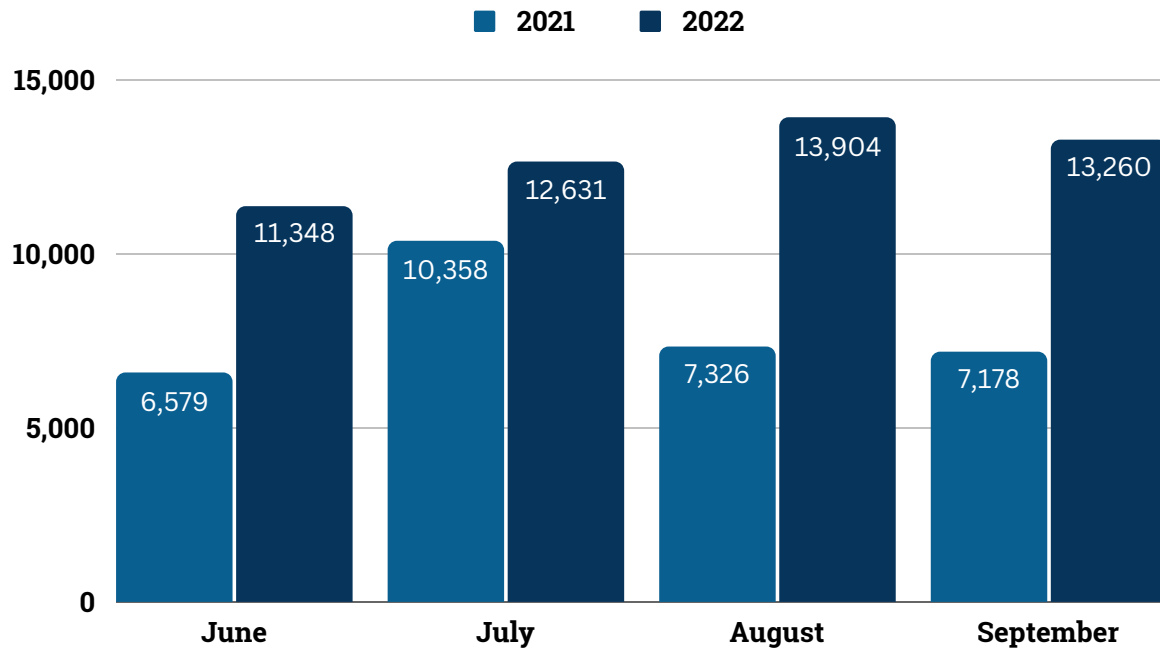


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Meals Served Onsite at MwC: June - September / 2021 vs. 2022



Total Onsite Meals, June - September

2021: 31,440 **2022: 51,173**

Difference in Number of Meals/Day

163

Sponsored Meals

September 21: Lutheran Church of the Savior

September 22: Breakfast & Lunch: Ann and Mark Austin in memory of her father, John Galopin

October 1: Breakfast & Lunch: Nancy DeBliiek and CG Miller in memory of Charles Miller

October 6: Breakfast & Lunch: Dr. Gary and Dr. Cynthia Ruoff in memory of Violet Ruoff

November 9: Breakfast & Lunch: Maggie Ebrite

November 10: Breakfast & Lunch: John Mason in memory of Linda Mason

November 11: Breakfast & Lunch: In honor of the birthday of the late Jeff Burkey. Thanks to all the Veterans who have served.

November 19: Idris, Hameed, and Labib Daranijoh in honor of their birthdays this month

November 20: Breakfast & Lunch: Lynne Wathen in honor of Muriel Koester

November 24: Breakfast & Lunch: North Park Reformed Church

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Sponsor-a-Meal program!

If you're looking for a way to thank someone, celebrate a milestone, or remember a loved

one, consider sponsoring a meal at Ministry with Community.

A gift of \$350 provides a 3 course meal for 300 people. A gift of \$500 provides both breakfast and lunch for 300 people.

On the day your meal is served you and your honoree will be recognized on Facebook, Twitter, and by mail.

Please contact Matt Claus, Development Director, at 269.343.6073 x131 or via email at development@ministrywithcommunity.org to sponsor a meal!





Show my support by making this a recurring donation.

Our Most Important Service

What’s the most important service Ministry with Community provides?

“Sometimes people are surprised when I say that the most important service we provide is being steady,” says Kelly Henderson, Executive Director. “Being a steady, reliable presence for folks navigating so much uncertainty is arguably the most important thing we do. For some of our members, we’re the one source of support they know they can count on every day of the year.”

We make a difference by being a trusted safety net and support network for hundreds of people daily.

You Can Make That Kind of Difference Every Month

That’s why making a monthly gift to Ministry with Community makes so much sense: You’re providing the steady support that delivers steady support to members.

When you set up a monthly gift,

you’re delivering services to members each month. Your gift buys food for meals, detergent for laundry, and time for one-on-one meetings with a social worker.

Recurring Gifts Have Recurring Benefits!

Some donors prefer recurring gifts for multiple reasons:

- **Steady cash flow:** Your monthly gift provides us with steady revenue throughout the year, giving us support we can rely on when donations slow down.
- **Bigger impact:** By spreading their gift out over 12 months, some people find it easier to increase their annual contribution and help even more people.
- **One less thing to remember:** Most of us have set good intentions that later slipped our minds. When you establish a recurring contribution, you won’t need to remember to make your annual gift because you’ve already set it up.

- **A little less paper but all the info:** When you sign up for a recurring gift on our website, we won’t send you monthly thank-you letters or an annual appeal letter. We will still send you these print newsletters in addition to a personalized letter each January summarizing your contributions from the previous year.

How To Set It Up

Visit ministrywithcommunity.org/-makeadonation to set up your recurring gift. Under the “Amount” section, check the box next to “Show my support by making this

a recurring donation.” Choose the frequency (e.g. “monthly”) and the start date of your gift. Your contribution will not be withdrawn until your selected start date.

We can also set up your recurring gift for you. Please reach out to Matt Claus, Development Director, at 269-343-6073, ext. 131 or mclaus@ministrywithcommunity.org to get started.



2,246



Did you know?

Since the start of the pandemic in March 2020, **2,246** people have walked through our doors for the first time looking for help.



In Memory Of:

Lois Alberti
Robert Schellenberg
Linda Louise Barrett
Brenda and Donald Deibler
Joyce Beebe
Mark and Jane Bainbridge
Bruce Binns
Margaret Binns
Jeff Block
Priscilla Blair
Marie Blosser
Gary Blosser
John Booden
Fred and Marie Zuidema
Janet Buchtrup
Gail K. Hummell
Jean Bright
Allan and Shirley Heavey
Thomas Chase
Lenore J. Lorion
Carolyn Chormann
Richard Chormann
Barbara M. Chmiel
John Chmiel
Patricia Coleman
Elizabeth Roelofs
Charles Coverdale
Helen Coverdale
Prudence McCabe
Thomas Crabiel
Colleen Crabiel
David Cretsinger
Mary and Craig Jbara
Tom Deem
James and Patricia Melluish
Don and Jackie DeYoung
Michael and Shari Pruis
Jerry Diment
Nancy M. Diment
Marvin and Bernadine Downey
Megan and James Roth
Marshall Draper
Joyce Draper
Peggy G. Drew
Jeanne Marie Greenen
Evan Ebling
Moyra Ebling
Joe Engemann
Nancy Engemann
Rose Maril Fear
John Fear
Thomas Worden Geer
George and Gladys Manley
Sistina J. Grenke
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Diane and Jay Heckler
Walter and Margaret Hurst
William and Martie Schinzer
Pastor Dale Krueger
Clifford Davidson
Dr. Michael Kudlas
John Hoek and Mary Meagher
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Peggy LaPine
Susan Lake
Kerry Lake
Jack Lancaster
Helen Lancaster

Edward J. Lewis
Beverly Lewis
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Dorothy Markusse
Wayne M. Conner
Linda McCall
Kevin McCall
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Gregory Nakken
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Allan and Rita LaReau
Nancy Owen
Thomas Owen
Amber Pangle
Bob and Jane Pangle
Harold Pangle
Bob and Jane Pangle
Violet Ruoff
Gary and Cynthia Ruoff
Gloria Savitt
Harry and Gloria Orr
Marty Schau
Susan C. Miller
Jean Schmitt
Richard Schmitt
Michael Stoline
Marvin Hoffman
Joseph Szalkowski
Scott Foster
Dale E. Van Antwerp
Leona Van Antwerp
Gordon Van Singel
Mark and Janice Janke
Faith Joy Werdin
Nathan Drummond
Florence and Barney Westra
Karl Westra and Kristine Pioch
Florence, Barney, John and Bernard Westra
Karl Westra and Kristine Pioch
Patricia Will
Laurel E. Hazel
Phyllis Wilson
Bob and Jane Pangle
Chuck Yager
Carol Yager

In Honor Of:

3 Very Dear Friends
Susanne J. Johnston
Cherie A. Barton
Mark and Mary Sue Hoffman
Sarah McFerran-Cooley
Kate Kirk-Greenberg and A. Lee Kirk
Norma Dearborn
Pam and Kip Schumm
Joli A. Fytczyk
Lenore J. Lorion
Kelly Henderson and Family
H. Allan Hunt and Rochelle Habeck
Arnold F. Hentschl, DVM
Matthew and Mary Hentschl-Early
Hildy and Howard Kerney
Michael and Sherry Kerney
Prudence McCabe
Arthur Roberts and Betty
Lujan-Roberts

Diane Melvin
Joan B. and Gary A. Melvin
Marsha Meyer
Alexander and Anne Lipsey
Joellen Silberman
Marilou Johnston
Thomas Van Der Linden and Jean
Silberman
Laurie Sipes
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Libby Slocum
Tammy Taylor
Julie Rogers and Edward Orloff
Leona Van Antwerp
Linda Stieve and Dan Coyne
Charles and Lynn Zhang
Patrick O'Hara and Nancy Groenewold

In Celebration Of:

Bob and Susan Brown's Wedding Anniversary
Joyce B. DeNooyer
Adrienne and William DeNooyer
Allen Buhl's Birthday
Brian Vollmer-Buhl
Marlena Kirton's Birthday
Dennis and Pamela Hjelmquist
Sarah McFerran-Cooley's Retirement
Timothy Bartik and Debra Wickman
Josh Ruhrup's Birthday
John and Joyce Ruhrup
Steve and Phyllis Senesi's 50th Wedding Anniversary
Amy Louise Anderson
Linda Vanderberg's Birthday
Lisa Fisher
Patty Litwiller
Kim Tabor
Don and Sue Vandermeer's 50th Anniversary
Dorothy C. Hilton

Please note: Memorials and Honorees listed here were received August 26, 2022 through December 1, 2022.

Memorials and Honorees received after December 1, 2022 will appear in the next newsletter.

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WISH LIST

Insulated Winter Gloves and Mittens
Winter Hats
Hand Warmers
Rain Ponchos

Shampoo (travel size)
Lotion (travel size)
Bars of soap (travel size)
Deodorant (travel size)

ITEMS MAY BE DROPPED OFF DAILY FROM 9:00 A.M. –2:00 P.M. AT THE BACK DOOR NEXT TO OUR LOADING DOCK. PLEASE RING THE DOORBELL AND A STAFF MEMBER WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS UNATTENDED.

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- You have a seasonal address you'd like us to use
- The name(s) on your newsletter need an update
- We are sending duplicates of any mailings
- You would like to be removed from our mailing list

Contact Matt Claus at 269.343.6073 x131 or at development@ministrywithcommunity.org to have your record updated or corrected. Thank you for helping us maintain a correct and efficient database!

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