

Stay Connected

We've launched a new Media & News page so you can stay up to date on everything happening at The Other Way. Visit theotherway.org/news-and-blog/ page.

Looking Ahead

Our next appeal will focus on K-5 programs and our Christmas Store. With federal cuts on the horizon, we are prayerful yet proactive—committed to keeping you informed and ensuring our kids are cared for. We also have a Simply Give date with Bridge Street Market. When you shop and donate on Saturday, August 16th we receive a double match!

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for standing with us, believing in our mission, and helping us create a stronger, more loving community.

With gratitude,

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Summer 2025

WEST SIDE STORY

Y.E.S Program Saved & Expanded

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Because of your generosity, our second quarter was full of hope, growth and record breaking impact. Here are a few highlights! Earlier this year our Youth Employment Services program was at risk, but, thanks to your incredible support we were not only able to run the program, but expand the number of participants. This support allowed us to make room for one additional student, a total of 7 who are learning, growing, and thriving because of you. In addition we thank the four Westside businesses who rose a hand to provide work experiences.



Stamp Out Hunger 2025

We joined the Stamp Out Hunger USPS Food Drive, and you helped us exceed 12,000 pounds of food! The largest amount ever!!

- We tripled last year's total
- \$30,000 in estimated food value
- A two month supply that will feed 1,600-2,000 families!



Partnership Spotlight

- **Amway** stepped up in a huge way with a generous grant for YES, and added volunteer hours to help with Block Party and 'Garden of Eatin'."
- **61st District Court:** Brought legal education and support directly to our unhoused neighbors with legal questions, cleared minor warrants and expunged records.
- **Blackstone Birth Advocate** Empowering women to know their rights and experience safe, loving births.
- **Humane Society of West Michigan** - offers vaccination and microchip clinics for individuals with low income. Visit hswestmi.org for the guidelines. They joined us and filled up all appointment times to ensure Westside pets were healthy and safe.

Advocacy in Action

- **Matthews House:** Supporting & advocating for expansion.
- **Latino Community:** Know Your Rights workshops/cards.
- **Sibley Elementary:** Rides to the board meeting regarding Principal Rose Charles-Maher leaving to encourage our neighbors to make their voices heard.



What is Double Match Day?

Meijer has a program called **Simply Give** where you can donate to your local pantry at the check-out.

On **August 16th** or **September 13th** during *Double Match Day* all Simply Give donations will be

TRIPLED

Your gift on a normal day
\$10 = \$10

Your Gift on a Double Match Day
\$10 = \$30

All you have to do is visit **Bridge Street Market** on and scan a Simply Give card. This day only, Meijer will Double Match your gift. It's just that simple.



**Thank you for being a part of
our Other Way family!**

Raise a hand to help by making a donation!
Please scan this QR code. Your support is
deeply appreciated!

