Over these past few months, we here at CHiPS have been reminded time and time again of the strength and generosity of our neighbors. From local business owners to students to community groups, so many have chipped in to help us fight the problems of hunger and homelessness in our city. With the support of our community, we have had the opportunity to both grow as an organization and honor those who are helping us along the way.

At our Annual Spring Gala, which raised a record amount for CHiPS, we honored Joe Holtz, general manager of the Park Slope Food Coop, for his steadfast commitment to our mission, and welcomed the family of the late Brendan Dugan, former president of Saint Francis College and longtime CHiPS supporter, for a special commemoration.

At a dedication ceremony for our Frances Residence Room Naming Campaign, we celebrated our connection to the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, with Sister Mary Maloney, Sister Giannica, and Sister Teresita in attendance. As you may know, our Frances Residence is named after the founder of the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, Blessed Mary Frances Shervier. The Naming Campaign will fund much-needed renovations to our shelter.

We are also pleased to share with you that thanks to the resounding support of the residents of District 39 and Council Member Brad Lander, the CHiPS ‘Mobile Showers for Homeless Neighbors’ project made history as the most voted-for ballot initiative of any District 39 Participatory Budget vote.

When our community comes together, big changes happen. It has been a record-setting season for CHiPS, and we are so grateful to share our successes with you. Thank you for your continued support.
Thank you to all of our neighbors and supporters who helped make our Second Annual Gala such a success! The event raised more than $60,000 for CHiPS, topping last year’s gala by $10,000. Almost 100% of the funds raised will go back to our programs; the food, beverages, and space were all donated through the help of CHiPS Board Members Peter Endriss and Akiva Reich.

**HONOREES**

Joe Holtz, general manager of the Park Slope Food Coop and this year’s gala honoree, was presented with an Outstanding Service Award from CHiPS for his years of dedication to our cause.

Joe Dugan, son of former Saint Francis College President Brendan Dugan, shared warm remembrances of his late father’s connection to CHiPS, and we presented Joe and his brother Patrick with an Outstanding Service Award in Brendan’s name.

CHiPS Executive Director Denise Scaravella with the staff of Insa and Purslane, two of the local restaurants that generously provided free catering at our gala. Gala-goers also enjoyed food and drink from Runner & Stone, Freek’s Mill, al di la Trattoria, Stone Park Café, Lavender Lake, Bedell Cellars, New York Distilling Company, and Strong Rope Brewery.

Our Gala was generously sponsored by: Pilot Realty, ConEdison, Cushman & Wakefield, Mitchell Schwartz, National Grid, ADG, Architectural Grille, Brooklyn Solar Works, Capalino, iDekogov, Gowanus Grid & Electric, Langan, and Monadnock.

Special thanks to: Gowanus Hospitality Group, Park Slope Food Coop, Park Slope Parents, Ute Zimmermann Website Design, and photographer Amber Marlow.

**FRANCES RESIDENCE NAMING CAMPAIGN**

Sister Mary, Sister Giannica, and Sister Teresita, along with members of our community, visited CHiPS for the dedication of the Frances Residence to the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor and the naming of several rooms in our Residence. The dedication ceremony was part of our Frances Residence Room Naming Campaign, which is funding renovations to our shelter for young moms and infants.

So far, the Campaign has raised $25,000 of our $50,000 goal. With improvements already underway in the common areas of the Residence, construction is set to begin soon in the five rooms that have been named.

Out with the old, in with the new: renovations of the kitchens in our shelter apartments will provide a better home for our expecting and new moms.

To find out how you can name one of the five apartments still in need of funding, please email admin@chipsonline.org.
This April, more than 7,000 residents of Council District 39 in Brooklyn voted on how their tax dollars should be used to fund projects in their community through the participatory budget. CHiPS was grateful to be able to add our mobile showers project to the ballot, and we were floored to learn that our project was not only the top vote-getter of 2017, but of any year since participatory budget voting began in our district.

MOBILE SHOWERS FOR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS

The CHiPS “Mobile Showers for Homeless Neighbors” project will bring dignity and improved health to Brooklyn’s homeless by providing safe, regular access to clean, climate-controlled showers. Shower access is hard to come by for those living on the street, but the well-being it provides dramatically increases their quality of life and the overall health of our community.

For $59,560.00, CHiPS can provide hygiene services for our neediest neighbors.

A Mobile trailer containing 2 weather proofed, secure, shower stalls, that can be parked outside.

The shower trailer will be hitched to a van, included in budget costs.

Each stall will include a shower, sink and dressing area. Toilets are inside the CHiPS facility.

CHiPS will provide soap, shampoo, and towels as part of the program. Clean socks and clothes when possible.

Check our website in the coming months for further details and opportunities to volunteer in support of this new program.

Andi Hinnenkamp of CHiPS and Susie Charlop, Director of Organizing and Constituent Services for Council Member Brad Lander, at the May announcement of the 2017 winning projects.

Jeanne Pfordresher, a Frances Residence volunteer, created this rendering of a possible design for the CHiPS Mobile Showers.
HOW YOU CAN HELP

DONATE
Thanks to volunteers, community organizations, and local businesses that help us cover expenses like this newsletter, we’re able to keep our administrative costs extremely low. This means donations go where they’re needed most: $50 feeds 30 people; $350 provides one month’s shelter for a young mom and her infant. **Want to contribute? Donate through our website or using the attached mail-in form.**

VOLUNTEER
We are an almost exclusively volunteer-led organization and rely on you, our community, to help us run our programs. Learn how you can help at one of our orientation sessions, held 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 come by!**

CALL TO ACTION
You can name a seat in our soup kitchen! The CHiPS dining room is in need of new tables and chairs. For $500, you can name one of the 50 seats that will make up our renovated dining room, where 350+ meals per day are served to homeless and food-insecure residents of New York City. Name a seat with family and friends, team up with your neighbors, or honor a loved one. The Soup Kitchen Seat Naming Campaign goes until Thanksgiving. **Email admin@chipsonline.org for details on how to donate.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**JUNE 24, 1PM-4PM**
**“Kick off the Summer” Benefit**
BlueRock Energy and Aviator Sports are hosting a party on the patio of Aviator Sports at Floyd Bennet Field, 3159 Flatbush Ave. in Marine Park. The event will feature two pools, basketball, bocce ball, shuffleboard, volleyball, and a bar, along with a silent auction with all proceeds benefiting CHiPS. **Please call CHiPS at (718) 237-2962 to RSVP for the event.**

**JUNE 27**
**Night Out**
Enjoy a night out and you’ll help those in need. Some of Brooklyn’s best restaurants will donate 15% of their dinner checks to CHiPS for our summer Night Out. **Check chipsonline.org for participating restaurants. See you on the town!**

CHECK CHiPSONLINE.ORG FOR UPDATED EVENT INFO + MORE

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Amount of donation: $__________________
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Name:__________________________________________________________
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**DONATIONS BY CREDIT CARD**

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*PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN IN THE PROVIDED ENVELOPE.*

**DONATIONS MAY ALSO BE MADE ON OUR WEBSITE AT CHiPSONLINE.ORG**