



Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen
2023 Annual Report

About Us

For over 25 years, the Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen has been providing meals and hope to people facing difficulties. It started small at the Prince of Peace Church and has grown with the support of sponsors, volunteers, businesses, organizations, civic groups, and social clubs.

We want to thank our community for making the Soup Kitchen what it is today. Your selflessness and dedication have been crucial to our mission.

In our 2023 annual report, we see the positive impact of kindness and dedication. Together, we represent the generosity of our community and recommit to helping those in need now and in the future.

Thank you for being a part of our journey.

Our Daily Meal Program

Our daily meal distribution takes place from 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM, providing a meal to the hungry in our community. Monday through Saturday, we extend our warm hospitality to an average of 60-70 guests. On Saturdays, we offer a double meal, ensuring our full-time staff can take a well-deserved break on Sundays.

Since 1991, our total meals served exceeds 300,000 with 18,874 in 2023.

Mission Statement

To provide consistently nourishing meals, at no cost, to the hungry in our community.

Vision Statement

To live out the words of Christ by collaborating with churches and community groups to feed the hungry.

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Note from our Board Chair

2023 has been a year of numbers.

We saw a dramatic increase in the number of people visiting the Soup Kitchen. Fortunately, we also saw a dramatic increase in the number of individuals and businesses that donated both funds and food. Our staff has put in the necessary number of hours to cook and serve the ever-increasing number of hungry people. Board members have put in hours volunteering in the kitchen, overseeing the income and expenses, caring for the building, and reaching out to thank our contributors. When the Giving Spree numbers were revealed in December, the Soup Kitchen's share was beyond our highest hopes. It was even more dramatic when we received the list of donors and realized that there were many donors who contributed between \$100 and \$300.

All of this has made it possible for the Soup Kitchen to continue its mission of serving a warm nutritious meal to our hungry neighbors, no matter the number.

With gratitude,
Beth Bauer, Board Chair

A note from the Director of Operations

In 2023, the Soup Kitchen continued to focus on our mission: **"To provide consistently nourishing meals, at no cost, to the hungry in our community."**

Due to economic inflation, cuts to food and medical assistance programs, and a lack of available and affordable housing, beginning in July 2023, average daily meal counts rose from 50 to 65, with many days exceeding 70, bringing our total number of meals served to 18,874 for the year. The total rises to 21,931 if you include the number of unserved meals distributed to our guests to provide a little extra nourishment and to ensure no food goes to waste. Our numbers continue to grow, marking a significant and unprecedented increase over past years. Also, noteworthy has been the increased number of families with children and the diverse ethnicity of our guests.

This sudden upsurge presented significant challenges. The number of volunteers brought in daily was increased to meet the demands of processing deliveries, packaging meals, and facility clean-up, enabling staff to focus on preparing food for 70+ guests each day and getting it out the door on time. Our grant request from the Robert C. Hoffman Charitable Endowment Trust was increased to meet the rising use and cost of meal packaging supplies, and in August 2023, an appeal to the community for donations of food was initiated to restock our shelves to meet our new demands. Thanks to the assertive support of the Gettysburg Times, what was intended as a food drive resulted in an outpouring of both food and monetary contributions and an opportunity to re-educate our public about how they can support the Soup Kitchen. All these things, coupled with what I like to call "a little of that Soup Kitchen magic," have enabled us to rise to our challenges and continue to serve our guests a tasty, nutritious meal daily, along with our traditional holiday meals that are so loved and appreciated by everyone.

As we close another year, once again, I am happy to report that The Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen continues to thrive. Through the generosity of our community, a dedicated staff, and a conscientious and caring board of directors, our future is bright. This year, more than ever, I found myself moved to tears on numerous occasions as individuals, churches, businesses, civic organizations, and clubs answered our call for help in meeting our mission. Support from our community is essential to the success of our organization, and I think, based on the support we receive, it is safe to say the Soup Kitchen is doing something right, and we are, in fact, a great success.

Warmly,
Sandy Lutz, Director of Operations

The 2023 Treasurer's Report

We started 2023 with very high inflationary costs. Fortunately, those inflation numbers improved throughout the year, and we are happy to report that we ended the year in the black with a Net Income of \$19,953.

This year, the Soup Kitchen benefited from donations and contributions from businesses, individuals, churches, foundations, and grants. In-kind donations also made it possible for the Soup Kitchen to continue providing nutritional meals for our guests. Cash contributions helped with our other major expenses, which included maintenance, improvements, grocery purchases, payroll for our employees, and the cost of daily operations of the kitchen itself.

The contributions we received from the Adams County Giving Spree continue to be our largest source of yearly income. Our endowments, through the Adams County Community Foundation, continue to generate funds in perpetuity.

All our warm meals are on a take-out basis. A grant from the Robert C. Hoffman Charitable Endowment Trust allows us to use environmentally friendly biodegradable containers for our guests to use with their take-out meals.

The faithful work of our incredible staff and wonderful volunteers makes the Soup Kitchen's mission in the Gettysburg area possible. The value of that work is beyond measure.

Thank you,
Dan Orr, Treasurer

Year End Financial Statement

Profit and Loss
January - December 2023

	Total
Income	
Contributions - Regular	
Business - Income	2,960.21
Churches - Income	22,786.94
Foundations - Income	7,200.00
Individuals - Income	59,073.29
Organizations - Income	5,403.41
Special Events - Income	71,797.09
Total Contributions - Regular	169,220.94
Uncategorized Income	283.19
Total income	\$169,504.13
GROSS PROFIT	\$169,504.13
Expenses	
Accounting Services	2,150.00
Computer Services / Supplies	1,156.56
Groceries	17,928.45
Insurance	2,015.00
Worker's Compensation	2,075.00
Total Insurance	4,090.00
Maintenance and Repairs	371.56
Miscellaneous	28.75
Payroll Expenses	2,700.65
Printing and Reproduction	678.79
Supplies and Services	21,883.91
Taxes	255.15
Telephone	1,318.36
Utilities	8,845.35
Wages	90,361.98
Total Expenses	\$151,769.51
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$17,734.62
Other Income	
Interest Income	4,464.44
Total Other Income	\$4,464.44
Other Expenses	
Investment	2,245.81
Total Other Expenses	\$2,245.81
NET OTHER INCOME	\$2,218.63
NET INCOME	\$19,953.25

Supporting Churches

Bethel Assembly of God	Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern PA	First Baptist Church of Gettysburg
Gettysburg Church of the Brethren	Gettysburg Friends Meeting
Gettysburg Methodist Womens Prayer Group	Gettysburg Presbyterian Church
Gettysburg United Methodist Church	Heritage Assembly of God
Idaville Church of the United Bretheren in Christ	Immaculate Conception Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church Parish Council of Catholic Women
Intersection Church	Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church
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St Francis Xavier Parish	St Francis Xavier PCCW
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St. Ignatius Loyola Church	St. James Lutheran Church
St. Joseph the Worker Parish	Trinity Christian Fellowship
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church	Trinity Lutheran Church Arentdsville
Trinity United Church of Christ Gettysburg	Unitarian Universalist of Gettysburg

WOW Prayer group

Groups, Businesses, and Organization

Adams County Community Foundation	Adams County Economic Education Foundation
Adams County National Bank	Ag Com, Inc.
Apple Valley Woman's Club	Baca Rentals
Barley Snyder Attorneys at Law	Becky Smith Insurance Agency, Inc.
Cancer Center of Gettysburg and Hanover	Church Women United Gettysburg & Adams County
CRS Insurance	Daisy Knoll Farm Stained Glass
Epiphany Psych Services	Gettysburg Auxiliary VFW Post 15
Gettysburg Battlefield Det. Marine Corps League 705	Gettysburg Beer Mart, Inc. & J. Geoffrey Sturgill, Jr., CPA, P. C.
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Gettysburg Connection	Gettysburg Eagles #1562
Gettysburg Hospital Outpatient Services Unit	Gettysburg Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 392
Gettysburg Polish Pottery	Hanover Toyota
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