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## Outrun Hunger event exceeds expectations, raises record amount

By Anne Seebaldt on December 22, 2022



Director of Outrun Hunger Kari Cotter (at left in red jacket) was given the honorary starter position by her Uncle Mick Turcheck, Outrun Hunger's official starter, on Saturday, November 12, 2022. (Photo by John Buller)

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Outrun Hunger event had another record year, which included 319 registered runners, 54 volunteers, 97 donors and 22 sponsors.

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coming in." Some of those are new clients, so the donation will help "tremendously." Reardon said a number of clients are "refugees who have nothing." Open Door gives them food "and, usually, an open voucher for their store to shop for free." The clothing available to them through that voucher includes winter coats. Household items also are available. He said Outrun Hunger has been a regular donor to the organization, but that the funds given this year represent a record number. As it happened, on the day of the race, November 12, Open Door gave a significant number of Thanksgiving dinners to its clients, so the donation was timely.

Michael Fraley, Hospitality House executive director, said that the organization received a record number of visits from people the Monday before Thanksgiving, "so this money will really help." It was the largest donation the organization has received from Outrun Hunger. "We are so grateful for it," Fraley added. "We are seeing really huge amounts of people coming to the pantry because the cost of food is so high."

Kari Cotter, director of Outrun Hunger, stated, "I'm touched once again by the support from our community. Outrun Hunger has developed committed donors, participants, sponsors and volunteers for the past 12 years. 2022 is our record year raising \$28,095 feeding 936 families; those numbers show evidence of commitment. Many races' funds raised are supported by local businesses, Outrun Hunger is a bit different; most of the funds raised are from donors/runners/walkers, right here in our community. Another unique difference of Outrun Hunger is that 100% of the proceeds raised goes back to our partnering pantries."

Cotter added, "I want to personally thank Grace Community Church for 12 gracious supporting years. The Kroger Co. of Michigan for sponsoring awards, food and giveaways. Commerce Township Hall, the DDA, Commerce Towne Place for use of their facility and beautiful grounds and Commerce Fire Department for their ambulatory services. Thank you to our onsite sponsors Atrium, Biggby Coffee, Big Dip Burgers, Gazelle Sports, Rehab Institute of Michigan-DMC, Walled Lake Schools Credit Union and Woody's Cafe, for their time, products and services, the participants loved your free raffle drawing gifts. Thank you, Beauchamp Water Treatment Solutions for continuing to supply refreshing water before and after the race and Michigan Running Foundation for your continued dedication and excellent race timing services for

"Our dedicated community truly sees the impact they make helping those in need by donating or/and participating in our annual second Saturday in November charity event."

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