

kinship
COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER



Partnership with HACM Residents

KINSHIP'S WORK WITH RESIDENTS LIVING IN HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE PROPERTIES

A History of Partnering with Residents of HACM Properties

In recent years, **Kinship has served 327 HACM households***—
52 of these households from Holton Terrace alone.

*The 327 households are public housing residents primarily from Holton Terrace, Locust Court, Riverview, and Arlington Place. These numbers do not include the HACM Section 8 households Kinship serves. Kinship also serves residents from Convent Hill, Lapham Park, and Townhomes at Carver Park.



"Before I came here, I had nothing...but when I came to Kinship everybody here was all hands-on deck for me."

-NATHANIEL HARRIS
Locust Court Apartments

After he lost his car and job, Nathaniel didn't know where to turn. At Kinship, he was able to get assistance with his food stamp application, find transportation, stabilize his housing, and start looking for employment. Renewed, he considers himself a big brother to everyone in the community.



"They cared about me more than I cared about myself, and they loved me more than I loved myself."

-DAVID HOPKINS
College Court Apartments

David continues to work on his sobriety and has a steady job as a custodian. When asked about his journey of ups and downs, he credits Kinship for walking alongside him through it all.

A History of Community Leadership & Engagement

Building the new Kinship Community Food Center at this location would deepen neighborhood community engagement, especially among Holton Terrace Residents, and serve as an important bridge between the Riverwest and Harambee neighborhoods.



HACM residents volunteer as mentors on our crisis assistance teams. They work alongside Kinship human service staff to provide essential referral and crisis assistance services



Dozens of HACM residents volunteer at the Kinship Food Center operations each week serving meals, coordinating load-ins, sorting food, and assisting shoppers.



"I felt an unconditional acceptance. I was needed. I felt like I was at home again."

-LONA OWENS
*Crisis Assistance Lead
Arlington Courts Apartments*

Lona was emerging from homelessness and loss of family due to a mental health crisis when she came to the Kinship Community Food Center. She is now one of our lead community mentors and is pursuing a BSW in social work from UW-Milwaukee.



"You gotta come here to find the love that's here. Ain't nothing here but love. You can feel it!"

-BRUCE DAVIS
*Meat Department Lead
Locust Court Apartments*

Bruce is a retired community member living on a fixed income. Though he originally came to meet his food needs, he found a community and has helped run our meat department for many years.



"I've gotten so much help. That's why I want to be part of this, because this is a way I can give back."

-TIO (ALFREDO GONZALEZ)
*Produce Lead
Holton Terrace*

Tio has been helping at the Food Center for many years. He goes by Tio because it means uncle in Spanish, and to him, everyone here is like family. As a shopper and a volunteer, he knows the ins and outs of this community and sees the joy in every part of it.

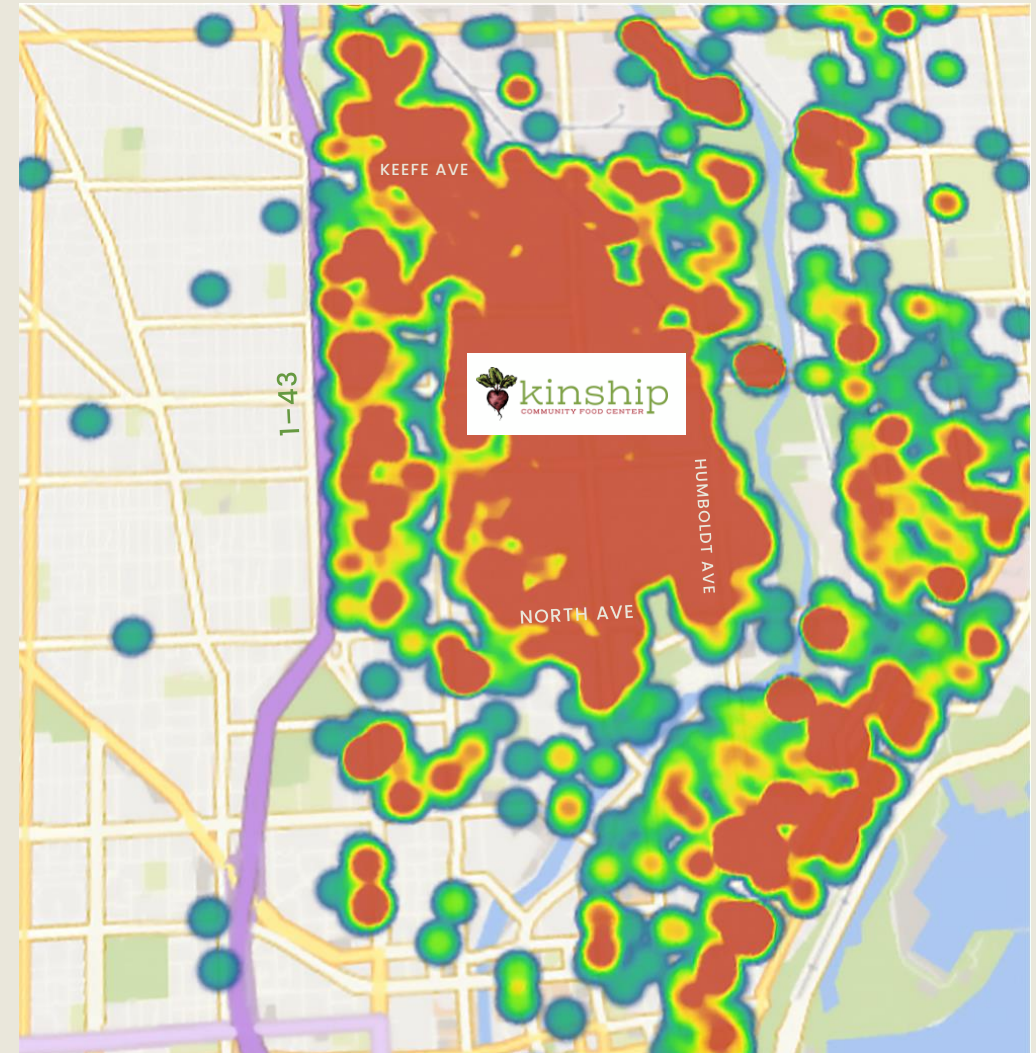


Our Commitment to this Community

This “heat map” shows current shopper frequency at the Kinship Community Food Center. Kinship’s development of the site at Holton and Locust would be an ideal location to meet the grocery and food needs for Housing Authority residents and the surrounding community who already shop with us.

Feeding more than 15,000 people each year, primarily from the 53212 zip code, our experience in improving food security, reducing dietary illness and social isolation, reducing eviction and crises, improving long-term health, neighborhood engagement, and economic stability, mobilizing community volunteers, and investing in young community leaders demonstrates our leadership and commitment to this neighborhood.

Kinship serves the 53202, 53203, 53211, 53212, and 53217 zip codes. In recent years, Kinship has served more than 4,000 households primarily in the 53212 zip code, which is bounded to the south by North Avenue and the north by Keefe Avenue, to the east by Humboldt Avenue, and the west by the I-43 freeway.





15,261

community members were fed through
our market

A kitchen scene featuring a large metal tray filled with a colorful vegetable salad, including red tomatoes, green herbs, and yellow vegetables. A person in a grey apron and white gloves is visible in the background, and another person's hand is seen in the foreground holding a white cloth. The text '11,848 café meals served' is overlaid in the upper right corner.

11,848
café meals served



351

feast meal
participants



**1 out
of 4**

**Volunteers
are also
shoppers**

Resource Referrals



Areas Addressed

- 20.8% - Housing
- 19.6% - Employment
- 15.6% - Transportation
- 14.4% - Household Goods
- 10% - Other
- 7.4% - Financial Stability
- 6% - Clothing
- 4% - Mental & Physical Health
- 2% - Energy Assistance

"Kinship has helped with rides, getting to hospital appointments, helping me with my kids, getting them to doctor appointments, it's just outstanding."

-Gary



73

long term
mentoring
relationships





94 households protected from housing instability



Workforce

OVERCOMING BARRIERS
TO EMPLOYMENT:

- Train on the clock
- Heal on the clock
- Human
Development



Social Enterprise

OVERCOMING BARRIERS
TO EMPLOYMENT:

Launch a revenue
generating social
enterprise that trains
and employs
individuals





Proposed Services and Construction Details

OUR VISION, SPACE PLANS, RENDERINGS, AND SITE PLAN

OUR VISION

A Flagship Food Center for Milwaukee

Kinship is putting a flag in the ground for Milwaukee to operate the first, but not the last, community food center to bring nourishment, belonging, and prosperity through the power of food. Kinship's new facility will be designed in a way that allows us to provide programs in an accessible, operationally safe and efficient manner, with room for growth to meet the community's evolving needs.



Aerial Site Plan

Centralized Efficient Operations

An accessible site with environmentally-sustainable features that includes gathering spaces, ample cold and dry storage, loading docks for food deliveries, program staff offices, and onsite parking for our vans and center patrons.

Resource & Workshop Areas

Human service consultations spaces for resource referrals, coaching, workshops & trainings.



Rendering – Exterior

Free Public Market & Dining Area

Interactive market & dining with fresh produce, frozen meat, dairy, bakery, & non-perishables.

Community Teaching Kitchen

Collaborative food preparation & demonstration kitchen for wellness education with breakfast, dinner, and juice bars.



Rendering – Interior