



United Neighborhood  
Centers of Milwaukee

# MAKING MILWAUKEE'S NEIGHBORHOODS STRONGER

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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In 2022, United Neighborhood Centers of Milwaukee (UNCOM) continued to strive to meet the needs of the community we serve and strengthened the foundation of UNCOM, financially, while doing so. UNCOM remains strong, flexible, and nimble to meet the needs of the families we serve in Milwaukee's most promising neighborhoods. The eight neighborhood centers in the UNCOM collaborative continued to serve the community during the COVID-19 pandemic and have expanded services to meet the needs that have resulted from that experience. Our food banks continue to serve record numbers, many UNCOM centers have increased mental health support and our centers are filled with youth after school seeking academic support.

Our diverse board and staff, many of whom have grown up in the areas we are serving, are skilled and can relate and support the population we serve in a unique way. Trust leads to Support which leads to Community Impact.

**JODY RHODES**  
PRESIDENT

**RENÉE LOGEE**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## UNCOM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**UNCOM'S MISSION IS TO MAKE MILWAUKEE NEIGHBORHOODS STRONGER THROUGH A UNITED COLLABORATION OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE WORKING TO ACHIEVE THE GREATEST COMMUNITY IMPACT.**

## UNCOM MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS





# STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH OUTREACH



## DISTRIBUTION OF GUN LOCKS

In 2020, UNCOM began a partnership with the Milwaukee Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) to help distribute gun-locks for free in Milwaukee. UNCOM member agencies and the home office are locations where people can request a gun-lock in order to keep young children, family members and the community safe.

In May, after a particularly violent weekend in Milwaukee, UNCOM partnered with the Mayor Cavalier Johnson, Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee Fire Department and OVP to hold a press conference and stress the importance of gun-locks for violence prevention and safety.

Since our partnership began, over 1,500 gun-locks have been distributed by UNCOM and its eight member agencies.

## 14TH ANNUAL WALK FOR WELLNESS

On Thursday, July 28th, UNCOM's 8 member agencies participated in the 14th Annual Walk for Wellness at Kadish Park. After holding individual events at each member location during the pandemic, everyone was excited to be back together to celebrate health and wellness. Mayor Cavalier Johnson and officers from the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) joined us at this event.

This year's Walk for Wellness included a free lunch for all participants, a kickball tournament, a TikTok station, yoga, a mindfulness craft, and a freestyling DJ playing music. MPD surprised our youth with an ice-cream truck!



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## LAUNCH OF SAFER CITY MKE



In the month of July, UNCOM lead the charge for Safer City MKE, an anti-violence initiative for young Milwaukeeans. This pilot program, in conjunction with Mayor Cavalier Johnson's office, Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee Fire Department, Milwaukee Recreation, SHARP Literacy and Urban Ecology Center, provided rewards to youth who participated in making positive choices. The purpose of the program was to positively engage young Milwaukeeans and their families. The hope was that positive interactions would serve as a motivation on different levels: being active, positive interactions with city leaders and first responders, encourage youth to make good choices, and spread a positive message of being noticed and having fun. Orange bracelets, branded with Safer City MKE, were distributed to youth involved in summer programs at various non-profit youth agencies throughout Milwaukee. Prizes were given out to youth seen wearing the bracelets, and also to youth seen demonstrating positive behavior in the community. Rewards included such items as free ice-cream coupons, free Slurpee coupons, ear buds, cellphone chargers, balloons, balls, and various candy and snack items.



## THANKSGIVING MEAL DISTRIBUTION

The week of Thanksgiving 2022, UNCOM Staff partnered with staff from the Social Development Commission (sdc) and distributed 200 Thanksgiving meals for 4 donated by Northcott Neighborhood House, 200-gun locks donated by the City of Milwaukee Office of Violence Prevention, and over 200 books, donated by the Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin. This was a great opportunity to meet and connect with our neighbors in the Lindsay Heights neighborhood.

# STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



The UNCOM home office works with Milwaukee's underserved young adults, ages 16-24, through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title 1B Out of School Youth (OSY) program. We help the participants finish high school or its equivalency, and secure training and credentials in order to obtain sustainable employment. Our skilled professionals guide these young adults through a variety of career options including the medical, early childhood, hospitality and construction fields. In 2022, UNCOM supported over 120 out of school youth age 16-24 in helping them accomplish their educational and occupational goals.



## 2022 MANDI AWARD FINALIST

Sponsored by U.S. Bank, in partnership with LISC Milwaukee, the Milwaukee Awards for Neighborhood Development Innovation (known as the MANDIs) recognize excellence in community development. Finalists and winners are selected by an independent, cross-sector volunteer selection committee. The committee reviews nominations and selects two finalists in each of seven categories -- BMO Harris Cornerstone Award, Brewers Community Foundation Public Space Award, State Farm Building Blocks Award, Associated Bank Trailblazer Award, Chase Economic Development Award, PNC Navigator Award and the Northwestern Mutual Foundation Collaboration Award.

UNCOM was a finalist for the 2022 BMO Harris Cornerstone Award for commitment and effectiveness over time.



# UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS OF MILWAUKEE

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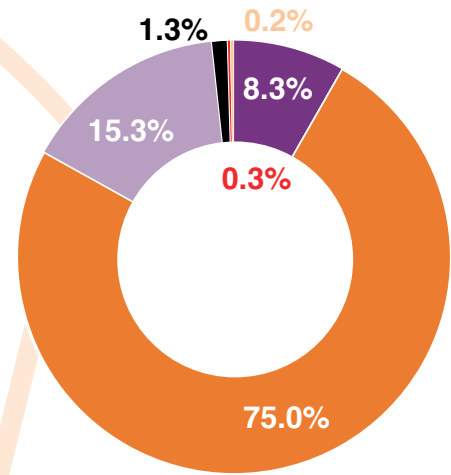
## UNCOM STAFF

Renée Logee, Executive Director  
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Judy Namavong, Career Planner  
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# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

## Income

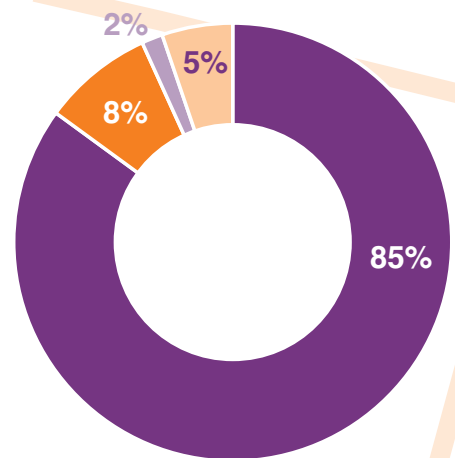
<b>Membership &amp; Database Fees</b>	\$52,449.00
<b>Grant Income</b>	\$475,361.00
<b>Contributions</b>	\$96,618.00
<b>Special Events</b>	\$8,007.00
<b>In-kind Donations</b>	\$1,000.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$635,333.00</b>



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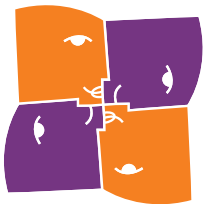
## Expenses

<b>Program Services</b>	\$552,017.00
<b>Fundraising</b>	\$53,069.00
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