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Message from Steering President

Rev. Peter JB Carman



A year ago, with a great banquet SiCM concluded a year-long fiftieth anniversary observance that had included intentional reflection on the past and future. Our party celebrated the past and it embraced the future. We announced a new name—Schenectady Community Ministries. Our initials remain unchanged, but our work has grown.

Your Steering Committee continues to discuss an emerging sense that we are called to become “interfaith”; rethink membership; exercise faithful stewardship of the property we own. This year we affiliated with an afterschool tutoring program in Hamilton Hill; received two congregations: Trinity Reformed Church in Rotterdam and Lisha Kill Reformed Church.

Work continues as we move into 2019. We have authorized architectural planning for needed repairs and renovations to our food pantry and the adjacent building. We have been dealing with the financial challenges facing every not-for-profit.

This past summer I was able, with your treasurer Randy McGough, to meet regularly with the lead SiCM staff. What gifts, energy and vision this gifted group brings together!

A relative newcomer, I notice we may take for granted an organization such as most cities and towns don’t have. SiCM has many faces. We respond to poverty, especially food insecurity; advocate on public issues (for example a threat to SNAP benefits); and provide a channel for churches to work together.

SiCM is the food pantry! It is the organizing force behind our local CROP walk. It is also monthly gatherings of representatives from our member communities of faith. It is a summer meal, served with care. And it is our executive director working to address systemic issues of racism.

We need SiCM—God’s love is bigger than any one house of worship. God’s justice will not go away. God’s mercy requires our hands.

Respectfully,

Peter JB Carman

Message from Executive Director

Rev. Phillip Grigsby



Remembering, celebrating and giving thanks at the 50th Anniversary was a highlight of 2018. The 50th Anniversary Gala was one of remembering, celebrating and giving thanks! We recalled this shared ministry over the years; we celebrated leaders and friends; and gave thanks as we looked to the future. The wonderful evening held on March 20, 2018, and was a gala to remember!

We welcomed new staff in 2018. Jo-Anne Rafalik came from the YWCA and worked diligently on both Summer Meals and a new program to enhance civic engagement opportunities. She helped to strength SiCM’s volunteer and intern programs bringing opportunity throughout the year. Ariel White shifted from Camp Director to the Food Pantry Coordinator. This shift became available as Shelly Ford transitioned to a new position as the overall Food Program Director with broader responsibilities. Finally, SiCM began a new program with VISTA and welcomed Chinira Lovick as Development/Database Specialist and brought full-time employment to support Laurie Bacheldor, Development Director.

2018 also meant we said goodbye to others. For years, Janet Mattis developed our internship and communications initiatives, and coordinated special events such as the Harvest for the Pantry, Spring Bags, and others. Rev. Horace Sanders Jr. took on the Schenectady County Embraces Diversity program with youth and added an adult emphasis. He initiated Community Conversations and provided leadership on multiple community initiatives. Dave Taylor directed the Summer Meals Program for two years in a challenging environment. Thank you to all, and we wished them the best as they moved on.

The summer of 2018 offered me an opportunity to take some time off. It was not a sabbatical; it was a mini-retreat and provide me with time away for reflection. SiCM has and is going through various transitions, as our communities are in transition. I am very thankful for those who made that possible, and the staff and Steering Members who pitched in while I was away.

SiCM’s work never ends and we can’t do it alone. We do it through partnerships and broad community support. As we look ahead, we celebrate these partnerships and many supporters to not only sustain important work but develop new initiatives. “There is yet light and truth to break forth” the old covenant spoke. “Behold this new thing I am doing” says God in Revelations. If we are fortunate, we can “catch on to God’s coattails” and be at those places where hope is affirmed, where community is developed, where those in crisis get a hand, and people of faith bear witness.

Thank you!

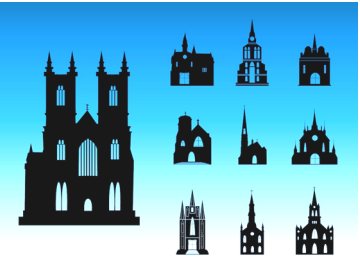
Rev. Phillip Grigsby



Summer Meals in collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension

SiCM is a faith-based, non-sectarian 501(c)3 organization that cares for Schenectady County’s high-risk populations through ministries focusing on:

- Food Insecurity
- Family, Adults, Youth, and Seniors
- Diversity & Acceptance
- Advocacy, Partners and Collaborations



SCHENECTADY COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Member Congregations – The Assembly

Alplaus UMC, Altamont Reformed, Bellevue Reformed, Bethel AME, Burnt Hills UMC, Carman UMC, Christ Church Episcopal, Duryee Memorial AME Zion, Eastern Parkway UMC, Emmanuel Baptist—Friedens UCC, Faith UMC, First Baptist, Schenectady, First Reformed, Schenectady, First Reformed, Scotia, First UMC, Friendship Baptist, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Holy Name of Jesus PNC, Immaculate Conception, Immanuel Lutheran, Lynnwood Reformed, Messiah Lutheran, Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist, Niskayuna Reformed, Our Lady of Grace, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Our Redeemer Lutheran, Parson’s Memorial, Prince of Peace Lutheran, Refreshing Spring, Rotterdam UMC, St. Adalbert, St. Anthony’s, St. George’s Episcopal, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. John the Evangelist, St. Joseph’s, Schenectady, St. Joseph’s, Scotia, St. Paul the Apostle, St. Paul’s Episcopal, St. Stephen’s Episcopal, Scotia UMC, Society of Friends (Quakers), Stanford UMC, State Street Presbyterian, Tabernacle Baptist, Trinity Presbyterian, Trinity Reformed, Unitarian Universalist Society of Schenectady, Zion Lutheran.

PROGRAMS



Vision: Everyone has access to healthy, nutritious food.

Emergency Food Pantry

The SiCM Food Program addressed public health needs such as hunger and nutrition, encouraged healthy behaviors, and advocated to improve the lives of high-need populations.

The SiCM Food Program included the Emergency Food Pantry with support services, a Community Garden, and a Summer Meals program for anyone under 19.

The Pantry was open four days a week and provided guests who were in need of temporary and emergency food with nutritious groceries. Once a month mass food distribution was offered. Van rides home were offered to guests.

Community organizations offered information and assistance at the pantry to help guests learn about community resources.

The pantry offered special programs, such as Senior Connect, Sit & Knit and food deliveries to the homebound.

Many community organizations and individuals volunteered to assist the pantry and warehouse.

Funding provided in part by: NYS Hunger Prevention Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP)

Other supporters: Regional Food Bank
Concerned for the Hungry
Post Office, Food Drives, Individuals, and Groups
Congregations
Foundations, Corporations
Fox Creek & Roxbury Farms



SiCM Food Pantry
839 Albany Street
Schenectady, NY 12307
518.346.4445



Lynn Oliver, Pantry Guest

"I usually come once a month for the fruits and vegetables. There's eight people in my house so the pantry's great if you're working and don't get a lot of food stamps. The staff is always incredibly friendly."



EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

IMPACT & RESULTS

2018

Total equivalent meals distributed: 698,229

Total Households Served: 15,175

Children (Under 18) 15,522

Adults (18-64) 28,350

Seniors (65+) 4,561

Almost 150 regular volunteers!

17,640 Hours

Better and more abundant food, and value-added nutrition education, will result in healthier people, particularly healthier children.

SiCM has provided groceries for 5 Million Meals since moving to 839 Albany Street.

2018 at a glance: almost 700,000 meals – almost 50,000 individuals

Staffed by Shelly Ford, Ariel White, Iva Gay, James Frazier, Greg Davenport, and almost 150 volunteers each month. SiCM's provides nutritious food for almost 38,000 meals to feed 4,000 individuals. SiCM hosts a monthly "Mass Distribution," distributing foods donated by the Regional Food Bank helping to address food insecurity for another 300 families.

When SiCM began the Emergency Food Program (EFP) in 1974, it was seen as a temporary solution to a crisis. We were wrong: this year "The Pantry" celebrates 45 years of continuous service! Originally located in a downtown church (First United Methodist), the EFP moved to its present location at 839 Albany Street (a former A&P grocery store) – in the highest-need neighborhood in our City in June 2007.

The largest food program in Schenectady County, SiCM's is one of the most active in NYS and is considered by the NYS Department of Health to be a model. It is the first place those in need go to, providing over 60% of the emergency food given in this county. Over 20% of Schenectady County's population is chronically food insecure, well above state and national averages. We serve our most vulnerable citizens: children, the elderly, the disabled and those in poor health. Many are unemployed/under-employed – or simply do not make enough money to support their family's needs. Often circumstances make it difficult even for those who are employed and have a college degree to afford enough food. Almost half of those who benefit from this program are under 18.

Open year-round, we provide three-days-worth of food, based on household size, sufficient for three nutritious meals a day. Foods from all five major food groups are provided in the form of non-perishables, as well as fresh produce, eggs, juice, baked goods and frozen meat. We also provide baby food, formula and milk certificates; and non-food items (diapers, soap) as available through the Regional Food Bank. Individuals can return up to once a month. SiCM also provides "wrap around services," including prescreening food stamp and health insurance applications; referrals to other services; nutrition education/demonstrations; and voter registration.

Since 2016 SiCM has been empowering and educating community residents by providing plots and support services for a Community Garden located just a few blocks from the EFP. We are also outreaching through Senior Services: Sit & Knit; Senior Connect and Grandparent/Grandchild Supports to empower elders in our community.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Schenectady Community Garden is located at 333 Hulett Street, which is centrally located a block away from our Food Pantry. We have an acre of land that houses 18 plots that are available to our families. We strongly welcome beginners.

All our families are given starter plants, seeds and all the basic tools to begin their garden journey. The Garden is 100% organic and we are learning to compost anything that might be left over. While our families are growing healthy, nutritious fresh vegetables, they are also becoming self sufficient.

Cabbages and tomatoes are just a few of the plants that are grown during the summer. The families grow herbs and transfer them to grow them at home during the winter months. There are three families that have been a part of our garden journey and they have come back every year.

Garden Location: Hulett St. Schenectady, NY 12308
Pantry: 518.280.0158 Food Director



The property on Hulett St. is possible through a partnership with Duryee Memorial AME Zion Church.

Goal: Gardeners save money and learn how to grow their own fruits and vegetables.

- Community residents were offered 18 plots to grow their own fresh fruits and vegetables.
- SiCM provided support through a staff person and volunteers who prepared the soil for planting.
- The garden operated April through November.
- Each gardener was responsible for maintaining their own plot.
- Many donated produce to the pantry.
- Community and faith-based organizations and individuals volunteered to assist gardeners.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

SCED—Schenectady County Embraces Diversity
The Schenectady County Embraces Diversity (SCED) program is a collaborative project addressing issues of racism and diversity through Study Circles—structured discussion groups designed for middle and high school students, and Dialogue for Change conversations for adults.
In 2018 SCED Study Circles was held with three districts (Schenectady High School, Niskayuna High School and Mohonasen High School) at Union College.



SUMMER MEALS

VISION Ensure that high priority children of Schenectady receive a nutritious meal during the summer.



- **Summer Meals** provided free breakfasts and/or lunches to youth 19 and younger at parks, public housing locations, and churches.
- The program offered mobile site locations throughout the county.
- Teams of SiCM summer staff, interns and volunteers served the meals and engaged children with fun activities, such as arts and crafts, reading, etc.
- The program started at the end of the school year and continued until school restarted.

Impact & Results

9,764 Breakfasts
43,398 Lunches

53,162 Total Meals

Over 1,200 Volunteers!
4,500 Hours

Partnerships

During the summer of 2018, we partnered with many different groups in the area to have lunch sites all over Schenectady County. Organizations like Quest, Safe House, and our very own Food Pantry (all new sites) on Albany Street helped grow our summer meals sites to more locations. This helped kids throughout Schenectady County have access to healthy meals all summer long!

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USDA through the NYS Dept. of Education
United Way of the Greater Capital Region
City of Schenectady
No Kid Hungry
Golub & Target Foundations
70 community groups
34 faith communities volunteers

There are approximately 9,300 children enrolled in the City of Schenectady’s school district, all of those children are eligible for breakfast and lunch Monday to Friday, free of charge.

Unfortunately, too many parents/grandparents/ caregivers adjust food budgets during the summer months to feed their children. For these children and their families, food insecurity during the summer months rises. The past two years, the school district has had a summer program that included meals for about 1,200 of the children for six weeks. SiCM’s 2018 Summer Meals Program served 9,765 breakfasts and 43,398 lunches for ten weeks, June 25 to August 31st. The program operated 17 fixed lunch sites (one site was located at Collins Park, Scotia), 11 mobile lunch sites and 8 mobile breakfast sites. The program operated using about 25 staff, primarily from the City of Schenectady, six interns and nearly 1,400 volunteers. These volunteers were from SiCM congregations, service organizations, businesses, community members and youth groups. The program cannot operate without the volunteers. SiCM’s Summer Meals program will be in operation for its 25th year in 2019. Call the SiCM office and volunteer to be part of this awesome program!

Zip Codes	# of sites
12309	1
12308	8
12307	5
12306	1
12305	5
12304	5
12303	4
12302	1



VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

Schenectady Community Ministries (SiCM) relies on volunteers and interns to support its programs and special events. The program uses over 1,400 volunteers working with SiCM’s programs.

The Internship Program is run yearly through the support of the congregations and individual donors. The purpose of the SiCM internship is to offer college students experience working in the various SiCM or related programs. The internships enhance the experi-

ence of students, especially those interested in considering or pursuing human services, social welfare, education, faith-based, non- profit, and/or public health careers. During the summer of 2018, the program had eight (8) interns from various congregations from Schenectady and Scotia. They rotated work at the food pantry, community gardens, administrative tasks and the summer meals sites.

The Volunteer Program is run throughout the year. Volunteers assist at the SiCM Food Pantry daily doing intakes, serving guests, transportation of guests and home deliveries, preparing basic grocery bags, working in the warehouse and organizing events. Without these volunteers, the food pantry would not be able to operate. Other volunteers, individuals and groups, work at the meal sites during the Summer Meals Program.

DEVELOPMENT

The SiCM Development Department, led by Laurie Bacheldor, Development Director, had a busy year preparing for fundraising and friendraising events, researching new databases to improve systems, upgrading an Access Database with new contact information, and maintaining communications with delegates, congregation office personnel and pastors. The department oversees marketing, communication, social media, newsletters and annual appeal mailings.

- Annual Fundraisers:

 - Souper Bowl
 - Schenectady CROP Walk
 - Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Classic
 - Harvest for the Pantry

The department is staffed by a part-time Database Assistant, Patricia Mattry, who keeps the database current with new contact information and enhanced with a shared employee, Laura Pinckney, with the Summer Meals Program. She is responsible for web-site, photography, and social marketing.



New to the SiCM’s development office is Chinira Lovick, a VISTA employee placed for a full year at SiCM.

The Development Department managed the following events: Union College Hockey Food Drive; SouperBowl Sunday; The 50th Anniversary Gala; New Ministers Tour of the Pantry; Schenectady CROP Hunger Walk, Help Out Hang Out-Brewery Friendraiser; SPAC Summer Nights; Open Door Fundraiser; Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends Shopping Pass; Harvest for the Pantry; Music Company Orchestra Concert; Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament; and Holiday and Awards Celebration.

The Department expanded social marketing and media throughout outreach in FaceBook, Twitter and Instagram. Group contacts were developed through new email data collection.

The Department led SiCM to approve a new name and logo in 2018 and both were revealed at the 50th Gala. A SiCM video was created for the Gala, which tells the SiCM story of the Pantry, Summer Meals, Community Garden, and the Summer Camp. Individual videos were also created for marketing individual programs. The department partnered with the Daily Gazette by contracting for a new website that is now managed in-house and allows SiCM to post advertisements throughout the year of events in the paper, providing a new avenue of outreach and education.

Significant research was done in 2018 to purchase a web-based database system. A recommendation and new database will be coming to SiCM in 2019.





SiCM announced to 250 people who attended the March 20, 2018, 50th Jubilee at The Glen Sanders Mansion, that it has a new name and logo. Rev. Dustin Wright, Vice President stated, "Reflecting our call to bring new life to our community both within and beyond our city limits, while still doing business as SiCM, will now be known as Schenectady Community Ministries. Our new logo reflects this focus. You'll notice a heart takes the place of the cross ... a person with outstretched arms takes the place of the "I" [in SiCM]... building community means serving, working with and reaching out to neighbors of all walks of life. ... shoots of new leaves and sunshine ... inspired by our community garden ministry. We believe building community means working with our clients to cultivate new skills."



Rev. Phil Grigsby unveiled the SiCM video.



The 50th Anniversary honored the past, celebrated the present and embraced the future. Rev. Jim Miller and Rev. Robert Pierce shared stories from the early days of SiCM. Rev. Miller was pastor at

Emmanuel Baptist; Rev. Pierce was the first Urban Agent/Executive Director of SiCM.

Rev. Jonathan Vanderbeck, said, "People from far and wide, from different churches, beliefs, denominations, and faith traditions all gathered for one purpose."

The event raised over \$36,000 and there have been requests to make this an on-going fun/fundraising event.



PHOTOS FROM MORE SiCM EVENTS



PROGRAM IMPACT

SUMMER MEALS

53,162 Total Meals served at sites throughout the City of Schenectady and Scotia

Activities (reading, arts and lawn games) provided by community groups and staff

Participating families were able to secure information for other services

Distribution of new books and school supplies benefited many families

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

8 college students from 6 congregations served SiCM programs

Interns placed at the food pantry and helped with program setup at summer meals sites for 6-8 weeks during the summer

Internships are sponsored by contributions from individuals, families and congregations

Interns gain experience and skills working with diverse populations of children, families and individuals

SIT & KNIT

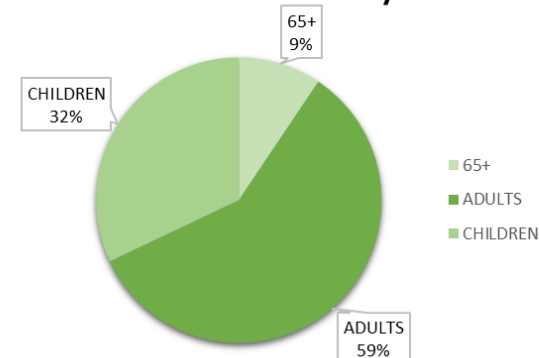
Guest enters pantry

Space is offered for knitting and conversation

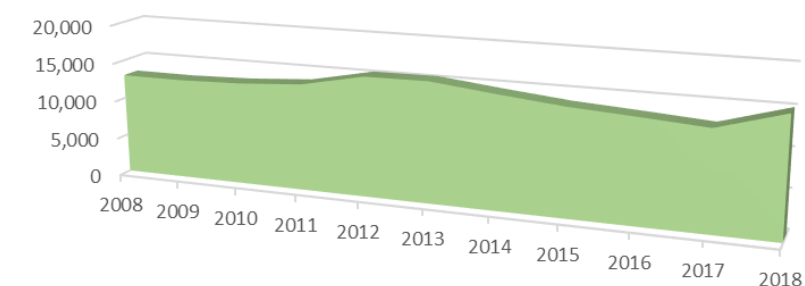
Guests participate in other SiCM programs such as the food pantry and Senior Connect

Guests receive supports to move toward self-sufficiency

Who Does the Pantry Serve?



How Many Households Does the Pantry Serve?



IMPACT STORIES



A Volunteer
"The SiCM Food Pantry is a wonderful service to our community. Over the past 18 years I have enjoyed working here with some of the nicest people I have ever known."



John Fulton, Pantry Guest

"No one has mass distribution day. I go to several pantries and I try to deliver to those who can't make it. SiCM is very fair and I enjoy this pantry. Others have limitations such as you can only go six times a year. There's five of us in the house, but I'm on a fixed income and anytime I get contributions it helps tremendously. I have a grandchild and we try to eat healthy."

"Mass distribution day helps with family. I have my grandchildren 4 in the house now. I receive food stamps and assistance, but it doesn't go far. Some things I have to go to the grocery store because of my illness and I need specific things and it expensive. In the summer time like going in the community garden where I can pick out the greens."



Deedee Taylor, Pantry Guest

Summer Meals Parent
"It's like the pot of gold at the end of a rainbow ...it helps with people's budgets."

A Gardener

"Everyone needs to know where their food comes from; the range of what was grown was truly amazing. You go from the ground to your plate...once you get past the hard work...the rest is free."

Alice's Story
"I love this place! I live on social security so mass distribution is a big help. I couldn't do without it because you get things you wouldn't usually get. The people at SiCM are the best. They see me with my walker and they would do anything for me. I don't feel the need to go anywhere else. If I go somewhere else I can only go six times a year and get small amounts, but I love it here"

"I get as much as I can eat. I come here all the time. The people is what makes me come here. It's a good place to come to. They give you what you want and make you feel good about yourself."



Sergio Plumey, Pantry Guest

An Intern

"For the first two weeks, I served lunches at Steinmetz park. This was my first-time serving lunches. I did not know what to expect but it was an exciting feeling. I loved being able to give families and children food for lunch. Even though I just served them lunch, I also talked to the families and kids. I got to know them and who they were and just listened to them talk about really anything. It was a great feeling giving families in need, the food they needed. They were all very grateful for me serving them lunch. My favorite part was giving them food and watching their faces light up and hearing them say "thank you!" really warmed my heart. The parents also thanked me, everyone had great manners. I really enjoyed talking to the families and learning more about them."

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A letter from the Food Program Director, Shelly Ford

The Schenectady Community Ministries (SiCM), is a staple throughout our community. Our largest program is our Food Pantry.

Not only a name change occurred in 2018, but also the access to healthy nutritious food increased. In 2018, increased our food to guests offering a 5 Day/15 Meal Food Plan per Family. This increase does not come without great cost. The SiCM Food Pantry has more than doubled our outreach to the disabled, and vulnerable senior population. We have accomplished this with our new Delivery Service. Groceries are delivered right to our seniors front door. Our growing Senior Connect Program also participants a healthy lunch.

SiCM continues to forge ahead to address the hunger issues that plague our community. Parents/guardians can come to the pantry at 7:30 am to get formula and diapers.

Food Drives are on our horizon in 2019. We will partnering with some of our local grocery stores and businesses. As we move forward, one thing is clear, every family deserves healthy nutritious food. This is not a luxury, but a necessity.

Help us, wont you?