

May 23, 2007

Honorable Michael Murphy Chairman, Finance and Personnel Committee City of Milwaukee Common Council City Hall 200. E. Wells St. Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Chairman Murphy:

Hunger Task Force is writing to fully support File 070070, a resolution authorizing various donor options for the City of Milwaukee Employes Combined Giving Campaign. The Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin is listed as one of the donor options.

Hunger Task Force is a private, non-profit organization that was founded in 1974 to help feed needy children in Milwaukee. Since then, we have grown as a food bank and as an advocacy organization, distributing 10 million pounds of food each year to qualified charities free of charge and advocating for social and public policies that alleviate hunger.

In 2006, Hunger Task Force created the Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin, a federation of 19 anti-hunger charities which share a mission of hunger prevention. This federation of charities fulfills this mission by providing emergency food resources to the needy and supplying nutritious food in high-poverty areas.

The Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin was created to raise awareness of hunger-related issues in southeastern Wisconsin and increase fundraising options. The Fund ensures that small hunger-relief agencies have a voice in workplace giving campaigns, and also ensures that employees in southeastern Wisconsin have an option to donate to anti-hunger organizations through their workplace giving campaigns.

Hunger Task Force has organized and founded the Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin and will donate all administrative and organizational costs. No money will be used for administrative costs. One-hundred percent of the money donated to Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin charities will be passed through to the designated charities. Similarly, all money donated to the Hunger Relief Fund will be shared equally among the existing members. This donation of time and resources is part of Hunger Task Force's mission to provide support and resources to affiliated anti-hunger organizations in service to the poor. We are proud to assist Hunger Relief Fund agencies in fundraising in order to purchase essential resources like commercial grade-equipment and culturally relevant food, as well as pay professional social-work staff.

Last year, the Combined Federal Campaign recognized our federation, and on May 4, 2007, Department of Administration Secretary Michael Morgan approved the inclusion of the Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin into the Wisconsin State Employees Combined Campaign. The Milwaukee County Board added the Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin to the Milwaukee County Employees Combined Giving Campaign by unanimous vote at its County Board meeting on May 17, 2007.

We hope you will join the federal, state and Milwaukee County governmental bodies by supporting our inclusion into City of Milwaukee's combined giving campaign. If you should ever have any questions about this issue, please contact me at 414-238-6481 or <a href="mailto:sherrie@hungertaskforce.org">sherrie@hungertaskforce.org</a>.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this matter, and for your past support of Hunger Task Force and its work.

Sincerely,

Sherrie Tussler
Executive Director



TO:

Alderman Michael Murphy

FROM:

Sherrie Tussler

**Executive Director** 

DATE:

May 22, 2007

RE:

File Number 070070, A Resolution authorizing donor options for the

City of Milwaukee Employes Combined Giving Campaign

Please find attached materials describing the Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin. File Number 070070 is scheduled for public hearing on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at the Finance and Personnel Committee.

If you have any questions about the Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin, please contact me at 414-238-6481 or <a href="mailto:sherrie@hungertaskforce.org">sherrie@hungertaskforce.org</a>.

Thank you.



# City of Milwaukee Common Council Legislative File Number 070070 (version 0)

#### Title

Resolution authorizing donor options for the City of Milwaukee Employes Combined Giving Campaign.

#### Body

Whereas, It is desirable to rescind and recreate various resolutions authorizing donor options for the City of Milwaukee Employes Combined Giving campaign; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that resolution file numbers 000527, 961269 and 970793 are rescinded and recreated to read:

The following rules and conditions shall govern the City of Milwaukee Employes Combined Giving Campaign:

- 1. A steering committee of city employes representing both management and union shall be designated by the Mayor to oversee the campaign. The steering committee shall represent all city departments.
- 2. A campaign chair and co-chair shall be designated by the Mayor, and the co-chair will succeed the chair in subsequent years.
- 3. The United Way of Greater Milwaukee, inc. is designated as the administrator for the City of Milwaukee Employes Combined Giving Campaign.
- 4. Funds contributed by city employes by means of payroll deductions are to be used for the announced purposes of the charitable organizations.
- 5. Umbrella organizations are limited to United Way of Greater Milwaukee, Inc., Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee, Community Health Charities of Wisconsin and the Hunger Relief Fund; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Police Officer Defense Fund, Inc. and United Negro College Fund are also eligible for donations through the City of Milwaukee Employes Combined Giving Campaign; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Common Council encourages all City employes to participate in the City of Milwaukee Employes Combined Giving Campaign for local eligible organizations.

#### <u>Drafter</u>

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#### <u>Analysis</u>

This resolution rescinds and recreates resolutions authorizing donor options for the City of Milwaukee Employes Combined Giving Campaign. It stipulates the rules and conditions governing the campaign, designates the administrator for the campaign and identifies the funds that can be designated as part of the campaign. It also adds the Hunger Relief Fund, an umbrella organization of 19 of the area's leading anti-hunger agencies, as a donor option.

# Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin May 2007

# What is the Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin?

The Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin is 19 local anti-hunger charities which share a mission of hunger prevention and alleviation. Member agencies fulfill this mission by providing emergency food resources to those in need as well as supplying low cost nutritious food in high-poverty areas.

## Why was the Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin created?

The Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin was created to raise awareness of hunger-related issues in southeastern Wisconsin and increase fundraising options. The Fund will ensure small hunger-relief agencies have a voice in workplace giving campaigns, including discussing in workplaces their efforts to end hunger in southeastern Wisconsin. The Fund will also ensure that employees in southeastern Wisconsin have an option to donate to anti-hunger organizations through their workplace giving campaigns.

## How much of a donors gift goes for overhead?

No money will be used for administrative costs—Hunger Task Force is donating all administrative costs. One hundred percent of the money donated to Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin charities will be passed through to the designated charity. Similarly, all money donated to the Hunger Relief Fund will be shared equally among the existing members.

## How is Hunger Task Force related to the Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin?

Hunger Task Force has organized and founded the Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin and will donate all administrative and organizational costs. This donation of time and resources is part of Hunger Task Force's mission to provide support and resources to affiliated anti-hunger organizations in service to the poor. As such, Hunger Task Force is proud to assist Hunger Relief Fund agencies in fundraising in order to purchase such essential resources as commercial-grade equipment and culturally relevant food, as well as pay professional social-work staff.

### How can I give to Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin?

Federal, State and Milwaukee County employees may donate to the Hunger Relief Fund through their Employee Combined Giving Campaign pledge card.

## Who are the members of the Hunger Relief Fund?

Agape Community Center of Milwaukee, Inc. 414-464-4440 <a href="www.agape-center.org">www.agape-center.org</a>
Thriving people. Vibrant neighborhoods. Comprehensive family, education, youth, teen, elderly, social services and neighborhood revitalization to economically struggling neighborhoods in Milwaukee's near-northwest Central City.

Center for Veterans Issues, Ltd. 414-342-5000 <u>www.cvivet.org</u> Provides housing and supportive services to homeless and low-income military veterans. Supports all veterans and veteran organizations by providing information, assistance and services. 18

Central Cities Churches, Inc. 414-342-1522 A welcoming place where neighbors come for hospitality and service. Food pantry, refreshments, newspapers, computers for resume writing and job search, pre-employment classes are available.

**Daystar, Inc.** 414-385-0334 <u>www.daystarinc.org</u> Empowering abused homeless women to break the chains of violence and move to independent living through providing a long-term transitional shelter with supportive services.

**Fondy Food Center, Inc.** 414-444-6067 <u>www.fondymarket.org</u> Runs a farmers market and nutrition programs, making healthy foods and lifestyles accessible to central city Milwaukee.

**Food Pantry of Waukesha County, Inc.** 262-542-5300 Advocates to increase awareness of hunger in the community and promotes collaborative action to provide food to those in need.

The Gathering of Southeast Wisconsin, Inc.414-272-4122 <a href="www.thegatheringwis.org">www.thegatheringwis.org</a> The Gathering and its volunteers serve over 100,000 free meals annually to Milwaukee's hungry and homeless. We are "people in community feeding the hungry".

**Hunger Task Force Inc.** 414-777-0483 <u>www.hungerrelieffund.org</u> Distributes free food to the poor through a network of emergency food pantries, soup kitchens and homeless shelters; promotes social policies to prevent future hunger.

**House of Peace** 414-933-0395 <u>www.houseofpeacemilwaukee.org</u> Founded in 1968, House of Peace provides food, clothing, and pastoral care plus houses a medical clinic and legal clinic that serves Milwaukee's poor.

**Interchange, Inc.** 414-276-4108 An organization of lower east-side Milwaukee churches providing nutritional emergency food to the hungry living in the 53202, 53203 and 53211 ZIP codes.

**Mukwonago Food Pantry** 262-363-3452 <u>www.mukwonagofoodpantry.org</u> Providing adequate food and access to services; programs aimed at meeting residents current needs in six communities.

Project Concern of Cudahy-St. Francis Inc. 414-744-0645

www.projectconcerncudahy.org Assists families and individuals facing hard times by providing food, compassion and access to other support agencies.

SHARE of Southeastern Wisconsin Inc. 262-783-2500 <u>www.sharewi.org</u> Helping people throughout Wisconsin save 30-50% on high quality, nutritious food through a volunteer run food distribution system. Promoting volunteer service to strengthen the community.

**South Milwaukee Human Concerns Inc.** 414-764-5340 Provides food, clothing, school supplies and other needed service on an emergency basis to the economically disadvantaged of South Milwaukee.

**St. Benedict Community Meal** 414-271-0135 <u>www.stbensmilwaukee.org</u> Serving home-made food to Milwaukee's homeless and working poor for 35 years. Over 2,000 individuals come to St. Ben's table, 6 days a week.

St. Vincent de Paul Council of Milwaukee 414-462-7837 <a href="www.svdpmilw.org">www.svdpmilw.org</a> Two meal programs, serving 130,000 hot meals annually to families, adults and the homeless since 1983.

**Tosa Community Food Pantry, Inc.** 414-476-9029 Serves Wauwatosa and western Milwaukee residents in financial crisis in a welcoming pantry where clients choose food to fit their family's needs.

United Methodist Children's Services of Wisconsin, Inc. 414-344-1818 Provides transitional housing for low-income single female-headed families, on-site social services, child care; and food and clothing to individuals and families on an emergency basis.

**United Migrant Opportunity Services, Inc.** 414-389-6000 <u>www.umos.org</u> Food, shelter, adult education, workforce development, human services, health promotion, domestic violence services, rural housing development and child care.



Join the fight against hunger by supporting the new Hunger Relief Fund of Wisconsin, a coalition of the states leading anti-hunger agencies. The Hunger Relief Fund pools resources and expertise to work on a ground level providing nutritious food to those that need it most—for children and the elderly, veterans and working families—in the areas of the highest need.

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Because Hunger lask Force is supplying all administrative costs free of charge, the Hunger Relief Fund guarantees that every penny of your donation will be spent responsibly on fighting hunger in Wisconsin. Your gift will purchase hot meals, stock pantry shelves and fill stomachs with high-quality food.

This year, stand with the Hunger Relief Fund and help feed the hungry.

HUNGER RELIEF FUND

For more information, please contact us an (414) 777-0483
www.HungerReliasFund.org

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