



THE Gathering PLACE

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Community Impact & Annual Support Package

Welcome

The Gathering Place is a local, community-based organization dedicated to creating a safe, welcoming space for individuals who are experiencing homelessness, food insecurity, social isolation, or other vulnerabilities. Every day, we open our doors to ensure that people in our community are treated with dignity, compassion, and respect.

This booklet is designed to help local businesses understand who we are, what we do, and how your annual support makes a meaningful, measurable difference.

Who We Serve

The Gathering Place serves individuals and families from our local community, including:

- People experiencing homelessness or housing instability
- Individuals facing food insecurity
- Seniors and adults experiencing isolation
- People living with mental health challenges
- Individuals navigating poverty or crisis situations
- At risk and vulnerable youth

Many of our guests rely on The Gathering Place as a consistent source of meals, connection, and support.

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What We Do

The Gathering Place provides essential, low-barrier services focused on meeting immediate needs while fostering connection and community.

Our Core Services Include:

- **Nutritious meals** served in a welcoming, respectful environment
- **A safe, warm space** for rest, connection, and social interaction
- **Food Outreach to partnering agencies** to feed families and individuals who cannot access the kitchen for various reasons
- **Food diversion from landfills** helps eliminate food waste. We rescue thousands of pounds of food each week, which is used in our menu planning and passed onto church food banks, group homes, and fill family boxes

We meet people where they are, offering support without judgment or barriers.

Why It Matters

For many of our guests, The Gathering Place is more than a meal, it is a sense of belonging.

Your support helps: - Reduce hunger and food insecurity - Prevent isolation and loneliness - Provide dignity and stability to vulnerable individuals - Strengthen the overall health of our community.

Our Annual Impact

- **Meals served annually:** 52,000
 - **Pounds of food diverted from landfills:** 182,000.
 - **Number of volunteers:** 55
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Annual Operating Expenses

Operating The Gathering Place requires consistent, reliable funding. Below is an overview of our typical annual expenses. Each category takes into account staffing, insurance, utilities and overhead for the program.

| Expense Category | Annual Cost |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Dining Room Meals | \$244, 400 |
| Food Rescue | \$62, 400 |
| Food Outreach | \$96, 200 |
| Total Annual Budget | \$403, 000 |

Every dollar donated goes directly toward keeping our doors open and our programs running.

Thank You

The Gathering Place exists because of community generosity. Your support ensures that our most vulnerable neighbors always have a place where they are welcomed, nourished, and valued.

Together, we are building a stronger, more compassionate community.

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