


# 2011 Missouri Poverty Summit Breakout Session on Hunger Relief



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# Episcopal Community Services: An Overview

- **Hunger Relief**
  - Kansas City Community Kitchen
  - Meals-at-Home Program
  - Hunger Relief Network (Pantries, Kitchens, etc.)
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# Kansas City Community Kitchen: Background

## Cathedral Hot Food Program



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## Church Community Kitchen




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Kansas City Community Kitchen  
Founders Hall  
13<sup>th</sup> and Broadway



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# Kansas City Community Kitchen: Background

Kansas City Community Kitchen  
Downtown Community Services  
Center  
8<sup>th</sup> and Paseo



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# Kansas City Community Kitchen: The Challenges

- ⦿ Located away from the primary shelters
- ⦿ Located away from key daytime services
- ⦿ Safety Issues
- ⦿ Constantly growing need



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# Kansas City Community Kitchen: A Difficult Decision

- ⦿ Historical Foundations
- ⦿ Mistaken Perceptions
- ⦿ Costs and Complications
- ⦿ Inertia



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# Kansas City Community Kitchen: The Solution

## ◎ Collaboration

- Downtown Council
- reStart
- Episcopal Community Services



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# Kansas City Community Kitchen: Results

- Helping more People in More Ways
- Better Nutrition and Atmosphere
- Expanded Inter-Agency Collaboration
- Growth in Volunteerism
- Heightened Visibility



[KCKK Film by Vespera](#)


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- Workforce Development
  - Culinary Cornerstones Training Program
    - Life / Career Skills
    - Central Kitchen – Training Laboratory
    - In Service Training
  - Culinary Cornerstones Internships
  - Cornerstones Catering
  - Cornerstones Connections



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