



## PERRY OUTREACH CENTER

### July 2024 – June 2025 Annual Report Feeding Hope & Building Community

#### Our Mission

To strengthen households and nurture community well-being in Southwest Detroit through food, health, and education.

#### Our Core Values

**Feed Body, Mind, and Spirit** – We meet practical needs while inspiring hope.

**Build Others Up** – We listen with respect and walk alongside our neighbors.

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors** – Change happens when a community lifts together.

#### Message from the Executive Director

This year reminded us that hope is something we feed together.

When the Perry Outreach Center reopened as a new independent, 501(c)3 nonprofit last fall, we faced steep challenges — rising food costs, the loss of church support, and the lingering effects of a three-month closure. Yet our neighbors returned, volunteers showed up, and donors helped keep the lights on. Since October, nearly 300 families have come through our doors. We watched participants receive fresh produce and receive blood pressure checks for the first time in months.

Just a quick note to all that read this report. The POC operates in the most underserved zip code in the State of Michigan. We have over three thousand individuals in our client files. Volunteerism is the lifeblood of our organization. Shirley Chisholm wrote *“Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth”*. We want you; we need you.



To all our supporters, Thank You for believing that every neighbor deserves not just to survive but to thrive. Let's keep building this together.

*With gratitude,*  
**Randall Mosley**  
Executive Director





## How Our Supporters Helped Us

### OUR PILLARS

#### Our Services

#### Food Pantry

- Monthly food boxes to households
  - shelf staples
  - fresh produce
  - meat and dairy
- Available 3 days / week



#### Health Screenings

- Free screenings for
  - hypertension
  - blood sugar
  - heart rate and breathing
- Referral recommendations



#### Job Assistance

- Help with resumes, job applications and job leads.

### The Challenges

48217 zip code and neighboring communities



0 grocery stores  
4-mile radius



16% Lives below  
poverty line\*

#### Food Desert

#### Health challenges in an underserved community



Highest air pollution  
levels in Michigan\*\*



41% of population 50  
years or older\*



20% have a disability\*

#### Higher Unemployment



50%  
unemployment\*



\$45,870 median  
household income\*

### This Year's Successes

- 300 families served (52-69 households monthly)
- 59,970 pounds of food distributed
- 16 emergency boxes shared with partner agencies during flood relief
- Added 900 lbs of fresh produce monthly - new partners Metro Food Rescue & Cadillac Gardens

24 health screening days  
with *Madonna University Nursing students*

66 residents received  
job search help (3 hires  
+ 3 offers) thanks to  
*I Find Staffing, LLC*



400+ volunteer hours from community members helping neighbors

\* 2020 Census \*\* U of MI-School for Environment and Sustainability



“I was working, but when my food stamps got cut to zero, I didn’t know what to do. Perry helped me feed my girls. I found them on PantryNet one day, and I’ve been coming ever since. When I walk in, everyone is cool, we talk about what’s going on, and they treat me well. They don’t just give you food — they give you help and respect.”

– Sharica E



## Financial Overview

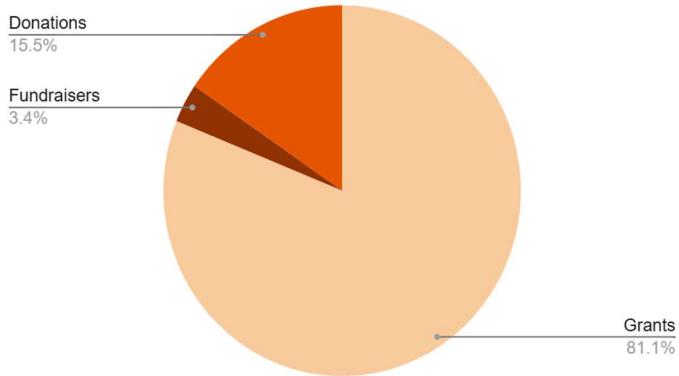
### SUPPORT

Grants.....	\$ 56,500 *
Fundraisers .....	2,378
<u>Donations .....</u>	<u>10,768</u>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 69,646</b>

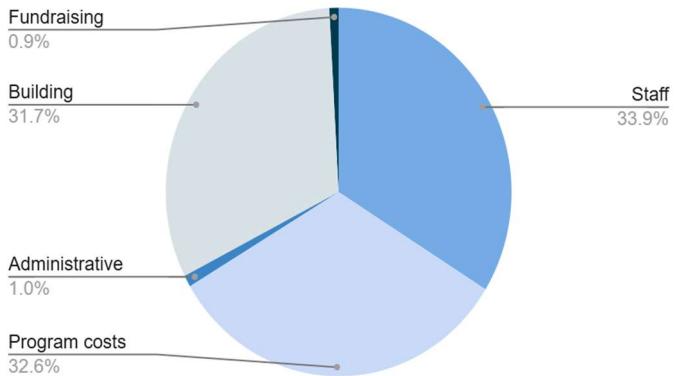
### EXPENSES

Staff.....	\$ 4,960
Program costs.....	4,777
Administrative .....	150
Building .....	4,638
<u>Fundraising .....</u>	<u>127</u>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 14,652</b>

#### Support



#### Expenses



*\* In May, the Perry Center received a \$50,000 grant from Marathon designated for music and computer classes Sept 2025 through May 2026.*



#### Meet Angel

Angel grew up with the Perry Center. As a child, she watched her mother come for food and support; as a teenager, she joined in herself—first through the music program, then taking computer classes. Three years later, she's still here, volunteering her time and energy to the community she calls home.

For Angel, volunteering is more than community service—it's purpose. "If you've got kindness in you, this is the place to share it," she adds. "You don't have to give all your time. A few hours can really make a difference."

Looking ahead, she hopes to see more community gatherings—events that bring neighbors together to share, learn, and celebrate. "The Perry Center already does so much," Angel says. "But it's also a place where we can grow together."



## Our Supporters

We are so extremely grateful to generous donors, volunteers, and partners who make our work possible.

### Major Donors

Anne Zaragoza · Ron & Kathy Edwards · Christ the Good Shepherd Parish · Leo & MaryAnn Wallace · Knights of Columbus · Patrick Wallace

### Community Partners

Gleaners Food Bank · Metro Food Rescue · Cadillac Urban Garden · Madonna University School of Nursing · St. Patrick Senior Center · I Find Staffing, LLC · Brilliant Detroit · Dunleavy's Pub · Southwestern Church of God · International Gospel Church · Catholic Central · St. Francis Assisi · Ecorse Senior Center · Wagner Enterprises

### Volunteers

Rhonda Hanner · Sam Tortomasi · Shaw Patterson · Leshelle Jones · Annis Anderson

### Board of Directors

Tracey Patterson · Anne Zaragoza · Rhonda Hanner · Vickie Figueroa

## Looking Ahead

*In 2026, Perry aims to be even more of a community anchor*

- Double the volume of all pantry stock and more nutrition education.
- Grow youth music program with showcases and a **pipeline** to more training.
- Adult computer workshops in **technical job skills**.
- Find a **partner for legal counseling** for family, traffic, and housing issues.

## 4 Ways You Can Help Our Mission

### Stay Connected

Follow us on Facebook, subscribe to our newsletter at [perryoutreach.org](http://perryoutreach.org), and share our story.

### Give

*Your gift directly fuels our mission.*

- Donate online: [perryoutreach.org/donate](http://perryoutreach.org/donate) or mail to our location
- Be a monthly supporter: Steady gifts help us plan and serve consistently
- Sponsor a program: Fund a week of pantry food or a youth music class

### Volunteer

*A few hours a month can make a lasting difference.*

Join us in the pantry, teach a skill, or greet families.

### Partner

*Share opportunities*

If you represent a business, school, or organization, we would love to collaborate—*host* a food drive, *co-sponsor* an event, or provide in-kind *expertise*.

### Community Engagement

- Celebrated **one year as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit**
- **Hosted fundraisers:** Jazz Night at Dunleavy's Pub and Christmas popcorn drive
- Featured on **Detroit PBS**
- Worked with **PNC Bank** to bring mobile branch in 48217
- Worked with **Brilliant Detroit** as they opened new hub
- Distributed **holiday turkeys** with Wagner Enterprises & Knights of Columbus



Randall Mosley

DETROIT PBS

*Together, we feed hope — one household at a time.*