



CHIPS

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Dear friends and supporters,

In 1971, CHIPS started as a small advocacy organization. Eventually, CHIPS moved to its current location, where volunteers made soup on a small stove and set up cots at night for local homeless men. Today, CHIPS serves close to **350 meals per day (up from 250 per day in previous years)** with the help of many community partnerships, including a new weekly delivery of food donated by the Brooklyn Lion's Club and promised donations from a new Trader Joe's location and Whole Foods. The support of all of our partners, donors, and volunteers allows us to serve as a lifeline to those in need in our community.

This September marks the start of our **Soup Kitchen Seat-Naming Campaign**, which will fund the purchase of much-needed, new dining room furniture. For \$500 a seat and \$1,000 a table, you can name one of the 50 seats or ten tables in our dining room. It's a great way to show your support or honor a loved one.

We have several upcoming events, including our fall **Night Out on Tuesday, October 24**, our **4th Annual 5K Fun Run/**

Walk on Saturday, November 4, and our **Giving Tuesday Open House on Tuesday, November 28**, which offer simple ways to learn more about us and support our cause.

Fall and winter is not only our busiest time in the soup kitchen, but also our most critical fundraising time, and we are so grateful to our supporters who think of us for their end-of-year donations. We hope you'll join in bringing joy and nourishment to our less fortunate neighbors by participating in one of our events, volunteering at CHIPS, or making a financial contribution this season.

Thank you for your continued support.

Denise Scaravella
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Franklin Stone
BOARD PRESIDENT



Cooking with Jack

Our soup kitchen coordinator is one of the key roles at CHiPS, coordinating and preparing our sit-down lunch each day, so people are often surprised to learn that our volunteers gladly take on that challenge. **Jack Berkowitz**, a soup kitchen coordinator three days a week, has been involved with CHiPS for three years and a trusted coordinator for two. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, he decides what meals are served, selects the ingredients, and ensures that all of the food is properly prepared. On Tuesdays, he also treats our guests to his much-beloved stew, a favorite in our kitchen. Being a coordinator, Jack wears many hats, so his longtime experience in the restaurant world is a huge help.

When asked how he became involved with CHiPS, Jack recalled, "I had just moved to Park Slope and had walked by CHiPS a couple times, and I became interested in the work that was being done there, so I walked in and asked if Denise was there...I asked if they needed help in the kitchen and she said yes and to show up on Monday." "Ever since then," Denise adds, "Jack has been the first one we contact when we need extra help. He always generously gives his time for the betterment of his community."

Jack helping to prepare a meal in CHiPS's kitchen. "Serving healthy meals to people in need has been very rewarding."

Jack says that his favorite part of volunteering at CHiPS is "the people, by far. Not only is the staff phenomenal, but so are the guests we serve." Jack has formed close relationships with many of the soup kitchen guests over the years and even took one to a concert. "Serving healthy meals to people in need has been very rewarding." 🍌

▶ Like all of our soup kitchen coordinators, Jack is an integral part of the CHiPS family. We couldn't do what we do without our volunteers!

Shave and a Haircut

Benny's Barbershop, a new partner of CHiPS, provides an invaluable service to many of our homeless guests: a haircut and a shave. As simple as it seems, that alone can have a huge impact on the well-being and self-worth of those living on the streets. One of our guests, Richie, was so thrilled by his transformation after a recent haircut that Denise asked him if he would be interested in sending his picture to anyone. He gave Denise his father's contact information and Denise sent along a picture. The response back was incredible. Richie's father had not seen him in years and was extremely thankful to know his son was okay and requested to talk with him. Denise obliged, and the two men talked for nearly two hours, catching up on all of the family news they had missed from each other. It goes to show that the impact of even small changes can reverberate in incredible ways in a person's life. ♥



Richie before and after his shave and haircut.



Soup Kitchen Seat-Naming Campaign

Serving 350 meals each day means a lot of wear and tear on our tables and chairs, but you can help us purchase new dining room furniture! Donate \$500 or \$1000 to CHiPS and your name or a loved one's will be attached to one of the new seats or tables (respectively). There are 50 seats and 10 tables available and the campaign closes on Thanksgiving Day, so contact CHiPS today at (718) 237-2962 for more information!

Upcoming Events

CHIPS 4th Annual 5K Run/Walk

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4



Join us for one of our biggest, funnest fundraisers of the year, organized by CHiPS Board Member Martha Doble since its start in 2014. This year's theme is **SUPERHEROES!** Participants run, jog, walk, or dance their way around almost one complete loop of Prospect Park,

and receive prizes for male and female fastest runners and best costumes. Entry fees benefit CHiPS and all participants receive a free T-shirt. It's a family-friendly event under the beautiful fall foliage, so we hope to see all you Supermen and Wonder Women at the starting line! Check chipsonline.org for details and registration.



Winners of Best Costume at last year's 80s-themed 5K Run/Walk.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



All Saints' Episcopal Church 150th Anniversary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

CHiPS Executive Director Denise Scaravella will be the Community Honoree at All Saints' Episcopal Church's 150th Anniversary Celebration at Grand Prospect Hall. All Saints' has been a generous partner to CHiPS for many years and we are honored to be a part of their celebration. You can learn more about the event at

<http://www.allsaintsparkslope.org/150.html>



Thank you to the volunteers from JP Morgan who painted our dining room to give our guests a fresh place to return to after our August break.

Night Out

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Some of Brooklyn's best **restaurants will donate 15% of their dinner checks** to CHiPS, so you can enjoy a meal out and make a difference. Check out chipsonline.org for a list of participating restaurants. Thanks to CHiPS Board Member Peter Endriss, co-owner of Runner & Stone, a Night Out favorite, for continuing to coordinate this event!



Giving Tuesday Open House

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Take a tour of CHiPS, learn about the work we do, and meet staff, board members, and others in the community who support CHiPS. Light refreshments will be served.



Third Annual Spring Gala

STAY TUNED FOR A DATE!

Held at the gorgeous Green Building in Gowanus, our **largest fundraiser of the year** helps offset our operating costs throughout the year and gives our vibrant, diverse community of supporters a chance to connect. We hope you'll join us!



Thank you to the volunteers from Kingsboro Temple for helping us clean our soup kitchen in preparation for our reopening after the summer break.



Thank you to these volunteers from Whole Foods Brooklyn for helping us tidy up for our August break.

Donate

Here at CHiPS we are extremely thankful to our volunteers and to the local businesses that support us. Because of all of this wonderful support, we are able to keep overhead costs low, including the cost of this newsletter. This means your donations go to what is most needed: **\$20 helps us feed 5 people** a well-balanced, wholesome meal; **\$350 provides one month's shelter** to a mother and her baby. Donations can be made through our website, chipsonline.org, or the attached mail-in form.

Volunteer

CHiPS is an almost exclusively volunteer-led organization, and relies on you, our local community, to help us run our programs. Interested in getting involved? Attend one of our **monthly volunteer orientations!** We run them on the second Thursday of every month at 9 a.m. and the last Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. No need to book - just show up. Hope you can join us!

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Direct my donation to (select):

SOUP KITCHEN FRANCES RESIDENCE SEAT-NAMING

Name: _____

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