

FY2024 Buncombe County Strategic Partnership Grant Report

Organization Name:	Haywood Street Congregation		
Project Name:	Downtown Welcome Table		
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)		Quarter 1 (July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023)	
		Quarter 2 (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)	
	x	Quarter 3 (January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024)	
		Quarter 4 (April 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024)	

Narrative summary of grant related activities

Please provide a brief summary (no more than 1500 characters). You may attach supplemental documents if needed.

Quarter 1	The Downtown Welcome Table was busier than usual this summer, perhaps due to an increase in the number of unsheltered homeless individuals living in our community. Perhaps also due to continued high inflation making it harder for folks living in poverty to make ends meet. There were several folks who came back to the Downtown Welcome Table after having been away for many months because "times are tight and I really need this support right now." In total, we served an estimated 18,626 meals, ranging from a low of 600 in a single day to a high of 800 in a single day.
Quarter 2	The large volume of meals served at the DWT continued this quarter. We served 19,365 hot and nutritious meals between Oct 1 and Dec 31, including two substantial holiday meals. We are finding it challenging from both staffing and financial resources perspectives to keep up this pace. In December we made the difficult decision to discontinue our Sunday breakfast. In 2024 we will focus our energy primarily on the Wednesday meal, returning to the family style format that was in place prior to COVID and extending the meal period on that day. We do not anticipate that this will affect our ability to achieve the results we were aiming for in the FY 2024 grant period. Two new community partners came on board this quarter offering on-site services in conjunction with the Downtown Welcome Table.
Quarter 3	We successfully transitioned our Wednesday lunch back to family style format, which allows us to fulfill our goals related to restoring dignity and deepening relationships in addition to providing hundreds of hot and nutritious meals weekly. Lunch runs from 10 - 1:15 with seatings every 30 minutes in two different dining rooms. Overall, feedback from both volunteers and diners has been positive and we have noticed a decrease in food waste with this format compared to serving plated meals. Folks are able to choose the foods they want, control their own portions, and have as much of any particular item as they want. At the end of the day, excess food is donated to Twelve Baskets. The Street Feet Foot Clinic opened in a new, dedicated space in our basement this quarter in order to be able to offer the foot clinic alongside the Wednesday lunch.

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Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data)				Progress toward Annual Goal
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
# of meals served	52000	18626	19365	12600		50591
# of partner organizations providing services onsite on meal days	20	8	10	11		29
% of volunteers identified as individuals experiencing food insecurity and/or homelessness	20%	20%	20%	20%		20%

Comments:

We are on pace to exceed our annual goal for the number of meals served, even with discontinuing our Sunday breakfast. Partner organizations providing services onsite this quarter include: All Souls Counseling; Buncombe County Community Paramedics; Manna Food Bank; Sunrise Community for Recovery & Wellness; Buncombe County Justice Services; Daoist Traditions Community Acupuncture; WNCCHS; Street Feet Foot Clinic; Buncombe County Public Health Outreach; Affordable Connectivity Program (free phones for SNAP beneficiaries); Council on Aging of Buncombe County.

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Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Spending Category	Starting Budget	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount Remaining
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Personnel	\$ 35,000	\$ 8,750	\$ 8,750	\$ 8,750		\$ 8,750
Training						\$ -
Supplies/Materials						\$ -
Meetings						\$ -
Equipment/Furniture						\$ -
Printing/Marketing						\$ -
Licensing/Memberships/Dues/Subscriptions						\$ -
Client Support						\$ -
Contracts						\$ -
Professional Services						\$ -
Insurance and Bonds						\$ -
Building Maintenance						\$ -
List other cost						\$ -
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List other cost						\$ -
Total	\$ 35,000	\$ 8,750	\$ 8,750	\$ 8,750	\$ -	\$ 8,750

Comments:

