West Side Campaign Against Hunger
Report 2016
Mission

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Here’s how you can help:

Stay in touch: Sign up for email updates at www.wscah.org.

Volunteer: Email sachaer@wscah.org to learn more about volunteering.

Give food: Email brobinson@wscah.org for information on how your building can join the Yes We Can Food Drive.

Donate: Make a tax-deductible contribution online at www.wscah.org/donate.

Text HUNGER to 77948 to donate using your phone.

Send a check made out to West Side Campaign Against Hunger to 263 West 86th Street, New York, NY 10024. Attn: Brian Robinson
SNAPSHOT

WEST SIDE CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUNGER

In 2016 we distributed nearly 1.7 million pounds of food to hungry families, and helped them access over $4 million in benefits.

CUSTOMER-CHOICE PANTRY
1,015,164 meals for 33,373 people
1,690,595 million pounds of food
286,691 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables
$1,134,000 in donated food

SOCIAL SERVICES FOR LONG-TERM HELP
$4,158,570 in benefits drawn down by clients
520 families enrolled in SNAP (food stamps)
341 families enrolled in health insurance
154 clients placed in jobs

PROGRAMS TO CHANGE LIVES
29,742 volunteer hours donated
6,718 clients participated in yoga classes
7,024 families received clothing

CHEF TRAINING
80 students enrolled
40 students graduated
38 students found a job or continued their education

WHO DEPENDS ON US
Gender: 58% Female, 42% Male
Ethnicity: Ethnicity: 69% Hispanic, 20% African-American, 5% Caucasian, 6% Other
Age: 26% 0-17, 47% 18-54, 27% 55+
Citizenship: 66% U.S., 24% U.S. Resident, 10% Other
Residence: 59% Manhattan, 33% Bronx, 8% Other Boroughs

KEY PARTNERS
Lily Auchincloss Foundation
City Harvest
Emergency Food & Shelter Program
Michael G. Fisch Family Foundation
Food Bank for New York City
The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust
New York State Hunger Prevention & Nutrition Assistance Program
Robin Hood
Single Stop USA
United Way of New York City

BUDGET
$3,772,696
Program Year: July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016

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Recipient of New York State Hunger Prevention & Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) 2012-2013 Best Practices Award for providing healthy food exceeding HPNAP’s standards.

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Food

Emergency Food—Customer Choice Pantry

Hungry families come to us from all across New York City because they know our pantry will have a large selection of healthy, fresh food. And they know they will be treated with dignity. People can come to our pantry once a month and choose three days-worth of food for each member of their family. Last year, we distributed 1.7 million pounds of nutritious food to 33,373 people.
Social Services

Stability—Counseling and Case Management

When families come to West Side Campaign Against Hunger for food, we have an opportunity to help them address the long-term issues hindering their ability to provide for their families and become self-sufficient. Clients meet with a counselor, who works with them to address housing, work, education, language and financial issues that may be holding them back.

Last year, we helped 520 families enroll in food stamps, 341 enroll in health insurance and 154 find jobs. In total, we helped clients draw down $4,158,570 in benefits.
Success Story

Maria (A Passion for Cooking)

Maria was visiting a neighborhood pantry, when she saw the flyer for the Chef Training Program. She attended an Open House, interviewed and was invited to join the next class. Over the next fourteen weeks she learned knife skills, kitchen positioning, nutrition, and sanitation among many useful kitchen skills. She also learned personal skills, especially how to deal with other people working in close quarters.

Throughout the class, she used the pantry to help feed her two kids. She also met with a counselor to help her get benefits that stabilized her budget and enabled her to remain in the class. She was part of a team of students who prepared and served the food at the Taste of the Upper West Side and Grow Brooklyn events, where she gained valuable experience working large-scale food events.

Maria has always loved to cook. And now she thinks that passion can be turned into a career, and perhaps even her own restaurant one day. She is very grateful to Chef/Instructor Andrea Bergquist. “She’s awesome. She helped motivate me to reach my potential.”
Chef Training

Self-Sufficiency

Our ultimate goal is for clients to build self-sufficiency. We want them to take ownership of their lives. An important part of this effort is our Chef Training Program, which provides participants with the skills and knowledge to find employment in the restaurant and hospitality industry. In 2016, 80 students completed the 14-week program, 40 graduated and 36 received employment or continued on to other educational opportunities.
Advocacy & The Community

Empowering Clients

Our advocacy and policy work is firmly rooted in the experiences of our clients and the work we do providing them with services. We empower our clients to understand and speak out for their rights. A client accompanied our Advocacy Coordinator to Washington, DC, for an anti-hunger conference. We also speak for our clients—advocating for free school lunch and increased resources for food programs.
Volunteers

The Heartbeat of West Side Campaign Against Hunger

The only way we can provide food and other support to more than 33,000 people is through the generosity of our volunteers. Last year volunteers provided 29,742 hours of service in our pantry and other service areas. Our volunteers are students, retirees, business people, members of churches and synagogues. They stock shelves, unload trucks, assist clients with food selection, distribute clothing, and register people to vote, among many tasks.
Events

Community Support
Through memberships on committees, attendance at events, volunteering, providing financial support, participating in food drives and donating lightly-worn clothing and household items, our community makes our work possible. Thank you.
Income Sources FY16

- Government: 30.97%
- Foundations: 23.38%
- Individuals: 24.96%
- Religious: 4.52%
- Benefits: 14.13%
- Other: 2.04%

Where your support goes

- Food Pantry: 63%
- Counseling: 19%
- Training & Wellness: 7%
- Administration & Development: 11%
Donors

Foundations
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Single Stop USA
The Michael Fisch Family
The Achelis and Bodman Foundations
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Coalition for a Livable Upper West Side
Mitchell-Lama Residents Coalition
United Way of the National Capital Area
West 10th Street Housing Development
West 75th Street Block Association
West 83rd Street Block Association

Religious Organizations
Brick Presbyterian Church
Christ & St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church
Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew
Congregation Anshe Chesed
Congregation B’nai Jeshurun
Congregation Emanu-El of New York
Congregation Rodeph Sholom
Society for the Advancement of Judaism
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Broadway United Church of Christ
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Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church
Women’s Association
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MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger
Mechon Hadar
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Redeemer Presbyterian Church
Romemu
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Second Presbyterian Church
Society for Ethical Culture of New York City
Trinity Lutheran Church of Manhattan
United Methodist Women/Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew
West End Collegiate Church
West End Presbyterian Church
West End Synagogue
West Park Presbyterian Church
Young Adults/Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew

Government
NYS Hunger Prevention & Nutrition Assistance Program
The Emergency Food & Shelter Program
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Mayor Bill de Blasio
Senator Charles Schumer
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NYC Department of Youth & Community Development
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