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Saints' Brew has had a successful year serving the needs of our community members. As of end of this year we have served over 108,790 meals since 2010. Of that number 18,125 were served during the 2015 year. This year, Saints' Brew became a United Way member and received \$5000.00 in funding. The Emergency Food and Shelter Program also granted us funds again this year. Both of these programs were needed to fund Saints' Brew since we do not have any funds through the church's budget. We did continue to receive donations through memorials, individuals and other churches and organizations. Without the generous in-kind donations that we received of coffee, sugar, creamer, fruit, cereal and other items, we could not function.

Another new event that took place in the spring was a Wine Tasting event to raise funds to support our ministry. Our goal was to expand our base of supporters and get more people to learn about Saints' Brew. This event was fun and had more than 75 attendees. As hoped, many of the attendees were from outside the congregation.

Our legal clinic continued this past year to serve clients on an approximately quarterly basis. We are striving to get information about this clinic to other agencies that serve the low income, homeless and those in need.

The biggest component of Saints' Brew is its loyal and dedicated volunteers. We currently have 35 to 40 individuals who support this ministry by cooking, serving food, washing dishes, grocery shopping and assisting with the recycling. Many of our volunteers do not belong to our church. We also have volunteers that eat at Saints' Brew that are valuable members of our daily crews. Without these individuals Saints' Brew could not continue.