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FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER & DONOR APPEAL

Dear CHiPS Friends and Supporters,

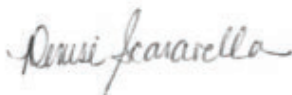
We would like to take the time to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported CHiPS! Everything we have accomplished here at CHiPS in the past year, we could not have done without you. The community supporting CHiPS is a true blessing and we are eternally grateful to everyone who has contributed in any way big or small. Thank you!

We hope you've had a great summer and start to your fall. We have been up to lots of transformations over here at CHiPS including an update of our Dining Room thanks to our table and seat naming donors as well as an update of the kitchens in the Frances Residence thanks to our room naming donors.

This fall we have many ways for you to get involved with CHiPS! On **Tuesday, October 23**, we will be hosting our Fall **Night Out** when amazing Brooklyn eateries will donate 15% of their dinner checks to CHiPS. On **Saturday, November 3**, we will have our **Chips 5K** in Prospect Park. Thanksgiving is so special at CHiPS, we serve our biggest meal of the year to our soup kitchen guests. **Giving Tuesday** is an international movement to raise money for non-profits. Please save the date for **Tuesday, November 27** to remind yourself to support CHiPS! Also, on **November 27**, we will be hosting an **Open House** so stop by from **5-7 pm**.

Now is more critical than ever to help the hungry and homeless in our community. As affordable housing, food, and goods in our city become scarce, more and more people are in need. This creates added need here at CHiPS as more guests stop by for a meal. Your donation to CHiPS goes directly to those most in need and your support is greatly needed at this time.

Thank you for your continued support.



Denise Scaravella
Executive Director



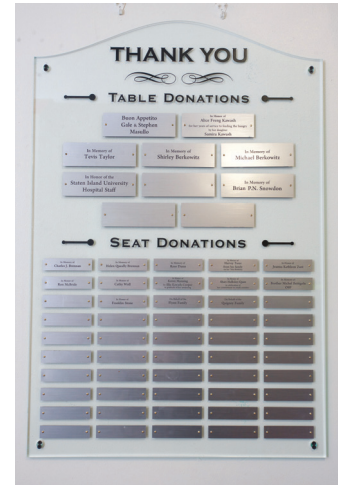
Franklin Stone
Board President

Dining room update

CHiPS Seat Naming Campaign was created to help CHiPS replace its dining room furniture by asking supporters to donate \$500 to name a seat and/or \$1,000 to name a table. Thanks to our naming donors, we were able to buy new dining room furniture this summer. We dedicated our newly improved dining room on September 4, the day before we re-opened our soup kitchen on September 5, after our annual August break.



Our guests have commented that they love the new dining room furniture. The seats are larger, taller and a little more spread out so they feel like they have more room and are therefore more comfortable. They also love the new color scheme which is lighter and brighter. Thank you so much to our naming donors, this all would not have been possible without you! We still have seats and tables that need naming so call us at (718) 237-2962 to learn more.



Frances Residence Kitchen update

Through our **Frances Residence Room Naming Campaign**, CHiPS has asked supporters for \$5,000 to name a room. These funds were used to renovate the kitchens in each of the 9 apartments and 1 community kitchen (all of which hadn't been renovated for 20+ years). We are excited to inform you that we now have updated kitchens! We also had to shut down our Frances Residence in January



until now in order to repair the apartments

after they became water damaged after a pipe burst in January. We were able to insulate and re-point the rooms to prevent this from happening again during this time of renovation. Our Frances Residence will be opening again soon, hopefully sometime this month.



Reflection from CHiPS Volunteer, Emelia Benoit-Lavelle

"CHiPS has been such a bright place for me the last two years and meeting you all has made Brooklyn feel like home. I'm very grateful for your positivity and friendships. I'll certainly miss you and Chips very much. Thank you for welcoming me into your community as you do so kindly to so many."



CHiPS 5K Saturday, November 3

On **Saturday, November 3**, we will host our **CHiPS 5K** in Prospect Park. The **theme this year is Team Spirit**, so come dressed in your favorite team's

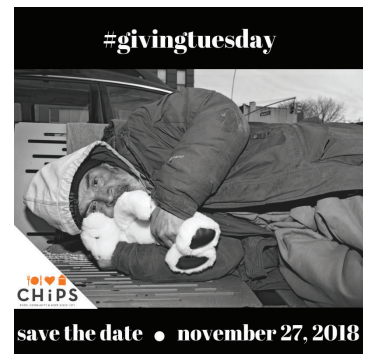
gear. You'll get to enjoy a beautiful morning in Prospect Park while supporting CHiPS! There will be prizes for the fastest runners and the best costume. The race starts at 10 am but we suggest you arrive early. More information can be found on our website, chipsonline.org.



In addition, we are doing something a little different this year. We are asking runners/walkers to **fundraise for CHiPS!** By sharing why you're running/walking for CHiPS to your friends and family, we are hoping they will be inspired to donate to CHiPS. More information can be found when you buy your ticket and on our website.

Giving Tuesday Tuesday, November 27

As part of the international movement of **Giving Tuesday**, we would like you to remember CHiPS and to consider donating on **Tuesday, November 27** to support our mission.



Night Out

Tuesday, October 23

Support CHiPS by eating at local restaurants, which will be donating 15% of their dinner checks to CHiPS on **Tuesday, October 23**. The following restaurants will be participating this year: Baba's Pierogies, Bogota Bistro, Cuba Mi Vida, Dinosaur BBQ, Dirty Precious, Double Windsor, Givers and Takers, Miti Miti, Royal Palms Shuffleboard Club, and Runner & Stone. Find more information on our website, chipsonline.org.



Giving Tuesday Open House Tuesday, November 27

On **Giving Tuesday, November 27 from 5-7 pm**, we will be hosting an Open House. If you are interested in learning more about CHiPS or if you just haven't stopped by in a while and want a tour of our recently renovated dining room and the Frances Residence kitchens stop by. We will be showcasing **one of our soup kitchen coordinators, Jack Berkowitz's** paintings of some of our soup kitchen guests. They are beautiful, striking, and a great way of dignifying the wonderful guests we see each day in our soup kitchen. Pictured here is one of the paintings.



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.

Thanksgiving Thursday, November 22

Every year, CHiPS hosts its biggest meal of the year on **Thanksgiving Day** for our soup kitchen guests! If you would like to volunteer, we start accepting volunteers on November 1 and slots fill up quickly. We don't take groups larger than 2 people. If you are interested in helping CHiPS out over the holiday but can't volunteer on Thanksgiving Day, CHiPS loves to receive food for the day, including side dishes and desserts. Please donate these only a day or two before Thanksgiving or on Thanksgiving morning so they are as fresh as possible. We also love to receive decorations for Thanksgiving (including tablecloths, themed paper plates, and decorations to hang on the wall or ceiling). Give us a call at (718) 237-2962 if you are interested in volunteering or donating for Thanksgiving.

Volunteer

We are an almost exclusively volunteer-led organization, and rely on you, our local community, to help us run 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 9 am** and the **last Thursday of the month at 6 pm**. No need to book – just show up. We hope to see you there!



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Thank you for your continued support and donations! Please tear and return in the provided envelope.

CHiP in now!

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

Donations by check (made to CHiPS or Community Help in Park Slope):

Amount of donation: \$ _____

Direct my donation to (select):

Soup Kitchen Frances Residence

Name: _____
Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____
Address: _____

Donations by credit card:

Card type (select): *Visa Mastercard Amex*

Card number: _____

Exp. date: _____ CW number: _____ Zip code: _____

Signature: _____