Dear Supporters,

CHIPS has maintained its legacy of serving the least of these through food and pantry meal service, and housing displaced women and infants in our shelter. When CHIPS began, I am sure its founders had no idea their impact would last fifty-one years. As we commemorate CHIPS fifty-first year of service to the Park Slope community, we the leaders, and all other stakeholders are committed to raising the bar of service to the people we encounter daily. By examining our approach, and being courageous in widening our reach, we are committed to broadening our impact. This looks like further embracing innovation in how we conduct service, expanding our partnerships, and exploring new communities to exist in while strengthening the current ones.

It is evident, that without our volunteers, dedicated staff, and board of directors, CHIPS would not exist. It is through the faithful philanthropy of our dedicated supporters that CHIPS can efficiently support through our shelter services nine women and twenty-one children. Also, feed through our soup kitchen and meal pantry, one thousand and two hundred people per week.

As we embark on this next part of our journey together, I am reminded of a verse in the Christian bible that says, according to the gospel of John chapter 12 verse 8, that “there will always be the poor among you.” In this way, the work and life of CHIPS are necessary. It is necessary to carry out this divine work to ensure that our brothers and sisters who are food insecure do not go without if we can help it. A special thanks to all of you for making our work and mission possible.

Last year was the 50th year that CHIPS has fed the hungry and provided a home to new mothers and their babies. But who is CHIPS in 2022? CHIPS is the 200 food insecure individuals forming a line on 4th Ave, waiting to receive lunch and what might be their only meal of the day. CHIPS is the score of volunteers who make and deliver those lunches. CHIPS is the 9 single mothers upstairs in their studio apartments ensuring that the first year of their newborn’s lives will be lived in a safe and loving community. CHIPS is our Executive Director, Shivonne McKay Annan, and her staff of 17, strengthening the programs that have been bequeathed to us from prior generations and exploring new ways for us to meet the needs of our guests and engage the community. CHIPS is the 11 Board members who steward the organization, support the staff and assure our financial sustainability. Most importantly CHIPS is the hundreds and hundreds of Brooklyn neighbors who in the 70s and 80s and 90s and the first two decades of this century, were mindful of their neighbors needs shared their Time, Talent and Treasure.

My role as Board President is both demanding and exhilarating. The most critical task is to draw upon the community’s generosity so that we may continue to serve the food-deprived and homeless. Unlike other charities CHIPS has no annual contract with any City, State, or Federal program that would provide us with an income stream. Nor do we have any products to sell or assets to rent out. We don’t yet have an endowment to draw down from. All of our income, 100% comes from individuals, family foundations, and the occasional city or state grant. We live from year to year, not knowing how generous our benefactors will be. Thankfully people like you continue to support us because they can identify so easily with our mission and they see we are working hard at it. The pandemic kept us from celebrating our 50th year in 2021 but 2022 will see a celebration. Thursday, October 20th Save the date!
Since 1971, CHiPS (Community Help in Park Slope, Inc.) has been a community of Brooklyn neighbors, volunteers, and friends who share a common vision to help encourage and support those often forgotten. Our soup kitchen and food pantry serve as many as 175 meals daily. In our Frances Residence, we provide shelter for single mothers and their infants as well as pre- and post-natal support. Our model drives awareness and access to nutritious foods while cultivating resilience and equity through our free-of-charge food distribution program and housing.

CHiPS Guest Matthew

"The food here is so much better than in the shelters. Plus, it’s community based."

"I live nearby, and CHiPS is really consistent. I know that I can always come here. Where else can I get some food and talk about Squid Game?"

We’re a proudly small and local team with remarkably big and far-reaching goals.

Our mission is to eliminate food insecurity and homelessness in NYC. We operate more like a hospitality business than a social service agency. The people we serve aren’t our “clients”—they’re our guests.

As we celebrate our 50th Anniversary this year CHiPS is poised to continued being a leader in this work.
Year in Review

GROSS INCOME

Since inception in 1971 the assets of CHiPS have achieved significant growth. At the onset of the pandemic we experienced an outpouring of community support that has continued today.

$1,728,249 M RAISED IN 2021

EXPENSES

We are proud to share more than 80% of CHiPS’ total spending goes directly to our programs, which compares favorably to nonprofits of similar sizes.
IMAPCT AND REACH

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MEALS SERVED FOR THE LAST 50 YEARS!!!

SOUP KITCHEN AND FOOD PANTRY

We are proud to have served the community for over 50 years. In 2021 we restarted our breakfast services in addition to our daily lunch program preparing and serving 175 hot meals six days a week and distributed close to 5,000 pantry bags to the community.

FRANCES RESIDENCE

Throughout 2021 the Frances Residence maintained full capacity and transitioned 12 families into permanent housing. Our mothers obtained certificates in the hospitality and culinary arts industry.

92% OF MOTHER’S MAINTAINED EMPLOYED

VOLUNTEERS

In 2021 over 700+ individuals expressed interest in volunteering with CHiPS. We are proud to have developed new volunteer opportunities that kept our community engaged and safe in this pre-pandemic era. We look to partner with even more volunteers in the future.

Volunteers are the backbone of our organization and the founding principle of CHiPS. For more information about volunteer opportunities visit chipsonline.org
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To our Board of Directors!!

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