

2025 Spring/Summer Newsletter



Community Dining Room

More than just a meal

Celebrating being the heart
of the Shoreline community.

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Celebrating 40 Years of Service - Join Us in Supporting Our Community!

Dear Friends:

This year marks a remarkable milestone for the Community Dining Room, our 40th Anniversary of serving neighbors in need and being the heart of our shoreline community. Since our founding, we have remained committed to ensuring that no one in our community goes hungry, offering warm meals, support, and a place of belonging to those who need it most.

Food insecurity is a challenge no one should have to face. A meal is more than just nourishment; it is comfort, stability, and hope. The work we do at the Community Dining Room goes beyond serving meals, we provide vital resources that help individuals and families get ahead. From nutritional support and referrals to social services to offering educational programs that foster self-sufficiency, we strive to empower our participants toward a more secure future.

Moreover, our space is more than a dining room, it is a gathering place where volunteers and community members come together for the greater good. Our dedicated volunteers not only serve meals but also build meaningful relationships, create a sense of belonging, and strengthen the bonds of our community. Their kindness and compassion are the foundation of our mission, and we are deeply grateful for their service.

Beyond our dining room, we believe in taking our mission directly into the community. We proudly offer meals in locations where they are most needed, including summer meals on the green (Branford and East Haven) and weekend meals and family dinners out of the senior center in East Haven. These outreach efforts ensure that we reach as many individuals as possible, extending the warmth and care of our services to those who may not be able to come to us. By bringing meals to our neighbors, we strengthen our commitment to fostering a compassionate and connected community.

As we reflect on the past four decades, we are deeply grateful for the generosity of donors like you. Your unwavering support has allowed us to serve thousands of meals, expand our outreach programs, and provide critical resources to individuals and families facing hardship. We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated volunteers, whose kindness and compassion have been the backbone of our mission.

While we celebrate this incredible milestone, we also recognize that our work is far from over. The need for food assistance continues to grow, and we rely on your support now more than ever to sustain and expand our services. Your donation today will ensure that we can continue to provide nourishment, comfort, and hope to those who turn to us in their time of need.

We invite you to be part of this special anniversary by making a gift to the Community Dining Room. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a meaningful impact and helps us continue our mission for years to come.

Thank you for being a part of our journey. With your help, we can celebrate 40 years of service while building a stronger, more compassionate community for the future.

With gratitude,

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Judith Barron, Executive Director

Nutritional Schedule

Daily Lunch Service

Sunday - Saturday
30 Harrison Ave.
Branford
12:00 - 1:00 PM

Take-Out Dinners

Tuesday
30 Harrison Ave.
Branford
5:00 - 6:00 PM

Family Night Meals

Tuesday
30 Harrison Ave.
Branford

Wednesday
91 Taylor Ave.
East Haven
5:00 - 6:30 PM

Homebound Delivery Program

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

East Haven Weekend Meals For Seniors

Friday
91 Taylor Ave.
East Haven
Pick-up between
1:30 - 3:30 PM



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More Than Just A Meal

Community FreeShop

Second Tuesday of Every Month
30 Harrison Ave.
Branford
12:00 - 1:00 PM

Branford Diaper Bank

Second Tuesday of Every Month
30 Harrison Ave.
Branford
5:00 - 6:30 PM

CT Foodshare Mobile Food Pantry

Every Other Friday
65 Burban Dr.
Branford
9:30 - 10:15 AM

Nourish & Flourish Lunch Programs

Various Days During Lunch Service
30 Harrison Ave.
Branford
12:00 - 1:00 PM



Upcoming Events

The Great Give
Online Giving Event
May 7th & 8th



40th Anniversary Community Walk
& Ice Cream Social
August 23rd
Foote Park Branford
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Gather & Give:
Dueling Pianos
September 26th
The Owenego
6:00 - 10:00 PM

For more information, including our CommUNITY Cuisine Series,
Visit: www.communitydiningroom.org/events

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