“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world”

Anne Frank
Dear Friends,

This year has been another exciting one for the Yorkville Common Pantry. Our much-anticipated renovation is complete, and, by early May, all of our programs were once again under the same roof. The building is now a warm and bright place for our clients to pick up their groceries or sit to eat their meals. Today, at YCP, our clients find a safe haven that includes comfortable indoor waiting space, an easy-access ramp for disabled clients, nutrition and health programs and services, showers, laundry facilities, and Wednesday morning haircuts! The artwork that adorns the walls is both whimsical and welcoming.

In short, we are home.

We are grateful that we are able to provide the services we do in the dignified manner in which we do it. Sadly, however, the number of clients we are serving has increased dramatically in the last six months. The well-reported national food shortage caused by federal cutbacks and the Food Bank’s inability to recoup those losses has forced many food pantries and soup kitchens in the area to close. At the same time, the need to address diabetes and obesity is a continuing challenge. Thus, we face the reality of having to purchase not only more food, but also more nutritious food. You may have heard that today one in five New Yorkers is living below the poverty level. This alarming statistic is further proof that YCP must maintain its commitment to eliminate hunger while providing our clients with the tools and services they need to gain self-sufficiency and preserve their dignity.

With the encouragement and support of kind friends like you, we will be able to do just that for as long as we are needed.

Warmest thanks from the entire YCP family.

Sincerely,

Sherrell Andrews  Carolann Johns

Chair  Executive Director

MISSION STATEMENT

The Yorkville Common Pantry (YCP) is dedicated to reducing hunger while promoting dignity and self-sufficiency. YCP champions the cause of the hungry through food pantry and meal distribution programs, nutrition education, basic hygiene services, homeless support, and related services. YCP’s community based programs focus on East Harlem and other underserved communities throughout New York City.
Yorkville Common Pantry is at an exciting turning point in its 26-year history. The recently completed renovation of our facility will enable Yorkville Common Pantry to continue to meet the needs of the hungry and disenfranchised of our city for many years to come. In 2004, it became evident that YCP would need to renovate its facilities to improve the capacity and efficiency of services and to boost the atmosphere of dignity that is the agency's hallmark.

With a generous donation from the Robin Hood Foundation, YCP was able to draw up plans for a complete renovation of the building and to begin the process of a three year, $6 million capital campaign. In June of 2006, YCP moved its programs to three temporary locations in the neighborhood and demolition began. In the nearly year long renovation, service to YCP's clients was NEVER interrupted.

The renovation has created a space that solves the many longterm problems as well as accommodating planned improvements, among them:

- Our clients have access to generous indoor waiting space, allowing them to wait comfortably inside, and providing a greater degree of dignity in the process.
- Handicapped and elderly clients have access to the building via a ramp and an elevator.
- Larger indoor space allows for several programs to run concurrently.
- There is a discrete space and improved layout for Pantry Program distribution.
- In addition, the space allows for an increase in the number and quality of services available to clients, e.g. room to increase the nutritional education component of our programs and the ability to offer additional support services provided by outside agencies within YCP premises.
- Cold and dry storage space has been greatly increased, enabling YCP to accept larger deliveries of food.
- Improved kitchen facilities will accommodate the planned emphasis on healthier food.

Support for this ambitious project has been outstanding, and YCP continues to communicate with its current stakeholders and new supporters (during this next phase of the campaign.)
The renovation has allowed YCP to continue to maintain three distribution days for Pantry, with one of the three days designated for senior citizens and disabled individuals. In addition to the three day distribution, we have maintained our staggered schedule, where families, based on their size, come for their Pantry bag during a designated time period. This, coupled with more available seating, has allowed YCP to virtually eliminate the “bread line.” The new ramp and entrance promote independence for our senior and disabled clients, allowing them to enter the facility. For many, this is the first time they have ever been inside the building.
The lower level multi-purpose space is brighter and the central air conditioning and heating on the lower and first levels allow our guests and volunteers to work and receive our services in a more welcoming environment. The renovated laundry/shower room lets us provide more privacy and increased laundry services to our guests. When set up as the dining room, the multi-purpose space can seat 91 people. Previously, YCP could seat only 60 guests at a time.

Since moving back in, we have seen a 30% increase in the number of guests we serve. In order to accommodate our new clients joining us for breakfast and dinner, we have extended our serving time by an additional half hour for both meal times as well as added another cook to help with preparing a larger volume of food. In an effort to address the increased need, YCP now offers our meal program guests a take-out option, which many appreciate.

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PANTRY PROGRAM YCP’s Pantry Program is New York City’s largest community-based food pantry and is designed to meet the needs of our families by providing culturally-appropriate and nutritionally-balanced food. Every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, YCP distributes grocery packages to over 1400 families. Our unique Saturday program is able to serve the working poor and those participating in education or training programs during the week. Volunteers prepare bags of groceries that provide each family member three meals a day for three days. A typical Pantry bag includes non-perishable items such as juice, cereal, milk, pasta and/or rice, beans, canned vegetables and fruits, miscellaneous items such as soup, snacks, and condiments, as well as perishable items such as meat/poultry, fresh fruits and vegetables, frozen vegetables and bread.

PROJECT DIGNITY Project Dignity is designed to meet other needs of homeless and hungry individuals in our community and consists of a range of services. The Dignity Meal Program serves breakfast Monday through Friday for 200 individuals (sometimes even more on pancake day!) and dinner on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for approximately 300 people. Our staff chefs prepare the meals with wholesome ingredients with a balance of protein, fruit, grains and vegetables. Beyond providing nutritious food, the Dignity Meal Program offers participants a chance to sit, eat and socialize in a relaxing, safe and convivial atmosphere that may be their only reprieve from the stress of being homeless or struggling. The case manager provides counseling and referral services, working with up to 50 meal program guests weekly to help them obtain housing, jobs, entitlements, substance abuse treatment or other medical and social services. Additionally, we invite various community outreach workers, such as Lenox Hill Neighborhood House job counselors, Food Stamp advocates, and Settlement Health HIV counselors, to assist clients during meal programs. Project Dignity’s array of services is designed to meet the most basic needs of YCP’s clients—food, shelter, hygiene services—as well as the larger, more challenging issues they face—long-term housing, health care, benefits and employment. The overall goal of the Program is to serve as a bridge back to health, well-being and self-sufficiency for our homeless and hungry clients.
24/7 YCP In February 2003, 24/7 YCP, New York City’s only 24-hour emergency food program opened its doors for the first time and has remained consistent in its service. Those who come to YCP are eligible to receive an emergency grocery package that provides nine nonperishable meals per household member, and, if needed, a brown bag meal is available to consume immediately. Families and individuals access 24/7 YCP for emergency food assistance when other pantries are unable to provide assistance or are closed.

MARIA’S COOKSHOP Maria’s CookShop is a nutrition education workshop offered to client families at Yorkville Common Pantry. The prevalence of diabetes and obesity are staggeringly high in East Harlem. Nutritious and affordable foods are harder to come by than in neighboring affluent communities, both causing and exacerbating this public health crisis. CookShop directly addresses these issues, which are unquestionably linked to poverty and poor nutrition.

CookShop workshops focus on the health and economic benefits of using seasonal and locally grown produce to prepare simple recipes at home. Recipes include items distributed through our weekly Pantry Program, encouraging clients to use Pantry staples to create satisfying meals. Each recipe is broken down so that clients learn step-by-step how to measure ingredients, and how to clean and prepare vegetables for cooking while maximizing the health benefits of a range of ingredients. A strong emphasis is placed on the nutritional value of each vegetable used, ensuring that workshop participants learn about the vitamins and minerals that are in the ingredients. Participants learn how to shop for healthy and affordable foods in the community, the economic benefits of purchasing produce from local farmers, and the impact of such purchasing practices on the community at large.

Benefits of CookShop include building a sense of community and creating a safe space for participants while strengthening relationships with YCP staff and programs. Respect for both cultural food preferences and individual strengths helps to create a participatory and diverse learning environment where clients teach one another, building self-esteem and positive relationships. The workshop serves as an informal support group where clients share experiences and advice, often seeking support from one another on issues ranging from child rearing to spousal relationships, employment, healthcare and accessing various community resources.

CookShop provides an opportunity to educate participants on Food Stamps, Earned Income Tax Credits and other important benefits that help families move towards economic independence. During every workshop, a case manager completes a participant Food Stamp survey, encouraging new clients to apply if they have not already and ensuring they have clear, accurate and updated benefits information.

CLIENT ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)
The CAB was formed in 2004 through a grant in collaboration with NYC Coalition Against Hunger. Included in the grant was the use of social work interns from Hunter College to coordinate the development of the CAB. The CAB members provide YCP feedback from our clients, allowing clients and staff to act in partnership with the surrounding community. CAB has implemented a Client Bill of Rights and Responsibilities, as well as publishing a quarterly newsletter. CAB members were most helpful in moving to our interim locations.
YCP’S GRAND RE-OPENING

Top photo from left to right: Robin Hood Foundation’s Kwaku Driskell, YCP Board Chair Sherrell Andrews, NYC Food Policy Coordinator Benjamin Thomases, Co-Chair of YCP’s Fund for the Future Committee Linda Holt, YCP’s Executive Director Carolann Johns, and Watson & Associates’ Jamie Watson.
June 6th and 7th, 2007

ON JUNE 6TH, YCP proudly held a ribbon cutting and officially opened our new doors to the Community. We were delighted to see so many well-wishers and supporters admiring our Pantry, dining room, laundry and shower facilities, ramp, and elevator.
25th ANNIVERSARY GALA

The Yorkville Common Pantry’s 25th Anniversary Gala on October 19th, 2006 was the culmination of many months of planning and hard work by our Events Committee. Long time supporters and Board Members Rebecca Robertson and Veronica Stubbs were honored at this extraordinary evening that recognized the Pantry’s 25 years of excellence and celebrated its promising future.
Volunteers

joined together to create the Pantry.

This small group of dedicated people has since evolved into hundreds of volunteer groups and individuals contributing their talent and time towards the goal of reducing hunger in our community.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

Our 19 religious sponsoring organizations not only provide volunteers, Board members, funds, food and other donations, but further infuse our work with profound meaning and reward. We consider these organizations to be caring members of the extended YCP family, and feel very fortunate to have their dedication and involvement.

- The Brick Presbyterian Church
- The Church of St. Edward the Martyr
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- The Church of the Holy Trinity
- Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church
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- Park Avenue United Methodist Church
- Park Avenue Synagogue
- St. James’ Church
- St. Jean Baptiste Church
- St. Joseph Yorkville
- St. Stephen of Hungary
- St. Thomas More Catholic Church
- St. Vincent Ferrer Church
- Temple Emanu-El
- Temple Israel of the City of New York
- Temple Shaaray Tefila
- The Unitarian Church of All Souls

SCHOOLS

Throughout the years we have built relationships with nearby schools that continue to strengthen and expand the YCP family. Community service interns support our efforts and educate their peers about poverty and hunger. Groups from various schools organize food drives, or donate toys, Easter baskets, books and clothing for YCP families. Their commitment is always inspiring and tremendously appreciated.

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Each year, New York Cares brings vital volunteer support to over 850 diverse non-profit agencies, public schools and other deserving organizations throughout the five boroughs. The program staff works with each organization to identify its most pressing needs, create projects where volunteers can make meaningful contributions and then recruit and deploy teams of volunteers to help meet those needs. Last year, New York Cares enabled more than 30,000 New Yorkers to donate their time and talents to help serve our community.

Since 1997, New York Cares has regularly taken part in YCP’s programs. From tutoring our youngest members to sorting, packing and distributing groceries, New York Cares volunteers have embraced the YCP community. They are an invaluable asset to our family and we are honored to present them with the Helene Abraham Volunteer Community Service Award for 2006.

On behalf of the Board, staff, and YCP clients, we thank New York Cares for all they do and look forward to many more years of partnership.

America’s Second Harvest

In an effort to strengthen our relationship with City Harvest, YCP agreed to host the launch of their Spread the Sharing campaign with Shedd’s Country Crock and America’s Second Harvest. Led by spokesperson and singer Amy Grant, the campaign calls participants to go online to www.SpreadTheSharing.com and share a story of sharing. For every story, Country Crock will donate a meal through America’s Second Harvest. Country Crock’s goal was to donate a million meals by Thanksgiving 2007. Having moved our programs and administrative offices back into the newly renovated space on Monday, April 16th, we held our first Pantry Distribution Day on Wednesday, April 18th, with Amy Grant and a group of teenagers from YSOP giving groceries to our clients. We have also partnered with City Harvest and Greenmarket Farmers Market to pick up fresh produce from a local Green Market.

Theatre Benefit | March 25, 2007

The Annual Theatre Benefit is an important source of funding for YCP.

Junior Dances

YCP joins four other neighborhood charities to sponsor a 6th, 7th and 8th grade dance during the school year. These events are enthusiastically attended and at the same time contribute a significant amount to YCP funding. Parent chaperones, as well as students, come to know about the Pantry and have fun, too.
With the generous support of all our donors, YCP has continued to reduce hunger and provide needed support for thousands of low-income New Yorkers. We are committed to continuing to provide efficient and effective services and it is with great sincerity that we thank you for sharing in our mission.

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YCP Financial Summary — fiscal year July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007 (net of event expenses)

YCP’s Total Ending Net Assets for fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 are $4,810,000.

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WIND, SAND AND STARS

THE MAN

The wind was beginning to fall, I arrived. We still had
salvage our ship, but we should have cleared
night and do the job of repair by daylight.
Exactly on this spot two of our comrades,
carried, had been murdered by the brutes, Hang
centered. We knew this amazing party of fluhrhun
riders of this very moment encamped somewhere
by round Cape Douglas. Our three landings grew
several from a great distance and the N.W. had been
fact. We began a vigil which might have out in the
last.

Altogether, there were about ten of us, pilots,
mechanics, when we made ready for the night. We
loaded five or six wooden cases of merchandise out
of the hold, emptied them, and set them about in a circle.
At the deep end of each case, as in a sentry-box, we set
a lighted candle, its flame poorly sheltered from the
wind. So in the heart of the desert, on the naked sand
of the planet, in an isolation like that of the beginnings
of the world, we built a village of men.

Sitting in the flickering light of the candles on this
kerchief of sand, on this village square, we waited in the

“Wind, Sand and Stars”
—Antoine de Saint-Exupery

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