

# South Milwaukee Human Concerns

*Serving our community since 1973*



**smhumanconcerns.org**

**Winter 2019-20**

## ***From the Board President***

### **Your Gift Directly Assists South Milwaukee Neighbors in Need**

Dear South Milwaukee Friends and Neighbors:

Each day we are faced with appeals for our time, money and other contributions from across the country. Every day our mailboxes and media contain one, two or more requests for assistance. These requests contain heart tugging stories from far and wide telling of people in need. This request is different in one special way: It is asking for your support and aid for people right here in South Milwaukee.

With the holidays approaching, please remember that there are many South Milwaukee residents living at or below the poverty level. I ask that you do not forget your friends and neighbors in South Milwaukee, including children and seniors who are helped by South Milwaukee Human Concerns (SMHC).

SMHC provides emergency food, clothing and household items to as many as 1,000 individuals monthly. We also provide school supplies, birthday and Christmas gifts to many South Milwaukee children. We can only provide this help because of your generous monetary donations.

For 47 years, SMHC has provided critical assistance to the residents of our community. We receive no government/taxpayer funding and are completely supported by donations. We exist solely because of the generosity of our donors. If you have given to us, thank you; if not, please consider a donation. A monetary gift to SMHC is the most direct and sure way to provide assistance to South Milwaukee residents who need help. Any amount gift is greatly needed and appreciated.

For more information about SMHC and the important services we offer, to donate or to volunteer, visit [smhumanconcerns.org](http://smhumanconcerns.org), or stop in at our facility (1029 Milwaukee Avenue) during open hours.

On behalf of the SMHC Board of Directors and volunteers, I thank you and wish you a blessed and safe holiday season.

Tim Schafer  
President, SMHC Board of Directors

## **Human Concerns, South Milwaukee's Safety Net, Survives on Donations**

Receiving no taxpayer funding, South Milwaukee Human Concerns (SMHC) delivers vital services to thousands of low income South Milwaukee residents because of the support we receive from area individuals like you. In 2018 we served 6,992 unduplicated/unique South Milwaukee residents – about one-third of the city's residents. SMHC relies on volunteers and donations. These clients represent many children and seniors.

We are an emergency food pantry that provides help and hope to all who come to us; no one in need is turned away. All that we provide is given at no-cost.

Help SMHC to keep offering our critical and much-needed services in 2020 and beyond through a tax deductible donation. To help:

- Go to [smhumanconcerns.org](http://smhumanconcerns.org) and click on the "Donate Now" button.
- Mail your donation in the enclosed return envelope.
- Drop off your contribution at the center during our open hours.

Be assured that every penny of your support goes directly to help your South Milwaukee neighbors in need. Thank You!



## We Will Assist Hundreds of Children This Holiday Season

South Milwaukee Human Concerns (SMHC) will help make the holiday season a bit brighter for South Milwaukee families who cannot afford to provide their children with Christmas gifts. Through residents like you, SMHC has a goal of providing hundreds of children with modest gifts this season. Sponsoring a child for Christmas is easy and you get a “gift” of giving to an appreciative family’s child.

This program is also in need of gift cards in any amount. Popular gift cards are from Amazon, iTunes, Kohl’s, Target, Walmart, and Marcus Theaters. Bring your gift cards to SMHC during open hours. Contact Debra DeBoer, 414-764-5340 or [debrahcsomilw@gmail.com](mailto:debrahcsomilw@gmail.com), with questions.



## Businesses, Churches Generously Help Us to Meet Community Needs

South Milwaukee Human Concerns thanks local businesses, food store partners, organizations and donors who generously work with us to help keep our food pantry stocked and/or provide needed monetary and in-kind support. **BIG THANKS TO:**

- Aldi’s (SM)
- American Legion (SM)
- Applebee’s
- Azteca Mexican Restaurant
- Barbiere’s Italian Restaurant
- Beef Jerky Outlet
- Brat Stop
- Bucyrus Erie Foundation
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- C3 Designs
- Caterpillar Mining Corporation
- City of South Milwaukee
- Cousins Subs (SM)
- Crowne Plaza
- Cummin’s Power
- Divine Mercy Parish
- Dollar General (SM)
- Dollar Tree
- Domino’s Pizza
- Eaton Corporation
- Feeding America
- First Congregational Church
- Garlic Mustard Pickers, Inc.
- Gastrau’s Golf Center
- Gecko Leather Works
- Georgie Porgie’s
- Gordon Food Service
- Green Bay Packers
- Hunger Task Force
- Jelly Belly
- Klement Sausage
- Knights of Columbus
- Kristy’s Hair Secrets
- Kwik Trip (27th and College)
- Lakefront Brewery
- McDonald’s (SM)
- Milwaukee Admirals
- Milwaukee Brewers
- Milwaukee County Zoo
- Milwaukee Repertory Theater
- Milwaukee Sausage
- MKE Coffee
- Molten Bell Funeral Home
- Mulligans Irish Pub
- Northwestern Mutual
- Palermo’s Pizza
- Parkway Floral
- Pick n’ Save
- Piggly Wiggly
- Pizza Hut (SM)
- Potawatomi Casino
- PPG Industries, Inc.
- Prasser Kleczka Funeral Home
- Skyline Catering
- SM Lion’s
- SM United Methodist Church
- South Shore Chiropractic
- Southbound Salon
- Sprecher Brewery
- Spirit’s Bar & Grill
- St. Luke’s United Church of Christ
- St. Mark’s Episcopal Church
- St. Matthew’s Church
- Staybridge Suites
- Tap Room
- The Pantry Club
- Tony G’s Grant Park Garage
- Topper’s Pizza
- Towne Place Suites
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Usinger’s
- Walmart (SM)



### Special thanks to:

Former South Milwaukee resident **Bob Carlson** and daughter, **Wendy**, for the support they continue to give to SMHC through the generous donations of essential living items, including pillows, cookware sets and towels; and for donating the new signage for our building, monetary contributions and raffle items.

The **Rotary Club of Mitchell Field** for a \$3,000 school supply grant and their members who helped organize the backpacks and distribute the school supplies to needy South Milwaukee students.



## Memorials and Honorariums Honors Special People in Your Life

To honor the memory of a family member, friend, colleague or other person in your life that has made a difference, donate to South Milwaukee Human Concerns (SMHC) through a memorial or honorarium in their name.

Memorials honor the memory of those in your life; honorariums recognize an event such as a birthday, graduation, anniversary, retirement or other life event. The honored individual/event along with the person, family or group initiating the dedication are featured on special pages at [smhumanconcerns.org](http://smhumanconcerns.org). To initiate a memorial or honorarium, contact SMHC director Debra DeBoer at 414-764-5340 or [debrahcsomilw@gmail.com](mailto:debrahcsomilw@gmail.com)



## Facility Closed During Major Holiday Dates

So our volunteers can spend time with family during the upcoming holiday season, South Milwaukee Human Concerns will be closed:

- Thursday, November 28
- Friday, November 29
- Saturday, November 30
- Tuesday, December 24
- Wednesday, December 25
- Thursday, December 26
- Tuesday, December 31
- Wednesday, January 1



We will be open Friday, December 27 and Saturday, December 28.

## Amazon Purchases and Christmas Market Donations Benefit Human Concerns



You shop. Amazon gives.

South Milwaukee Human Concerns can receive 0.5% of your purchase price for items you buy via AmazonSmile, an Amazon purchase site that aids charitable organizations selected by customers. Start your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).

Select South Milwaukee Human Concerns as the benefit recipient of your next eligible purchases by using: [smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7217934](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7217934).

Another way to support SMHC: Stop by our information table at the annual Christmas Market, Saturday, December 7, at South Milwaukee High School, 801 15th Avenue, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monetary and non-perishable food donations are needed.

## Mission of Human Concerns: Delivering Help and Hope

Adopted three years ago, the organization’s mission statement focuses on delivering important services despite not having a traditional/regular funding source.



### THE MISSION:

South Milwaukee Human Concerns is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization receiving no taxpayer funds that delivers critical help and hope to needs-based residents through emergency food, clothing and other essential services.



## South Milwaukee Human Concerns

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Your donations are appreciated, but please **DO NOT** leave them outside the door. We cannot accept donations that are not brought into the center during open hours.

*South Milwaukee Human Concerns is an equal opportunity provider.*

**Memorials and honorariums are recognized on dedicated pages at: [smhumanconcerns.org](http://smhumanconcerns.org)**



### **SMHC Open Hours:**

Monday, noon – 3 p.m.

Wednesday, 4 – 6 p.m.

Thursday, 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m.

Friday, 9 a.m. – noon

Last Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. - noon

### **Board of Directors:**

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