



COMMUNITY



DINING ROOM

What a year.

The Community Dining Room (CDR) began 2020 by planning our 35th anniversary celebration, but when COVID-19 flipped our worlds upside down, we had to make an about-face. In March, we transitioned from in-person dining to take-out meals, and we are so grateful for our dedicated staff and volunteers so we could continue to provide meals to neighbors in need.

Our Board and Executive Director continue to improve our programs — and we are currently upgrading our technology — to better serve the Shoreline community!

I thank you for your patience and understanding throughout 2020; I am grateful for our staff, volunteers and all who contributed to — and benefited from — CDR's services. We look forward to a brighter year ahead.

Respectfully,

TONY PINTO | Board Chair

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2020 HIGHLIGHTS

15%
overall increase
in all meal
programs

Throughout 2020, CDR adapted to the changing needs of our community with the following efforts:

- Transitioned from in-person dining to **take-out meals**
- Delivered **homebound meals** to seniors in quarantine
- Partnered with Connecticut Food Bank to offer **farmer's boxes** as an extra resource of nutrition to families
- Offered **free baby food and nutritional items** to families through our pop-up shop

CDR continued popular ongoing programs:

- Providing weekly meals to families
- Giving to-go crafts to children on a bi-monthly basis
- Collaboration with Read to Grow — offering free books to children
- Partnership with Branford Early Learning Center — offering free diapers to families through the Diaper Bank, serving nearly 50 Branford families every month!
- Adding new partnerships with local food establishments

