

Dominican Center: *Making Change Happen*



Annual Report 2015-2016

Report from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Your generosity and dedication provided the Dominican Center an opportunity to work with other community partners to support the Amani residents in their endeavor to move toward revitalization and sustainability.

The support of our mission produced overwhelming success in 2016:

- Second Annual Arms Around Us Celebration of 5 neighborhoods, Amani, Lindsay Heights, Metcalfe Park, Walnut Hill and Washington Park, to celebrate hope, unity and community change.
- Joined with Franklin Heights/Century City, Sherman Park, Metcalfe Park, Garden Homes and Washington Park to form a Neighborhood Compact to combine and support our community development efforts.
- Completion of the Building Neighborhood Capacity Program and Awards: MANDI Places and Spaces Award, Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee's Community Organizing Award, one of seven of the MetLife Foundation's national awards for improvements in neighborhood safety and the U.S. Department of Justice's Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Grants (BCJI).

Your unremitting support and confidence in our work encouraged others to recognize and engage in our community development efforts. Thank you!

We also recognize and celebrate the Dominican Center's Board of Directors for their dedicated service. Special recognition and gratitude goes to Charles Klawitter a faithful and faith-filled Board member who completed his many terms of office in September of 2016. Chuck is a lifelong friend of the Dominican Center.

Peace,

Sr. Patricia Rogers
Executive Director

Our Mission

The Dominican Center works with Amani residents and partners to build a better future.

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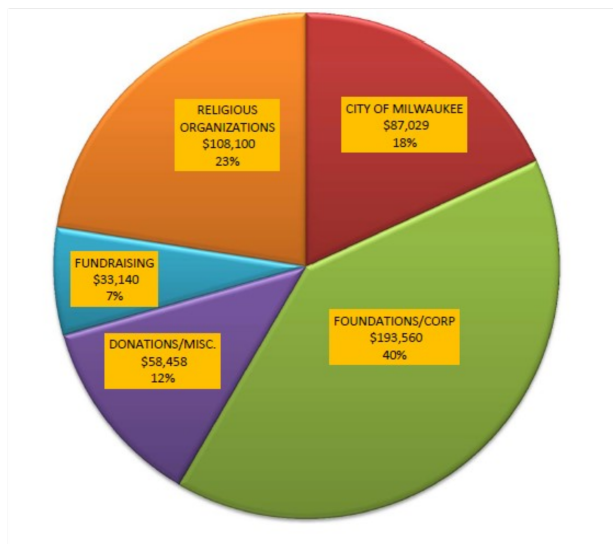
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Building a Better Future

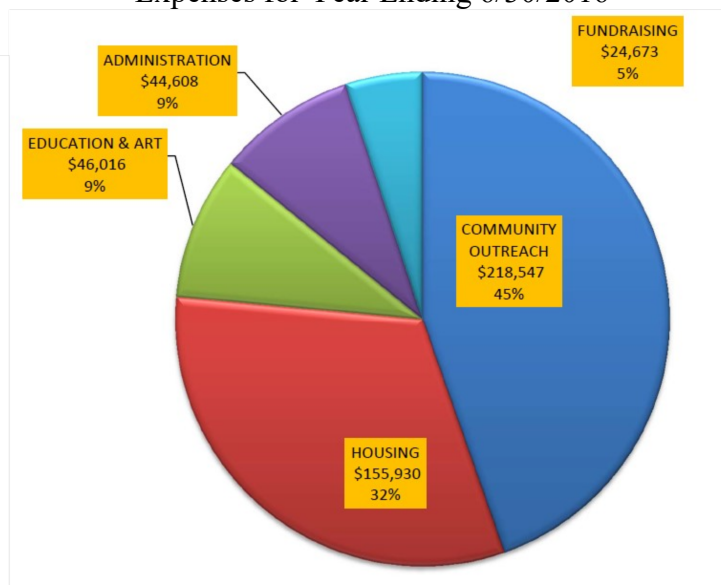
- 170 people attended The Racial Equity Forum, hosted by the Dominican Center in February of 2016. Amani and Metcalfe Park residents, donors, and representatives from city and county government, businesses, non-profits, and philanthropic organizations met to discuss one of the most critical issues facing our city.
- Milwaukee County Parks, Dominican Center and other community partners received the Brewers Community Foundation Public Space Award from Milwaukee LISC on March 16, 2016. This is one of five Milwaukee Awards for Neighborhood Development Innovation (MANDI) that recognizes individuals, organizations and projects that enrich central city neighborhoods.
- Amani residents united together to close All Star Foods, on the corner of Burleigh and 27th Street, for failing to address the illegal sales of tobacco and alcohol to minors, unsanitary conditions, and other issues. Residents organized door to door conversations and attended the Licensing Revocation hearing which led to the closing.
- Dominican Center provided training opportunities to community members for voter registration, updates about changes in voting policy, and carpooling to the polls.
- Residents formed the Amani Safety Team to ensure that Moody Park is a safe place for children and families and inaugurated a Light Up Amani Initiative to install motion lights, porch lights, cameras and illuminated address plaques.
- Dominican Center is the recipient of the 2016 National MetLife Foundation Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement, which includes a \$20,000 grant, for work done in the Amani neighborhood. The award is one of seven nationally recognized awards.

Dominican Center Financials

Revenues for Year Ending 6/30/2016



Expenses for Year Ending 6/30/2016



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