



Because of Donors, We Assist Our Many Clients and Their Children

As we work to get back to “normal,” even in the ongoing pandemic, a much-needed constant for South Milwaukee remains South Milwaukee Human Concerns (SMHC).

SMHC continues to be a place of help and hope for South Milwaukee residents who have experienced a job loss, employment disruptions, added expenses and all types of adversities.

We serve about 1,000 unique/unduplicated clients each month with essential and nutritious food in a dignified and welcoming environment. The needs of those in our community with food insecurity are great, and it's only because of the generosity of our donors that we are able to meet the challenge.

In addition to our primary mission as a food pantry, SMHC assists the community in other ways, especially its children. Two examples from 2020, made possible by our donors:

- More than 700 children of our clients received modest Christmas gifts distributed in early December.
- Almost 200 school children received school supplies, per their grade lists.

“Myself and the SMHC Board feels that whenever we can it's important to serve the needs of the community in ways beyond our core mission,” said Debra DeBoer, director.

Help SMHC continue to offer its critical and much needed services in 2022 and beyond:

- Go to 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.



From the Board President

A Window Into Those Who Need Our Help and Hope

As a frequent volunteer at South Milwaukee Human Concerns (SMHC), I admit I can sometimes lose sight of the many people we serve and the enormous positive difference we make in their lives. The center gets very busy as we help hundreds of clients each month, and tending to the needs of those who rely on us quickly and efficiently is a priority. I'd like to step back and take the time to introduce you to a sampling of our clients, your fellow South Milwaukee residents who through life circumstances need a helping hand:

Jodi is a single mom of two grade school-age boys. She works full time but her paycheck does not always cover expenses. She turns to SMHC to ensure her boys have the nutrition they need to do well in school.

Mark and Laura are in their 60s and rely on Social Security. With rent, health care and other expenses, food insecurity is an on-going concern that SMHC helps ease.

Bradley has had success in multiple service industry jobs, but experienced pandemic-related layoffs. He uses SMHC as a way to get by after his income was cut in half.

Emma and Jason are new to South Milwaukee, having moved their young, growing family because of a job transfer. Two incomes are now down to one. They use SMHC to help ease their new financial reality.

Darryl suffered a serious work injury that limits his employment options. He needs SMHC to better cope with his situation.

For 48 years, SMHC has provided critical help and hope to our community. We receive no taxpayer/government funding and are completely supported by donations. We exist solely because of the generosity of our donors and volunteers. Any monetary gift you provide is greatly needed and appreciated. It will help us continue our important work for Jodi, Mark, Laura, Bradley, Emma, Jason, Darryl and many hundreds more.

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

Tim Schafer
President, SMHC Board of Directors



Eaton Corporation Charitable Fund Awards SMHC a Generous Grant

South Milwaukee Human Concerns (SMHC) received a \$30,000 grant from the Eaton Corporation Charitable Fund in October. It was one of the largest grants awarded by the Eaton Corporation Charitable Fund. The grant will help fund many operating expenses. Eaton has a manufacturing and administrative division in South Milwaukee.



"We are overwhelmed by the generosity of Eaton Corporation," said Deb DeBoer, SMHC director. "Being totally supported by donations, this helps us to continue our important work for many in South Milwaukee."

Officials from Eaton Corporation joined SMHC and city leaders recently for a check presentation. Eaton awarded SMHC a \$30,000 unrestricted grant. From left are SM Police Chief William Jessup; Tim Schafer, SMHC Board member; Paul Koester, Eaton Product Line Manager; Denise Arnold, SMHC Board and Eaton Product Specialist; Deb DeBoer, SMHC Director; Segrid Bove, Eaton Operations Manager; Peggy Bartelt, SMHC Board member; George Becker, SMHC Board; and SM Fire Chief Joseph Knitter.

Many Businesses and Organizations Step Up to Help Us Meet Community Needs

South Milwaukee Human Concerns thanks these vital partners who generously work with us to help keep our food pantry stocked and/or provide needed monetary and in-kind support in 2021:

- Aldi's (SM)
- Autoquip, Inc.
- Aurora Healthcare
- Azteca Mexican Restaurant
- Bucyrus Erie Foundation
- Carlisle Technologies
- Caterpillar Mining Corporation
- City of South Milwaukee
- Cousins Subs (SM)
- CR Electric
- Divine Mercy Parish
- Dollar Tree
- Eaton Corporation
- Ewald Venus Ford
- First Congregational Church
- Gordon Food Service
- Greater Milwaukee Foundation
- Hampton Inn
- Hunger Relief Fund
- Knights of Columbus
- Kwik Trip (27th and College)
- Lucas Milhaupt
- Molten Bell Funeral Home
- Northwestern Mutual
- Panera Bread
- Pick n' Save
- Piggly Wiggly
- PPG Industries, Inc.
- Ridge Community Church
- SM Lions
- SM Fire Department
- SM Little League
- SM Police Department
- SM United Methodist Church
- South Shore Chiropractic
- St. Luke's United Church of Christ
- St. Mark's Episcopal Church
- Tap Room
- Tony G's Grant Park Garage
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Thrivent
- Walmart (SM)

Make Amazon Purchases Through 'Smile' and Benefit Human Concerns

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



Police Chief Jessup: Human Concerns Makes South Milwaukee Stronger

Donating to South Milwaukee Human Concerns (SMHC) is a tangible way to make our city stronger, according to South Milwaukee Police Chief William Jessup.

Named chief in 2018, Jessup grew up in the area and previously had an almost 30-year career with the Milwaukee Police Department.

"I have always appreciated the close-knit feel of the community and the strong work ethic demonstrated by our citizens," he said.



Police Chief William Jessup

Chief Jessup believes one of the most important attributes of any community is its concern for those less fortunate. SMHC fills that role, he said, and its volunteers, "work tirelessly to provide food, clothing and other necessities during times of need."

That need has only grown in recent years, said Jessup, who feels "we are truly lucky to have SMHC in our corner."

He calls SMHC "a lifeline for individuals and families during difficult times, and the strength of our community can be measured by the daily efforts of its volunteers."

He added, "Please donate and help make our community even stronger."

Help Us Make the Holiday Season a Bit Brighter for South Milwaukee Children

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. Because of your generosity, SMHC hopes to provide hundreds of children of our clients with modest gifts.

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.



Christmas gifts are organized at Human Concerns for distribution to children of clients.

Memorials and Honorariums Honors Special People, Provides a Lasting Gift



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. They are recognized at smhumanconcerns.org.

To initiate a memorial or honorarium, contact SMHC director Debra DeBoer at debrahcsomilw@gmail.com



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*South Milwaukee Human Concerns
is proud to be supported by
Hunger Task Force and Feeding America.*



During the holidays,

South Milwaukee Human Concerns will be closed:

Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26

Thursday and Friday, December 23 and 24

Thursday and Friday, December 30 and 31



*May the Spirit of Christmas
be with you throughout the New Year.*



SMHC Open Hours:

Monday, noon – 3 p.m.

Wednesday, 4 – 6 p.m.

Friday, 9 a.m. – noon

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