

# 2020 YEAR END VOLUNTEER REPORT

## DECEMBER 2020

During this time of year, we are reminded of how food fosters community. This is also true at Guest House! Three times a day, guests know they'll have a moment to rest and talk with others, even in the current distanced manner. Folks sometimes maintain these friendships after they move on to their next steps. A former guest, now living independently, recently told us how he looks forward to monthly milkshake outings with another man he befriended over dinner in shelter. Their friendship started and continues among food. Beyond building community, these relationships also aid guests' personal growth and recovery. When folks have their basic needs met, they have the time and energy to think more about their goals.

Each month, we serve about 1,860 dinners, 900 hot and bagged lunches, and countless servings of breakfast cereal and coffee... all purchased, prepared and delivered by our amazing volunteers and donors! While meal groups miss coming onsite, they have continued giving this year because they care deeply about guests' well-being. We are so grateful for their continued support!

### In December...

**5**

individuals spent almost **60 hours** helping various onsite projects

**23**

individuals have contributed **583 hours** this year

**2**

volunteers found us through United Way, contributing **7 hours**

**310**

hours went into dinners- see more meal stats below!

**2**

interns worked **89.5 hours**

**6**

interns have worked **1,358 hours** this year

This year, meal groups have contributed **2,757+ hours**

### In 2020...

**30**

garden volunteers have contributed **161 hours** this year

**1**

professional garden volunteer has contributed **46 hours** this year

**139**

group volunteers have contributed **667 hours** this year

### December Meal Stats

We serve a hot dinner every night! **27** volunteer groups and **4** restaurants prepared and delivered **31** dinners

A hot lunch is served M-F, and bagged lunches are served on weekends. To supply this, **13** sandwich groups made **16** deliveries!

What's a meal without something extra? **12** groups donated additional sides or desserts this month.

### Spotlight on Winter Item Drives



From October through December, 18 groups coordinated item drives! An additional 7 groups spread holiday cheer by gathering gift items that were distributed to guests on December 23rd. We are so grateful to United Way's Giving Tree, City of Milwaukee & Milwaukee County's Holiday Drive, and the many other groups who gave.

Even in a unique year, our friends found distanced and digital ways to support our guests.