



Triangle Community Ministry

755 Braxton Place #B101
Madison WI 53715

Greetings, Friends of TCM!

TCM is celebrating an amazing 45 years serving residents of the Triangle neighborhood in Madison. Our work is a collaboration led by a staff of professionals who take pride and pleasure in helping people solve problems that can be daunting for people living at the intersection of disability, poverty, and in many cases minority status. This would not be possible without the financial support of caring individuals and organizations. And our impact on this community is enhanced by the help of volunteers who come to the Triangle to be part of social events and therapy sessions.

During the fiscal year ending in March, we were thrilled to boost our staff with three important additions.

YOUR GIFTS

Impact

more than 350 people living below the poverty line.

Help

people with mild to significant challenges manage their lives alone and within a community.

Provide

services for the highest concentration of people living with chronic mental, physical, and/or emotional disabilities in the state of Wisconsin.



Triangle Community Ministry

2022-2023
Annual Report

Forty Five Years of Service

Lost and Found



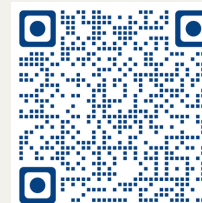
While it is all too easy to **lose one's identity to a disability**, we know that the Triangle is made up of grandparents, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, daughters and sons, and nieces and nephews. Some own dogs, cats, fish, and turtles. Face-to-face surveys with these residents are **shaping our ministry** in ways that meet people **where they are on life's journey** and recognize the gifts they bring with them.



Edgewood College Nursing students conducted surveys with residents from a trusted, neutral position, and as capable TCM partners. Their feedback has given us insight into what we do well and what we can do better. We are working to use that information to help improve our engagement. We also learned that our staff professionals are the most trusted people in the Triangle. It is through trusting relationships that negative coping habits can be replaced by positive techniques. It begins with being heard and valued.



Help us help residents continue to build a sense of identity, confidence, **health and wellbeing**, as we encourage a spirit of joy and comradery. **Thank you for giving** and thank you for your ongoing support.



Donate online at TriangleCommunityMinistry.org, send your check to the return address above, or call 608-257-8517 for more information.

In July, **Nurse Carri Smith** began working as our Parish Nurse in partnership with SSM Health. Residents and staff have both raved about her work and her personality. She is a welcoming resource for residents who seek medical advice, and she contributes in many other ways to address the needs of this community.

Reverend Peder Johanson joined us in November as our newest Outreach Development Coordinator. Peder brings a variety of talents and experience to TCM. He is an energetic presence both in the Triangle as well as in the wider community. He arranged for UW Occupational Therapy to do clinic work with residents and initiated resident engagement with the Poor People's Campaign.

Deacon Meg Nielsen came out of retirement late last summer to help us manage the popular Monday Night Meals program she started when she was our Outreach Coordinator. Her many years of service in the Triangle are proving invaluable to Carri and Peder.

Chaplain Bob Vetter continues to offer his special brand of comfort and support to residents and staff. Among his many activities is work with board member Peggy Weber in a grief support group. The board and I are excited about the team we have in place to make a real difference in our 45th year.

Jim Rosenberger, Board President



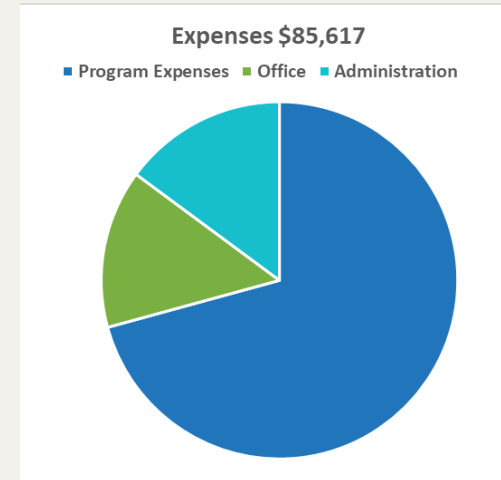
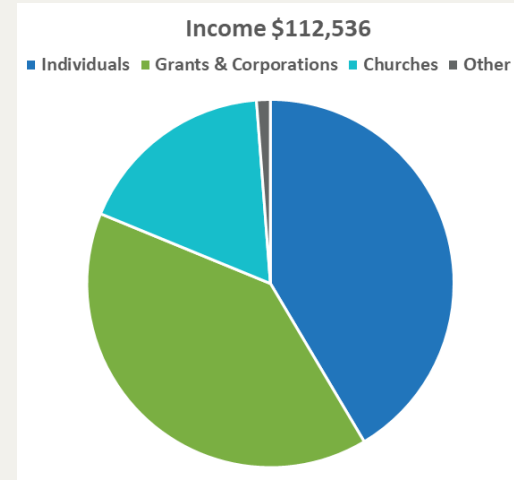
Real People

served by **our mission** to be supportive companions to Triangle residents on their journey to physical, mental, and spiritual health.

Annual Meeting You're Invited!

Thursday June 8, 9:00 a.m.

To attend, request the Zoom link at
Office@trianglecommunityministry.org
Or call 608-257-8517



Food and Friendship

As we continue to move through and out of the COVID-19 pandemic, we were thrilled to resume our popular Monday Night Meals in 2022. These weekly meals are prepared and served by volunteer groups (many from local congregations and clubs) to provide hospitality and socialization for Triangle residents. Many look forward to this weekly gathering and it continues to be a great source of connection and friendship for all of us.



Collaborating

In her day to day work, Nurse Carri sees neighbors with a variety of medical concerns, many of which are related to food insecurity. Through her networking and leadership, TCM coordinates a monthly pantry with Second Harvest Food Bank and a weekly delivery of fresh and frozen foods from Neighborhood House, both of Madison. These items, with other donations to the community are distributed by resident volunteers and TCM staff to ensure that no one goes hungry.

Chaplain Bob and Outreach Development Coordinator Peder have been engaged in collaboration for physical and spiritual health as well. One exciting partnership has been with the Occupational Therapy Assistant program at Madison College. Students of the program have offered weekly programs to residents, teaching wellness, leading activities to strengthen the mind and body, and providing home assessments for safer living conditions. Efforts to help residents engage in learning and advocacy for racial equity and social justice are also underway as TCM staff develops relationships within and outside of the Triangle Neighborhood to connect resources with residents.

Responding

During the pandemic, many have experienced loss of loved ones, personal health, social confidence, or government assistance as the public health emergency unwinds. As a result, grief and worry have touched everyone.

TCM has responded through a Grief Support Group, led by our chaplain and board members; a Writers Workshop, led by a resident volunteer; memorial services for residents who have died; and spiritual care within the office and in homes.

Responding to and working alongside residents seeking deeper connection with their community, we are growing our reputation as a safe space and trusted organization.

Caring

Residents of the Triangle Neighborhood have many resources available to them through various programs and services of the larger community. However, this care often proves inadequate to meet the many needs of our neighbors.

As a ministry of presence, our staff and volunteers are here to walk beside them as friends, allies, and advocates as they navigate the challenges of life at the intersections of poverty, disabilities, and other marginalized identities. At every step along the way, we know that you, our donors, are there with us. Thank you.



Leading

TCM BOARD

- Jim Rosenberger, President
- Vicki Holten, Vice President
- Corri Kohn, Resident/Secretary
- Linda Frautschy, Treasurer
- Barbara Komoroske
- Peggy Weber
- Katy Marty, Resident
- Ginny Bores
- Jeanette Arthur
- Lisa Savage, Resident
- Judy Mills
- Dan Dwyer
- Sr. Mary Ellen Lewis, FSM, Ex-officio
- Bob Gwynne, Ex-officio

You gave. We served. Thank you.