

2023 Pondering the Past. Looking forward to the Future.

Pondering the Past

I remember as a young child anxiously waiting for milestones to come throughout the year which seemed to take, in my young mind, forever, the first day of school, my birthday, Christmas, summer vacation.

I remember my Grandmother telling me in her calming way to enjoy the time, even if it seems to be taking longer than I would like, because as we get older time seems to go by quicker and quicker.

My Grandmother's wisdom has proven true in my personal life and also in our nonprofit.

When Giving to the Nations began our journey in 2017 into the nonprofit arena with our mission to advance the lives of others through the provision of hygiene products, it seemed like an undaunting task, and everything seemed to take such a long time. The finding of funders, and the awareness to our community that we were there and desired to help families in need with hygiene products. This need was foreign to our community.

In pondering our beginning in 2017 through 2023, time truly does seem to move faster. Our networking with other nonprofits and government social service agencies has grown, bringing the awareness of our provision of hygiene products to more families, with it bringing more families to serve, and increasing the need for funding.

In 2023, our funders truly came through in Racine, Milwaukee, and Kenosha Counties. In Racine County, we never had to tell any family in need that we could not help them. For this we are grateful to Racine Community Foundation, Grand Foundation, The City of Racine, We Energies Foundation, Walmart in Sturtevant, many Racine businesses, and our faithful monthly givers. Funding from DoorDash enabled hygiene boxes to be delivered directly to our family's doorsteps, this is monumental because the majority of the families we serve do not have their own transportation, a ride, or a person willing to pick up on their behalf.

We were able to serve many families in Milwaukee and Kenosha Counties through the generosity of Forest County Potawatomi Foundation, Manheim Milwaukee, Walmart in Franklin, and Walmart in Kenosha.

Through The Home Depot in Franklin, we received funding which provided 150 of The Home Depot 5-gallon pails full of hygiene products, to the Center for Veterans Issues in Milwaukee for distribution to our veterans and their families. The pails were lovingly packed by The Home Depot Team Members and graced with a personalized note to their recipients.



Looking forward to the Future

We have made so much progress, but there is so much more to be made. We began serving families in Racine County, focus east of I-94, to now serving families in all of Racine, Milwaukee, and Kenosha Counties. In 2024 we will continue working to educate both public and private sectors of the need for the provision and funding of hygiene products, and to extend our reach within nonprofit and government organizations as a provider of these products for their families.

We have already served 5,872 Racine, Milwaukee, and Kenosha County families and their households, 68,346 hygiene products.

THANK YOU to every Foundation, Business, and Individual (named and those who prefer to remain anonymous) who supported us monetarily and through their services, time, and talents. It's you who made this happen, and it continues only through your generosity.

"Hygiene poverty is not just a matter of personal inconvenience; it's a systemic issue with far-reaching implications for public health. By acknowledging the root causes of hygiene poverty and taking concrete steps to address them, we can create a world where everyone has access to the basic hygiene resources they need to lead healthy lives, and in the event of illness, what they need to recover safely." [1]

Our mission, to advance the lives of others.

Our goal, the alleviation of Hygiene Poverty.

Our resolve, unwavering.

Source:

[1] <https://blog.eoscu.com/blog/hygiene-poverty-and-its-impact-on-infection-control-and-prevention>