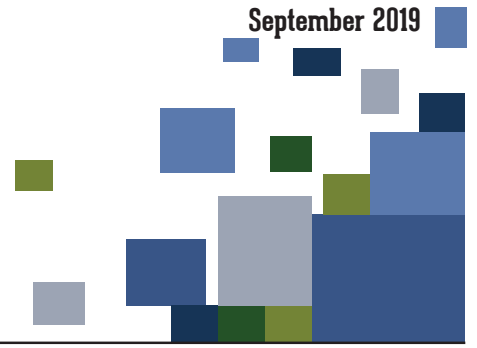


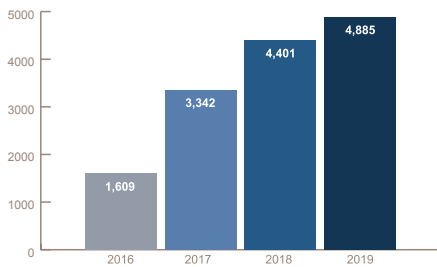
MINISTRY WITH COMMUNITY

rebuilding lives

September 2019



Number of Members Registered in MEP



Program Evaluation Leaps Forward in New Facility

Ministry with Community is celebrating three years in our building at 500 N. Edwards this September.

Our facility was designed to function with our Member Engagement Program (MEP), a software program that helps us track how members use services so we can understand what's working and what isn't.

Recently, we looked to our MEP data to help us answer this question: Does accessing basic services (like showers and hygiene items) make it more or less likely that a member will see a social worker?

A correlation analysis of MEP data from 2016-2019 showed a definitive, statistical correlation between the use of core services and visiting with a social worker or peer support specialist. Accessing basic services accounts for 30% of the variation in program team visits.

Takeaway: Our basic, stabilizing services increase the likelihood that our members will access more intensive, transformational services.

“If Social Work and Peer Support are



Johnny Hazard, our Member Experience Assistant, works on new data at his desk.

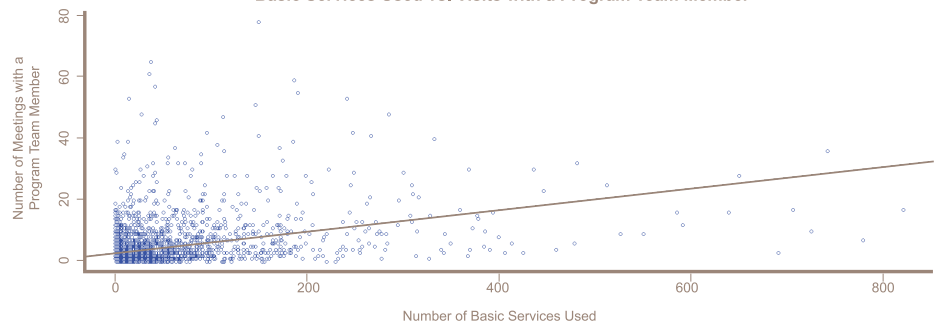
guiding members along a path to self-sufficiency, which we know they are, then this is definitive evaluative proof that **walking through our doors to access our core services is an important first step for many members to take,**” says Johnny Hazard, our Member Experience Assistant and in-house data wizard.

This discovery is exciting to us, and as we gather more data we look forward to more discoveries that help us understand how to better serve our members and help them reach their goals.

As Johnny says, “A lot of our members might be experiencing similar things, but no one's story is the same and no one has the same path to stability. That's why my work with the data mining is important. It gives us progress updates on our goals and ways we can improve.”

At Ministry with Community, we've always believed that the path to rebuilding a life often starts with something as simple as a meal. Now, we have proof.

Basic Services Used vs. Visits with a Program Team Member



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

In Memory Of:

Jim Beougher
John and Nancy Stroupe

Betty Brown
Agnes Bennink

Roger A Brown Sr.
Betty E. Brown

Janet Buchtrup
Anonymous

Frank and Cecilia Cretsinger
Nancy and Robert Cretsinger
Mary and Craig Jbara

Rita Culver
Caroline Ham

Mitzi DeLuca
Barbara and Frank Somers

Ann Devisser
Dan and Sherry Kettenbeil

Dick Dozier
Larry Clemens
Robert Friedmann
Sandra Hintz
Barbara Hughey
Peter A Kirkpatrick
Dorothy and Vincent Larkin
Florence and Richard Nelson

Evan Ebling
Lois E. Ellis

Matthew Gray
Carol Gray

Harold L.J. Grenke
Lenore J. Lorion

Sistina J. Grenke
Lenore J. Lorion

Billy Hanselman
Jane Hanselman

Harold "Bud" Hanselman
Jane Hanselman
Edward Ihling

Louis F. Hecker
RNR Foundation, Inc.

Jay Scott Heckler
Diane and Jay Heckler

Mary Hunt
Inez Pochyla

Ann Hanselman Ihling
Jane Hanselman

Nancy King
Jeffrey and Wendy King

Jim Kooi
Richard and Marcia
Greenheide

David V. Lorion
Lenore J. Lorion

Scott Norris
John Everts

Nancy Owen
David and Valerie Flagler
Terry and Whitney Hagen
Patti and Bob Huiskamp
Elizabeth Upjohn Mason
Judy and Paul Paget
Helen Peters
Charles Van Zoeren

David Osmun
Richard and Elen Fox

Jean Peck
Susan J. Peck

James H. Powell
Mary E. Powell

Rev. Robert "Bob" Rasmussen
Joyce and John Petro

Daniel Smith
Si and Shirley Johnson

Tom Swiat
Romy and Maureen Abueva
William and Paula Andrus
Mary T. Bakos
John Chapin
Thomas and Patricia Ann Hill
Greg and Mary Klenow
Sue E. Kovach
Joanne Lawrence
Barbara and Mark Pearson
Judy Smith
Mary A. Smyser
Gerald and Marilyn Wilson
Laurie M Young

Doris Tomer
Kathleen Dickason
Jennifer Kasper
Janet Rowe

Roon and Olga Visser
Ina Way

Joyce Vliiek
Ted Vliiek

Florence, Barney, and John Westra
Karl Westra

Ralph Woods
Leona Van Antwerp

In Honor Of:

Agnes Bennink
Betty E. Brown

Peggy G. Drew
Jeanne Marie Greenen

Joli A. Fytczyk
Lenore J. Lorion

Kelly Henderson
Susan L. Caulfield

Mike Kemerling
Alice Kemerling

Howard and Hildy Kerney
James and Sharon Froom

Deb Krohn
Rosa Luisa Alexander
Thomas and Sharon Bennett
Theresa Cook
Grayce E. Farnsworth

Ron and Janice Kohls
Joe and Rhonda Dailey

Prudence McCabe
A. Gregory and
Mary Ann Laurell

Ben Ryder
Joe M. Rozankovich Trucking

Fr. Stan Witek
Bob and Becky Klose

In Celebration Of:

Amy Anderson's 90th birthday
Gerry Morford

Jan and John Broyles' Marriage
Barbara Albanese

Nancy Dement on Mother's Day
Lisa Panepento

Connie Douglas' Birthday
Anonymous
David and Wendy Arnold
Janet L Baker
Martha A Poolman

Cece Walbridge and Mark DuBay's Wedding
Judson and Marie McKinley

Laurel Hazel's 90th Birthday
Susan and David Allen

The 50th Ordination Anniversary of Rev. Michael Howell
Marvin Hoffman
Mark and Mary Sue Hoffman

Marlena Kirton on Mother's Day
Dennis and Pamela Hjelmquist

The marriage of Donald and Kathryn Russell-Page
Bonnie Camburn
Evelyn I. Garner
Marvin Hoffman

Joellen Silberman's Birthday
Nancy M. Diment
Lisa Silberman and
Lance Meinke

In celebration of the Sisters of St. Joseph who have served the Congregation for 75, 60, 50, and 25 Years
Sr. Rita Schafer, CSJ

Chris Thomas' Birthday
Nancy M. Diment

Corey and Dawn Thompson's 25th Anniversary
Brett and Mary Thompson

Josh Weiner's 70th Birthday
John and Jane Schreuder

Please note: Memorials and Honorees listed here were received February 26, 2019 through July 29, 2019.

Memorial and Honorees received after July 29, 2019 will appear in the next newsletter.

To correct any errors, please contact Laura Perron at 269.343.6073 x132 or office@ministrywithcommunity.org.



D&W staff present Matt Claus, Development Director, with a check for MwC.

Thank you, D&W!

We would like to thank our friends at D&W Fresh Market in Kalamazoo for presenting Ministry with Community \$1,000! As part of the SpartanNash Direct Your Dollars program, many of our volunteers and community members saved their D&W receipts for us until we had collected \$150,000 worth. It took time and a very large storage container, but we did it!

Ministry with Community would like to thank Store Manager, Kevin Armstrong, and the amazing staff at D&W for their support. We would also like to thank everyone that saved their receipts for us.





A late-July harvest of peppers, green beans, cherry tomatoes, onions, and cucumbers.

Our Garden Summer 2019

Members, volunteers, and staff gathered in our garden in late May to plant vegetables and herbs for our second annual garden. Two additional raised beds were also built, bringing us to a total of 22.

We've already harvested over 360 pounds of produce this summer! This is only the second year we've had the garden at Ministry with Community, but once again, members are taking excellent care of it, and it shows.

Everything harvested from our garden goes directly to our kitchen to be prepared for meals. In July alone, we served 12,659 meals, so each pound of produce makes a difference in our budget and helps us provide healthy options for our members.

The garden is a great place for members to give back, but it's also a place where they can feel restored. "It's not just a garden of vegetables. It's a garden of human love," said Debra, a member at MwC and a devoted garden volunteer.

Check out more photos of our beautiful garden on our blog at ministrywithcommunity.org/mwcblog.



Members carry one of two new raised beds they helped to build.



Staff and Members plant green beans.



A view of our building through onion tops.



A fresh cucumber salad prepared by MwC Kitchen Staff using cucumbers from the garden.



Members are always excited to help care for the garden.



A member plants a row of seedlings.



A head of red cabbage grows in the sunshine.



The Tuesday Group of lunch volunteers sponsored a meal in celebration of Laurel Hazel's 90th birthday.

27 Years of Dedication

We are lucky at Ministry with Community to have some of the best volunteers in Kalamazoo, and Laurel Hazel is certainly one of them.

On June 25th, the Tuesday Group of lunch volunteers celebrated Laurel's 90th birthday by sponsoring and serving a meal.

Laurel has been volunteering for over 27 years at Ministry with Community! Laurel volunteers weekly as part of the Tuesday Group of lunch volunteers.

"Laurel is a charming volunteer who is dedicated and a pleasure to see each week," says Megan Stull, Volunteer & Operations Coordinator. "She sets the standard by always arriving early to roll silverware, set tables, and put rolls and bread out. We are so fortunate to have her here."

Thank you, Laurel, for your service to Ministry with Community and to our members.

Sponsor a Meal

March 15: Irish American Club in celebration of St. Patrick's Day

March 27: DeeDee Hoy in celebration of her birthday

March 28: Notre Dame Club of Kalamazoo

April 2: Sue Caulfield in celebration of Kelly Henderson's birthday

April 11: Kathy Corella in memory and celebration of Chuck Corella

April 12: Nell and Bill Dykhuis in celebration of their 40th anniversary

April 16: Belden and Barbara Smith in celebration of Rev. Nathan Dannison's birthday

April 18: Phil Behrens in memory of Raymond Gerald Behrens

April 25: Hildy and Howard Kerney in celebration of their anniversary

May 4: Italian American Club of Kalamazoo

May 8: Karol Dill in memory of her husband, Everett Dill

May 21: Absolute Homecare & Medical Staffing

May 24: Sue Caulfield in celebration of her birthday

June 13: Ted Vlieg in memory of Joyce Vlieg

June 21: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Bible Study Group

June 25: The Tuesday Group of lunch volunteers in celebration of Laurel Hazel's 90th birthday

June 28: Bronson Healthcare

July 8: Sue Caulfield in celebration of Amy Anderson's 90th birthday

July 16: Western Diversified Plastics

July 23: NoMI Sparkling Water

July 25: Kaye Bennett in honor of the birthdays of Mike Hardy's family

August 2: Rose Street Advisors

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 Janet Karpus, Associate Director, at 269.343.6073 x138 or via email at jkarpus@ministrywithcommunity.org to Sponsor-a-Meal!



Join Us!

Annual Open House and Awards Ceremony 2019

Thursday, September 12

4:30pm – 6:00pm

We invite you to join us for our Annual Open House! This event is a great opportunity to learn more about what we do at MwC. Take a self-guided tour of our facility, walk through our beautiful garden, meet members, volunteers, and staff, and see how we serve our community.

A program including testimonials from members and an awards ceremony to recognize some of our amazing volunteers will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the classrooms.

This event is free, fun, and open to the public.

“I love this place. It’s wonderful to have a place to feel welcome from the elements while working toward independence. I hope to build myself while assisting wherever I possibly can.”

– Kanasha, Member

Love dignity?
Love hope?
Love food?
Love community?
Love rebuilding lives?

Leave a legacy of what you love.
Leave your legacy at Ministry with Community.

Your Legacy at Ministry with Community

Your gift today is a legacy that will live on in another’s journey. You can also establish a different kind of legacy by including Ministry with Community in your will or estate.

Planned gifts may include:

- Wills and bequests
- Life insurance
- Gifts of securities
- Retirement assets and other giving options

To discuss how to leave your legacy at Ministry with Community, contact us at development@ministrywithcommunity.org or 269.343.6073 x131.



“I am able to do here what I can’t do at home. And at Ministry with Community, I can be around people so I don’t feel totally alone.”

– Carol, Member

Wish List

Can you help us by donating these much needed supplies?

Deodorant (travel size)
Shampoo (travel size)
Soap (travel size)
Conditioner (travel size)
Lotion (travel size)
Lip balm
Two-blade razors
Tampons
Maxi-Pads
Toothbrushes
Shaving Cream
Band-aids

Adult size pull-up diapers
Bath Towels & Washcloths
Sugar (packets or bulk)
Peanut butter
Jelly
Coffee mugs (standard 10 oz. size and shape)
Washcloths (dark colored, terry cloth)
Socks (new, adult size)
Underwear (new, adult size)
All weather shoes (adult size)
Belts (adult size)
Metro transit bus tokens
Two-wheeled luggage
Duffel bags
Backpacks

For a list of other general needs, please visit our website at www.ministrywithcommunity.org.

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