



COMMUNITY DINING ROOM

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2024 Fall/Winter Newsletter

A Letter From The Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As the leaves turn and we welcome the crisp air of fall, I find myself reflecting on the incredible strength of our community. This season brings not only beautiful changes in nature but also an opportunity for us to embrace unity and togetherness in our shared journey in helping those with food insecurity.

Our community stands as a constant beacon of hope and collaboration. Each of you contributes uniquely, creating an environment where everyone feels valued and supported. This newsletter serves as a reminder of the many ways we can come together to uplift one another during the upcoming fall and winter months.

We have a variety of events planned that highlight our commitment to inclusivity and connection. From community gatherings to volunteer opportunities, I encourage you to participate and engage with your neighbors. These moments not only strengthen our bonds but also remind us that we are all part of something greater than ourselves.

As we navigate the challenges that come with the colder months for our participants, let us lean on each other. Whether through a simple act of kindness or participating in our community initiatives, your involvement makes a difference. Together, we can create a nurturing space where everyone feels at home.

Thank you for being an essential part of our community. Your passion and dedication inspire me every day. Let's continue to foster unity, celebrate our diversity, and support one another as we embark on this season of togetherness.

Warmly,
Judith Barron, Executive Director

Voices from our table:

“What was gold was someone led me to the Community Dining Room, I came here and the meals that they serve are great.” - Austin, Sunday Lunch

“They are very respectful to whoever comes through the door ... I've been here a while, they became my extended family.” - Elizabeth, Tuesday Family Night Meals



Our Services

Daily Hot Meals

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

Take-Out Dinners:

Tuesday

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

Family Night Meals

Tuesday - Branford

Wednesday - East Haven

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

East Haven Weekend Meals For Seniors

Friday

East Haven Senior Center

Pick-up between 1:30 PM & 3:30 PM





2024 Fall/Winter Impact Report

Serving the Community

54,628

The number of meals we will serve through 2024, this is a 30% increase from 2023. That would be enough meals to feed 1 meal to every resident of Branford AND East Haven.

122,476

The number of pounds of food donated by local businesses and individuals like you. That's as much as a Boeing 747 or a blue whale!

96,449

The number of diapers we have provided to our Branford neighbors in need. Laid end to end that is 21 miles of diapers!

Outreach

15,051

Homebound Meals

3,000

Community Dinners on The Green

2,784

Families Served by our mobile pantry

Acknowledgements

We have to thank our many amazing sponsors and Community Partners.

Without support from the wonderful businesses in our area we would not be able to be more than just a meal!

Upcoming Events

November 14th

Branford Gets Fed

cdri.betterworld.org/events/fed

HarborChase - Branford

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

December 3rd

Giving Tuesday/Pie Wars

communitydiningroom.org/pie

3:14 PM

December 12th, 13th, 14th

Gingerbread Competition

Blackstone, Hagaman Memorial,

Willoughby Wallace Libraries

Ends the 14th at 12 PM

December 21st

Harbor Lights

Harbor St.

cdri.betterworld.org/events/lights

4:30 PM

More Than Just A Meal

Diaper Bank

30 Harrison Ave

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

2nd Tuesday of the month
(Branford residents only)

Project Assist

30 Harrison Ave

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

2nd Tuesday of the month

Mobile Food Pantry

New Antioch Church of God

65 Burban Dr

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

Every other Friday

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