



FALL 2016 NEWSLETTER AND DONOR APPEAL

Dear friends and supporters,

Fall is here and our kitchen is busier than ever! We couldn't be more grateful for the continued support of our longtime volunteers returning from the summer hiatus and the new volunteers who have joined us this season. We're also happy to report a new ongoing partnership with Trader Joe's Brooklyn, which now donates fresh produce, pantry items, and lovely fresh flowers to our kitchen and residence twice per week.

This summer we welcomed new board president **Franklin Stone**, who takes time out of her busy week to pick up Trader Joe's donations and deliver them to CHiPS. We also welcomed several new board members **Kedin Kilgore**, who is our new board Treasurer, **Gordon Meyer**, **Kate Navarro-McKay**, and **Ute Zimmermann**, and a new facilitator for our Wednesday evening residence meetings, **Debra Duby**, who has already booked our guest speakers from the community through the rest of the year.

As we continually seek to better serve the needs of our community, we are excited to announce our latest initiative, a mobile shower unit to be stationed in front of the CHiPS building. The unit would be the first of its kind in NYC and would feature two heated showers enclosed in a trailer, which our soup kitchen guests and other homeless individuals would be able to use during set hours. Given that there are currently no public showers available to the homeless in NYC, this service is desperately needed for our guests and the community as a whole. Councilman **Brad Lander** has given us enthusiastic support for the project, but you also can help by voting for the initiative as part of the 39th Council District Participatory Budget!

Lastly, with the end of the year fast approaching, this is our most critical fundraising time. In addition to joining us for fundraising events this fall, which you can learn more about in this newsletter and on our website, we hope you will think of us for your end-of-year charitable donations. As a private shelter, we rely on the generosity and caring of our community to keep our doors open and our soup pots hot. And for 45 years, you've helped us do just that!

Thank you so much for your continued support.


Denise Scaravella
Executive Director


Franklin Stone
Board President



BREAKFAST IS SERVED!

When **Bert Halliday's** 12-year-old son Jack had to find a place to volunteer, someone suggested CHiPS. Jack and Bert's wife, Mary Jean, spent a day working in the soup kitchen. The experience left such an impression that when Bert's older son, 23-year-old Ryan, passed away from leukemia, the family decided the best way for people to honor his memory was by making donations to CHiPS.



More than \$10,000 was raised. In response to a growing need in the community, the money was used to start a breakfast program in Ryan's name. "Ryan passed away in February, so the idea that this program could give someone a hot cup of coffee after a cold night on the street just doubled the meaning for us."



Bert was so touched at how CHiPS honored Ryan that he became more involved. "Anything that restores the dignity of somebody who, for circumstances beyond their control, finds themselves on the street – a hot cup of coffee, food in their stomach – to me that is a legitimate purpose." He's now on the CHiPS Board of Directors, and he and Mary Jean periodically go to Costco to buy the coffee, cups, dishes, and utensils that the donations don't cover.

At a recent Board meeting, members were trying to figure out a way to provide showers for the homeless who come for meals. Bert went to work on the problem. Since CHiPS can't expand the building, Bert researched what other charitable organizations around the country are doing, and he discovered the idea of a portable shower unit that could be parked in front of the CHiPS building. Ideally, donations would allow CHiPS to hand out a bar of soap, a towel, and a new pair of socks to every person who comes to shower.

For Bert, choosing to help an organization like CHiPS just feels right. "Larger organizations are often choked by parochial politics, but what's great about CHiPS is that they aren't trying to take on things they can't handle. I think that's the key to their success."

Bert is aware of the precarious nature of that success. "CHiPS needs funding sources so each year doesn't start off with a scramble. Right now, money comes in and goes right out. The majority of donations are goods, not cash. And that's not regular income."

Recently, the Hallidays held a bowling party in Ryan's name, raising \$2,900 for CHiPS. "We want to capture Ryan's spirit, and be true to the person he was. He was a remarkable kid who had an ability to pull groups and friends together who had nothing in common. Because of that, people keep trying to find a way to express their love for him. We're very grateful that the donations keep coming in."





\$350 shelters a mom & her baby for 1 month



LIU students' Empty Bowls fundraiser raised \$1,100 for CHiPS.



Preschoolers at the Brooklyn Sandbox had a food drive for CHiPS



Whole Foods donated personal care products

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO

8 restaurants participated in our Night Out event this July.



\$50 provides 30 meals



The Whole Foods 5% day, raised more than \$9,000 for CHiPS.

Our volunteers are committed to making our guests feel at home.



We are thankful these students held a toiletry drive for CHiPS!"

Thanks to our local food donors we are able to give our guests fresh, healthy, and organic meals.



We are grateful for A Taste of 5th's generous donation to CHiPS.



The Urban Assembly School for Criminal Justice volunteered for a day in the soup kitchen.



Thanks to a generous donation—of 34 boxes—of brand new clothing items from Lord & Taylor, we hosted a Pop-Up Clothing Shop at CHiPS in August. High-school volunteers chipped in by running the shop, and the proceeds made it possible for us to buy a much-needed new washer and dryer for the Frances Residence!



HOW YOU CAN HELP

DONATE

Thanks to our team of volunteers and local businesses that help us cover expenses like this newsletter, we're able to keep our administrative costs extremely low. Which means donations you make go where they are most needed: \$50 will help us feed 30 people; \$350 will provide one month's shelter for a mom and her baby. Donations can be made through our website or the attached mail-in form.

VOLUNTEER

We are an almost exclusively volunteer-led organization, and rely on you, our local community, to help us run our programs. Interested in getting involved? Come to one of our orientation sessions. We run them on the second Thursday of every month at 9am and the last Thursday of the month at 6pm. No need to book – just show up. Hope to see you there!

OUR STAFF

Denise Scaravella, Executive Director
Andi Hinnenkamp, Executive Assistant
Janice Leppy, Director of Food Services
Sharon Lewis, Director of Shelter Services
Pepe Dmayan, Director of Finance
Laura Goldberg, Social Media Manager
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Juan Inoa, Maintenance
Pat Hannan, House Mother
Maria Marzella, House Mother

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CALL TO ACTION!

You can help the mothers in the Frances Residence this winter by contributing to their electric bills!

To ensure the residence stays warm enough through the winter months, we provide a space heater for each apartment to supplement the building heat. Since residents pay their own electric bills as part of our program, cold winters mean increased costs for them. By directing your donation toward electricity bills, you can help keep our young mothers and their babies warm this winter!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHIPS NIGHT OUT – TUESDAY, OCT. 25

Some of Brooklyn's best restaurants will be donating 15% of their dinner checks to CHiPS. Check out chipsonline.org for a list of participating restaurants. Thanks to board member **Peter Endriss**, co-owner of Night Out participant Runner and Stone for continuing to coordinate these events! Dine out, do good!

5K RUN/WALK – SATURDAY, NOV. 5

Join us Saturday, November 5 at 9 a.m. in Prospect Park for the CHiPS 5K Fun Run/Walk. This year will be our first themed run, Totally 80s!, with prizes for the best male and female costumes. It doesn't matter if you're more Moonwalk than Running Man - it's all about having a good time and raising money for a great cause. To sign up visit chipsonline.org.



GIVING TUESDAY OPEN HOUSE – NOV. 29

Take a tour of CHiPS and meet staff, board members, and others in the community who care about CHiPS!

CHIPS GALA – COMING THIS SPRING, STAY TUNED FOR A DATE!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT & DONATIONS.

CHIP IN NOW!

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Soup Kitchen Frances Residence Electricity Bills

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Donations may be made by check, credit card, or on our website at chipsonline.org

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