

BUILDING HOPE. TOGETHER.



Fall 2025



Update On Our Need for a New Home

As you may know, our programs and impact have outgrown our space. Currently housed in the lower level of Nativity of the Lord church, the physical limitations of our facility are real:

No elevator or accessible entrance creating challenging situations for seniors and veterans as well as making transport and delivery of all goods in and out difficult.

No central HVAC system means it can get muggy in the summer and drafty in the winter.

Limited natural light - not having natural light in a space can negatively impact a person's physical and mental well-being and affects mood and energy levels.

Inadequate storage, workspace and loading areas means that at times, we're turning away donations. We are also using staircases for storage which is not ideal. Every load delivered by our partners and donors is unloaded box by box and sent down a make-shift ramp over our stairs. It is then re-organized on pallets for storage. Still, over one million pounds of goods move through our space each year. We are in the very beginning stages of designing and raising the funds needed for the new space, but we know that with your support and God's blessing, all things are possible!

Stay tuned for more information and updates!

CLIENT STORY

"My husband is a veteran, and we both work, but with three kids (including one who spent a lot of time in the hospital when he was born), it's still a struggle to make ends meet. Every month, after paying the bills, there's a real worry about how we'll put food on the table. This food pantry has been a lifeline for our family. It takes a huge weight off our shoulders, allowing us to provide healthy meals for our children without the constant stress. It's a place where we feel supported and appreciated, and it's made all the difference for our family's well-being." - Trisha & Matt - Family of 5

Our Mission: To compassionately provide a path to self-sufficiency by providing basic needs such as food, clothing and access to additional community resources.

- Emergency food in collaboration with Hunger Task Force and Feeding America
- Clothing, household items, toys, books and more
- Personal care products
- Information and referral services
- Birthday bag and gift for children
- Seasonal programs: School supplies for students; Holiday food baskets; Christmas gift program

Our Mission: To help our senior neighbors remain independent and safe in their homes.

- Information
- Referrals to other programs
- Resources on health, finances and more
- Personal visits by phone or in person
- Lending library of durable medical equipment

This free service is available to all Cudahy and St. Francis residents regardless of age.

- Canes
- Raised toilet seats
- Walkers
- Wheelchairs
- And more!

Equipment can be borrowed for 90 days and if necessary, may be renewed for an additional 90 days.

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Monday..... 9:00am to Noon
 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
 Wednesday 9:00 am to Noon
 Friday 9:00 am to Noon
 First Saturday of month 9:00 am to 11:00 am



Our heartfelt thanks go out to all the community members who have been growing and donating fresh produce to our Food Pantry. Your generosity means so much to the families we serve, providing healthy, nutritious options that are often hard to come by. The cucumbers, tomatoes, and other vegetables you've grown with care are a true blessing, and they make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors. Thank you for helping us nourish our community from the ground up!

The Numbers At A Glance





CUDAHY BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

PROJECT CONCERN

AWARDED BY THE SOUTH SHORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2025

Cudahy Business of the Year

We're honored to announce that Project Concern has been named the Cudahy Business of the Year by the South Shore Chamber of Commerce! This recognition is incredibly meaningful to us, and we are grateful for the support of the Chamber and our entire community. We are being honored alongside amazing educators and businesses from St. Francis and South Milwaukee at the Chamber's annual dinner on Thursday, October 23rd, at the Pulaski Inn. We're so proud to be a part of the vibrant South Shore community and look forward to celebrating with everyone who will be there.

Volunteer Spotlight Meet Edie!

As a long-time Project Concern volunteer, Edie Litkowiec has seen the organization go through many changes since she started volunteering in the late 1990s.

For example, the food pantry has grown significantly in the last several decades. "We used to have tables with stuff spread out on them," Edie said.

"The pantry has become much more organized.

Despite its growth, many people in the area are still unaware of Project Concern and the essential role it fulfills in Cudahy and St. Francis. "People would be greatly surprised at the great need for Project Concern in this community," she added.

Edie has a knack for keeping things neat and orderly, and is in charge of sorting and organizing all holiday items, putting together Easter baskets and birthday bags for children 18 and under, and assembling infant needs bags for patrons.

"I should have been a window dresser instead of a nurse," Edie said with a laugh.

A Town of Lake native, Edie, a retired nurse with a culturally diverse family, began volunteering for Project Concern after her friend and former director Mary Ellen Mikulay told her about the organization and its role in the Cudahy and St. Francis communities. Edie's husband Bob, a native of Cudahy, soon



joined her in volunteering. Since then, they have worked in many areas of the pantry. "I've cleaned toilets—whatever needs to be done, I do," she said. "I'm also in charge of making the coffee—that's the most important thing," she added with a smile. The couple also volunteers for St. Vincent de Paul. Now in their late 80s, Edie and Bob have formed lasting friendships through volunteering with Project Concern. "We're almost like family," she said, noting that volunteers donate their time, talents, vegetables from their garden, and more to help the organization. "I never met a volunteer who was unconcerned about another person." Edie added that she and many other volunteers are guided by their faith. "We look at this as our Christian privilege to help others," she said.

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St Francis Public School District
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IN MEMORY OF THOMAS CARLS

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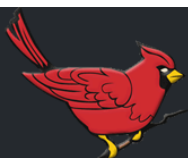
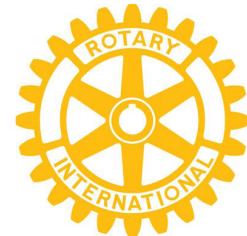
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If you wish to donate to us online, please visit our website:

www.projectconcerncudahy.org

You can quickly make a one-time donation, or sign-up for recurring donations, by utilizing the “DONATE NOW” button on our website.



Closed Dates

Thanksgiving:

Friday, November 28th

Christmas:

Wednesday, December 24th

Cleaning:

Friday, January 16th

Cleaning:

Friday, February 13th

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