

BALDWIN CENTER

FY2024 Annual Report Summary



FULFILLING OUR MISSION

Baldwin Center has been serving clients and building community since 1981, fulfilling the mission to “Feed, Clothe, Educate and Empower.”

Throughout FY2024, we have continued to care for our neighbors. The Family Community Kitchen supplied lunches 3 days a week. The Clothes Closet provided gently used clothing and other basic items. We distributed diapers, wipes and formula. Youth Center programs engaged area students both after school and during summer break. Holiday programs extended opportunities for parents to shop for gifts and prepare special meals.

Donors and volunteers continue to make a difference. Our Celebrating the Heart of Baldwin Gala raised \$27,000 with 150 in attendance. Individuals and groups provided 6,000 volunteer hours.



We believe in the strength of human dignity and the resilience of the human spirit. Our summer day camp connects neighbors to our additional services, educating students and empowering families.

LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD

The Baldwin Center has faced difficulties much like those experienced by families in our community: rising prices, less money and not enough hands. Contributions from dozens of area churches, grants from community and government agencies and hundreds of individual donations helped, but the needs are deeper than these additional resources.

We continue to face challenges. We are forming cooperative relationships and finding new ways of caring. Our collaboration with The Wave Project provides hot showers to those in need on Wednesdays. We are seeking ways to increase support from donors and volunteers.



A particularly memorable donation? A plain envelope containing two \$50 bills and a note saying that the giver had been helped by The Baldwin Center years ago and wanted to repay the kindness.



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FEED

With over 60,000 meals served through our community kitchen, countless church-supported sandwiches for the hungry, nearly a thousand Focus: HOPE box distributions, and hundreds of pounds of surplus food recovered from area businesses, we provided nourishment. In addition, holiday food baskets, complete with a ham or turkey, brightened tables for 130 families.

CLOTHE

More than 1000 individuals were served by appointment at the Clothes Closet. We distributed 200 hats, gloves and scarves along with personal products. In addition, we cared for kids with about 50 Halloween costumes and thousands of diapers plus wipes and formula.



EDUCATE AND EMPOWER

During the school year, through a partnership with General Motors and support from staff and volunteers, K-8 kids came for a healthy meal, enrichment, STEM activities and recreation. In the summer, 33 underserved youth enjoyed our day camp, as well as field trips to Camp Wathana and The Strand.

In addition, our Holiday Store empowered 100 families as they shopped our shelves for free. Our facility supported Oakland County Health Department flu shot clinics and educational workshops.

VOLUNTEERS

Over 400 unpaid staff provided approximately 6,000 hours of service. College interns and local church, school, service club, and organization volunteers chopped vegetables, made sandwiches, served meals, answered phones, helped in our Holiday Store and performed office duties. Volunteer groups painted, completed repairs, and held special collections of goods.



Over 80% of funds raised go directly to client services.



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