

# Dominican Center: *Making Change Happen*

## ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015



### Report from the Executive Director



Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! Setting a positive course for our Nation and State for the next four years through informed decision-making is crucial. Therefore the Dominican Center has chosen to provide opportunities for Milwaukee citizens, partners, and elected officials to discuss political issues, share their thoughts about the state of Milwaukee, expectations for local and state leadership, and their dreams for a better Milwaukee. Currently two opportunities are scheduled: a Racial Equity Forum and the 53206 Political Forum.

In 2015 residents and partners were engaged in conversations, surveys and projects to stimulate, support and encourage civic involvement. Amani service providers, developers, partners, adjacent neighborhood leaders and organizers were challenged to change from the present competition style funding, which leads to silos, to partnership building and cooperation to produce better outcomes and comprehensive services.

The Dominican Center is able to work with partners and residents to build a better future because of your generosity and support.

Thank you,  
Sr. Patricia

### Our Mission

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

### Our Approach

The Dominican Center facilitates a resident-led neighborhood revitalization effort by fostering social change—a change in individual and neighborhood-wide mindsets and behaviors. Our key strategy to advancing social change is educating residents in the areas of literacy, advocacy, leadership, skill development and service to others.

### Our Impact

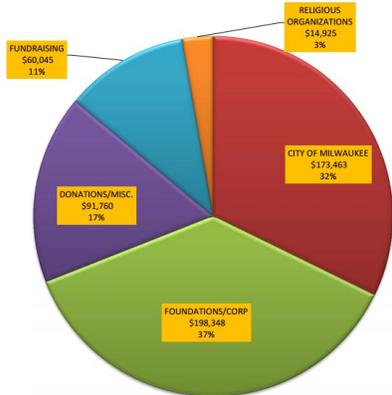
For more than 20 years the Dominican Center has partnered with Amani neighborhood residents to increase access to quality education, housing and employment. Since 1995, more than 600 people participated in adult education programs. 2014 was a record year with over 90 student enrollments. The newly formed resident group Amani United hosted its first report to the community in December 2014. More than 125 residents, community partners and stakeholders attended. Amani residents worked diligently throughout the year with Milwaukee County Parks on the revitalization of Moody Park. 500 people celebrated the grand opening in August 2015.

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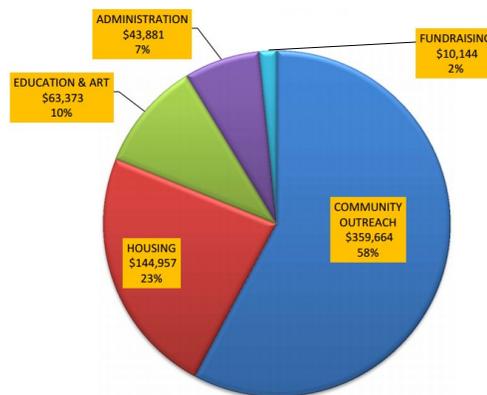
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## Dominican Center Financials

Revenues for Year Ending 6/30/2015



Expenses for Year Ending 6/30/2015



Funds received and unused during the fourth quarter of the previous fiscal year were applied to fiscal year 2015.

### Dominican Center Board of Directors

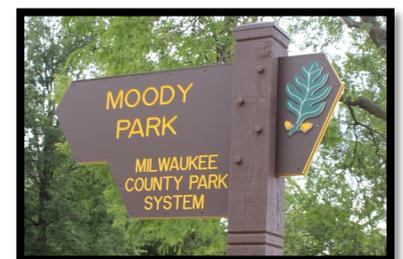
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- ◆ The Dominican Center is honored with the 2015 Nonprofit Excellence Award in Community Organizing.
- ◆ Record enrollment in Dominican Center adult education with over 90 students. Four students graduate with their High School Equivalency Diplomas (HSED).
- ◆ Dominican Center celebrates its 20th anniversary.
- ◆ 33 Amani youth participate in summer employment and athletic activities at the Dominican Center.
- ◆ Amani's Moody Park is transformed. 500 Amani neighbors and community supporters attend the grand opening on August 20, 2015.



## 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

Keep up with all of our activities on our website.

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