



# Thriving People. Vibrant Neighborhoods.

When I tell people about my role as Executive Director here at Agape Community Center, I always tell them about the energy, passion, and sense of hope that is so evident each time I arrive at our Community Center.

On an average Wednesday, I see seniors from the local neighborhood working in our community garden. Children, ages 7-12, are coming to our After School Program, book bags in hand, to participate in homework help, computer learning, sports and arts and crafts. Our Intergenerational Activities coordinator is organizing a field trip to a local retreat center with a group that's just finished an animated (and competitive!) bingo game. Downstairs, a group of adults has been working on their resumes and using our Technology Center to search for jobs, and, across the hall, several volunteers await the arrival of "their" youth, for one-on-one and small group work that builds kids' skills and self-esteem.

On our main floor, our staff and some of our 500 meal program volunteers are readying our tables for our Community Meal, setting flowers on each table, and preparing supper for 150 neighbors who will join us shortly. They laugh and tell stories, and chat with our meal guests, who sit and visit together, out in our lobby, while waiting for our meal to begin. And, upstairs, we are re-arranging furniture so that, soon after supper, our teens can use one room for drivers' education classes, our parent Nurturing Class can meet in another, our Community Advisory Board can meet in the hallway, and, as soon as they are done, our Neighborhood Coordinator can gather a group to talk about increasing property values in our neighborhood. All things considered, this is an average day at the Center!

Clearly, Agape Community Center represents a center point for our community! We are neighbors, of different backgrounds and experiences, ages and situations, who know we belong together. We are neighbors who know each other, care for each other, and choose to participate in a wide variety of activities that allow us to work together to make our Central City Milwaukee neighborhood a thriving and positive place to live.

Of course, our neighborhood faces the challenges of life in our Central City. What's unique is that we're coming together so powerfully as a community, focusing on building hope and strengthening our ability to create change. Yes, poverty, crime, violence, unemployment, and struggle are part of our reality. The amazing thing is that we're working together, with the support and prayers of our participants, donors, funders, and volunteers, to change those negatives into strong positives. We're building a vibrant future. We're glad you've chosen to be part of it!



Sister Patrice M. Colletti, SDS  
Executive Director



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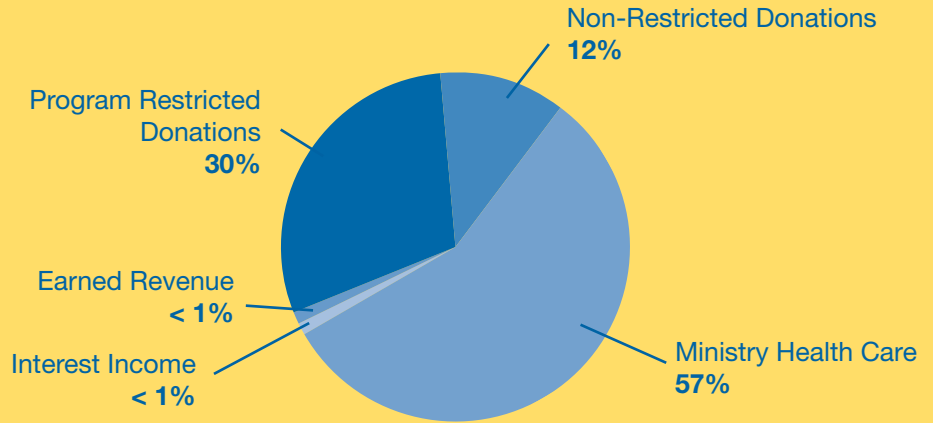
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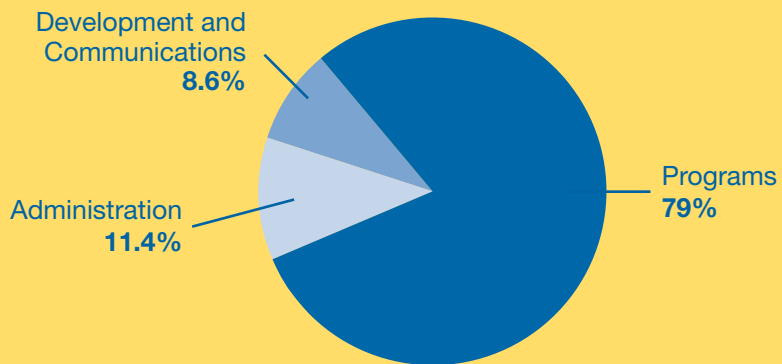
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**2006 Total Income: \$1,105,322.00**



**2006 Total Expenses: \$1,054,633.00**



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