



2024 Spring/Summer Newsletter

A Letter From The Executive Director

Dear Friends:

As Spring arrives and Summer slowly approaches us and we come out of hibernation, I would like to take a moment to emphasize an element that stands at the core of our name – Community.

The essence of what we do here is rooted deeply within the concept of community. While our focus and mission is providing meals to those who are food insecure; it's also about fostering connections and nurturing a sense of belonging among all who walk through our doors. We hold our Guiding Principles close to our hearts in who we are at the Community Dining Room.

- 1) **Breaking down barriers** - We will provide opportunities for fellowship and connection among our guests, volunteers, staff, and supporters together.
- 2) **Respect** - We will treat everyone equitably and with dignity and kindness; we will give respect.
- 3) **Accountability (towards clients, volunteers, staff)** - We will hold ourselves to a high level of integrity in all of our interactions.
- 4) **Inclusiveness** - We will understand people in all their diversity, without judgement.
- 5) **Service** - We are committed to providing a positive experience for everyone.
- 6) **Empathy** - We will demonstrate compassion for all and understanding of one another's needs.

Your continued support allows us to respond effectively even amidst challenging situations ensuring no one goes hungry within our reach. Our mission at the Community Dining Room thrives because it is embraced by compassionate individuals like yourself who understand the power of community. It's a collective effort, and each contribution, no matter how small, is vital to our cause. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support and commitment towards creating a world where everyone has access to nutritious meals and the opportunity to live with dignity. Together as a community, we can make significant strides in combating hunger. Thank you for being an integral part of this mission!

In good health,
Judith Barron, Executive Director

Our Services

Daily Hot Meals

Sunday - Saturday
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Family Night Meals

Tuesday & Thursday - Branford
2nd & 4th Wednesday - East Haven
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Take-Out Dinners:

Tuesday & Thursday
Pick-up between 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Homebound Delivery Program:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Branford & North Branford
Delivered between 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM





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Upcoming Events

June 2nd

Charity Magic Carousel

Lenny & Joe's - Madison

12:30 PM - 7:00 PM

June 17th - 23rd

Birdies for Charity

TPC River Highlands

Online Event

June 8th

PRIDE Prom

First Congregational Church

Time TBD

Date TBD

Community Ice Cream Social

Guilford

Time TBD

September 27th

Dueling Piano &

Shoreline Experience Raffle

The Owenego

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

More Than Just A Meal

Project Assist

30 Harrison Ave

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

2nd Tuesday of the month

Mobile Food Panty

New Antioch Church of God

65 Burban Dr

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

Every other Friday

Diaper Bank

30 Harrison Ave

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

2nd Tuesday of the month

(Branford residents only)

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