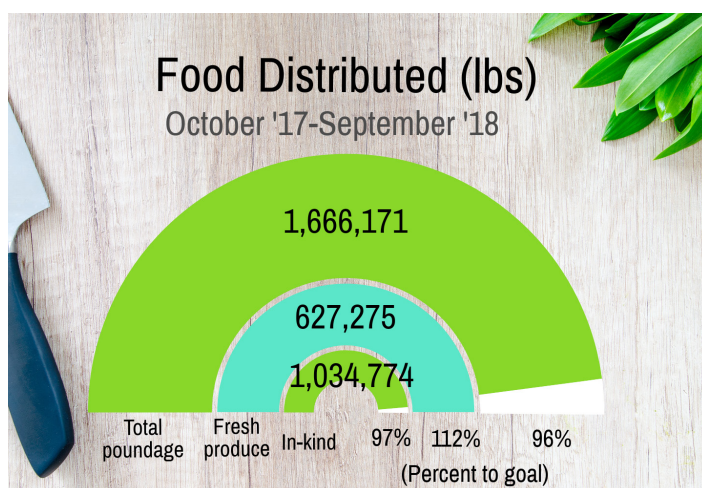


DIGNITY | COMMUNITY | CHOICE

FEEDING MORE FAMILIES TOGETHER VIA COLLECTIVE PURCHASING

West Side Campaign Against Hunger (WSCAH) has been a leader of innovation within the hunger-relief space since developing the first ever customer-choice, supermarket-style pantry. Forty years later, increasing access to healthy food while serving customers with dignity remains a bedrock of our work. This past year, WSCAH learned just how powerful strong partnerships can be through the work of our Mobile Market. By collaborating with 17 new partner organizations across the city we have fed more hungry New Yorkers in the last year than ever before. However, there are still 1.3 million New York City residents facing hunger. We need to create even more access points to fresh, healthy produce.



Through the support of Robin Hood Foundation and SeaChange Capital, WSCAH has brought together a group of four of the largest emergency feeding organizations in New York City to begin piloting a collective purchasing alliance. Coming together as consumers to harness our collective buying power via the alliance will allow the emergency feeding organizations to save costs while ultimately bringing an increased quantity and variety of healthy foods to hungry New Yorkers. "It's about us helping New York City community members get lifted out of food insecurity," he said. "It's not about our poundage; it's about our impact." said our Executive Director Greg Silverman in a recent New York Times feature.

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CUSTOMER SPOTLIGHT: INDIA



India is an animated individual who lights up the room when she walks in—just ask any of the other students currently in WSCAH's Culinary Pathways Program. She was referred to the program by a friend. India's lack of a GED had made her ineligible for other culinary programs offered in the city, but WSCAH's program is free and does not require students to have a GED to participate. Following her graduation from the program, India hopes to obtain vendor and food handling licenses to take her and her wife's Hispanic food company to the next level.

One of India's favorite parts of the program was working the Harvest Dinner where she helped prepare and serve a three course meal. India's wife, Lillian, picks up healthy food from our pantry once a month and hopes to enroll in the Culinary Pathways Program for the next cycle. India says though she was homeless for years she never found a pantry quite like WSCAH. She feels like she has found another family here. Her wife agrees: "she comes home every day with a smile on her face."



MISSION

Through a supermarket-style food pantry, West Side Campaign Against Hunger alleviates hunger and creates a culture that promotes self-reliance and works for change.

West Side Campaign Against Hunger changes our perception of hungry people by working in partnership with them, providing food with dignity, and empowering customers to find solutions.

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TEXT TO GIVE

As we enter the middle of winter, the need for our community to come together becomes much more urgent. Text the word PRODUCE to 56512 to help support our hungry neighbors during this extra challenging time of year. Our community thanks you.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: DEBORA BARRIOS

Six months ago, WSCAH gained an invaluable addition to our community. Debora Barrios moved into the Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew in May, taking sanctuary at the risk of deportation. Since then, Debora has supported other WSCAH volunteers working to learn English, helped with data entry to support our new collective purchasing initiative, and sorted and stocked the food pantry to ensure shelves full of fresh, healthy options. Aside from being a dedicated volunteer, Debora remains an inspiration for the entire WSCAH community. Most recently, we honored Debora at our 2018 Harvest Dinner—a small display of our tremendous appreciation.

To support Debora, visit <https://action.groundswell-mvmt.org/petitions/help-debora-return-back-home>



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PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: EPISCOPAL CHARITIES

Episcopal Charities provides funding and operational support to strengthen close to 100 programs throughout the ten-county Episcopal Diocese of New York. In total, since its founding in 1996, Episcopal Charities has granted more than \$15 million to local programs affiliated with parishes in the diocese serving people in need. Episcopal Charities has supported our own Culinary Pathways Program (previously called the Chef Training Program) both financially and programmatically for more than three years.

This past September, Episcopal Charities invited WSCAH to lead a series of two workshops for more than 30 food pantries and soup kitchens from across New York State. In both groups we discussed ways to foster a culture of respect and dignity, strategies to increase resources to serve more customers, and options to connect customers with the benefits they're entitled to. We are thankful to Episcopal Charities for giving us an avenue to serve as a best practice in emergency feeding and to collaborate with other organizations across the state.



THOUSAND TURKEY CHALLENGE THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all of our friends and neighbors who contributed to the 2018 Thousand Turkey Challenge! With your help, we provided more than 2,100 families with turkeys and other healthy holiday food to eat on Thanksgiving via over 800 donations that raised nearly \$95,500. And a very special thank you to our Thousand Turkey Challenge Community Coalition.



NEED FOOD, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND/OR JOB TRAINING?

West Side Campaign Against Hunger is located at 263 West 86th Street, at the basement level of the Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew.

On your first visit, you will meet with a counselor before you shop in the food pantry or receive other services. Please bring ID, proof of household size, and proof of address for all adults and children over 5 in the household. For children under 5, please bring ID. A list of acceptable documents can be found at www.wscah.org/faq/.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM; 1:00 PM – 6:30 PM | Wednesday to Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM; 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Phone: (212) 362-3662 x124

HARVEST DINNER THANK YOU



Thank you to all of the record-setting 210 attendees and all others who supported our 2018 Harvest Dinner & Silent Auction, which raised over \$230,000 to help feed hungry New Yorkers. Special thanks to Morgan Stanley for their substantial financial support of the Dinner and to WellCare Health Plans, Inc. for their significant financial support of the Dinner and financial and programmatic support of our Culinary Pathways Program.

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Checks should be made payable to West Side Campaign Against Hunger.

You can also donate online at wscah.org.

All donations are 100% tax-deductible.

Please check with your company to see if they match charitable contributions. This can double or triple the impact of your gift.

For more information, e-mail or call Jon Kornfeld at jkornfeld@wscah.org or (212) 362-3662 x127