



DamianoCenter

serving people in need



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Summer 2023



Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friend of the Damiano Center,

Thank you for your support of the Damiano Center and all of the amazing things that are happening here. There is so much collaboration and many exciting things taking place in order to better serve the guests of the Damiano. This has been a season of creative thinking and innovation.

Damiano is a member of Stepping On Up, a 10-agency collaborative plan to re-imagine our homeless response systems in a relevant way. Two programs at the Damiano Center are active initiatives of this plan-- Safe Storage and Safe Bay. Safe Storage is a Damiano program that provides a secure space for people to store their most important items. Safe Bay is operated by CHUM in the Damiano parking lot every night and allows for people living in their cars to have a safe place to park with access to restrooms and showers.

These two programs, in addition to Damiano's eight other programs and the six organizations that rent space in the building, make up a beautiful web of 16 programs which serve the guests that visit our Center. And this is all because of you and your support. Additionally, many local organizations set up resource tables during lunch to connect with and serve the guests. This truly is a vibrant community center with so many wrap around services that meet the needs of our neighbors.

All of this innovation and collaboration is made possible by YOU!

Your support creates a thriving community that rises to meet community needs and fills the gaps that many of our vulnerable neighbors often slip through. Thank you for your ongoing support and trust. We could not do this important work without you!

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Seth Currier', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Seth Currier
Executive Director
The Damiano Center





Here's what's been happening at The Damiano Center!

Kids' Kitchen

Kids' Kitchen provides nutritious meals and activities throughout the year and emphasizes on nutrition education through the fun, hands-on experience of preparing food, and also offer organic gardening. Other activities involve art, physical activities, and other activities to honor the culture and heritage of the diverse children who come to Kids' Kitchen.



Safe Storage

Our Newest program offers a safe & secure space for guests to store their belongings. This is a space to store important documents, valuables, family heirlooms, or any other items that someone does not want to carry with them.



Summer Food Corps

During the summer months (June-August), we offer youth employment training to teens, teaching them skills in gardening, food service, childcare, and building their leadership and STEM skills in the process.



↓ **Check the Numbers!** ↓

In the months of May, June, and July:

Almost 20,000 meals were served in our Community Kitchen !

Our Free Store gave out over 54,000 items and had 6,075 shoppers !

Our Community Services program gave out over 600 hygiene kits!

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We rely on the support of donors like you, to provide services to those in need throughout the community.

Our mission is serving people in need, and with a monthly donation you can help .



Head to our website at www.damianocenter.org/donate or use the QR code below to fill out our form and become a Sustenance Partner today!

Legacy and Planned Giving

You can help ensure a future for the Damiano Center and those we serve by designating Damiano as a beneficiary of your will, revocable trust, life insurance policy or retirement plan. Speak with your lawyer or financial adviser about your best options, and please let us know your plans.



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