

A NOTE FROM STEPHEN



As the year ends, the need for New York Common Pantry's services has grown exponentially and we are meeting this growing need. Steady inflation, the continued high cost of basic necessities, and stagnating wages all contribute to the increased demand for our services. Add the surge in migrants The Pantry is seeing, and NYCP is helping more people than ever before.

To meet these challenges, we have grown our Mobile food response by enhancing relationships with other community-based organizations, service locations and elected officials representing low-income communities. To support the migrants coming to NYCP, we assess their needs and offer other key services in addition to food aid.

All of our programs have been experiencing extraordinary growth, including our hygiene services, case management services, and nutrition education. In addition, NYCP has strategic partnerships with leading medical institutions to increase ancillary health and medical services, offering guests a "one stop shop" to address their needs.

Our new Hub enables us to purchase food in bulk for substantial savings and allows our growing food rescue program to facilitate large-scale produce deliveries. Through The Roundtable: Allies for Food Access, we are partnering with Sharing Excess, giving us even more access to fresh produce. All savings are reinvested into our food programs, so we can serve more people.

NYCP is welcoming in the New Year from a position of strength, grateful for all your ongoing loyalty and support. We look forward to expanding our services and reaching more underserved neighborhoods throughout NYC to help even more families in the coming year.



NYCP X CBS NY #BETTERTOGETHER

If you watch CBS New York, you have seen that New York Common Pantry is once again the station's charity partner for its "Season of Giving/#BetterTogether" campaign. The news team has been creating stories about NYCP and our CBO partners since mid-October. This December 9, a full team of on-air talent and crews broadcast live from both Choice Pantry Manhattan and The Hub for two hours. That day, they and station employees packed 1,200 Mobile Pantry bags and 350 bags of produce, sorted 7,200 lbs of donated food, made 200 sandwiches for our Brown Bag Lunches and served 140 families. CBS NY viewers have been donating to help NYCP. An amazing celebration of the holiday season.

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MEET OUR GUEST: MERCEDES HERBERT



Mercedes grew up in East Harlem and still lives in the neighborhood. She grappled with food insecurity in the 70s and 80s while raising three children and received support from food stamps. As a retiree, the Pantry has been a significant help, especially with the food stamp cuts in March in addition to the cost of living and food prices continuing to rise in NYC. She says for a lot of people, "it's hard making it out here especially in East Harlem. We need the Pantry." Mercedes says part of surviving is finding sales and cooking foods such as beans, rice, and soups in big batches.

MAKING HOLIDAYS BRIGHT

Our teams worked extra hard this holiday season to bring comfort and joy to the communities that depend on us. NYCP's Turkey Distribution was doubled this year; 6,800 turkeys, 1,700 roaster chickens and 500 pernil/pork shoulder were distributed and 7,800+ families received a Thanksgiving package. We served nearly 450 guests a holiday meal at our Thanksgiving luncheon and an incredible 489 guests enjoyed our Holiday luncheon, the most we've ever served. We also distributed 1,900+ Live Healthy! cookbooks and 300 coats and cold weather items. Topping it off, 1,176 gift cards and stocking stuffers were given to families in the community.



7,360
 VOLUNTEERS
 CONTRIBUTED 11,800
 HOURS SO FAR IN FY24