



ST. JOHN'S BREAD & LIFE

2018 Annual Report

***Serving
Hope*** IN BROOKLYN
& QUEENS



Sr. Marie Sorenson, Chaplain of Bread & Life, leads our Spiritual Care program that strives to give people of all walks of life a breadth of spiritual opportunities: counseling, film reflection group, crochet circle, and caring conversation.

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As many of our supporters and partners know, this is the last Annual Report that I will be signing as Executive Director of St. John's Bread & Life. I leave confident knowing that Bread & Life's programs will be carried out in the hands of our capable staff, the Board of Directors, and the new Executive Director.

What stands out in the 13 years I have served Bread & Life are: our guests, the staff, the Board of Directors, volunteers and supporters. When I entered the original home of Bread & Life in a rundown soup kitchen on Lewis Avenue, I never imagined that I would be embarking on such an exciting journey.

I have met and served so many wonderful guests over these years. People who have taught me to be grateful, who have shown tremendous strength, have tried my patience, who have shown goodness in the face of adversity. I find this both humbling and encouraging. Most powerful is the shift in my human service career from seeing those I serve as simply being recipients of my skills, to people who are accompanying me on a journey.

Thanks to the commitment and dedication of the Board of Directors, we have been able to serve millions of meals, help hundreds of thousands, raise tens of millions, build a new building and remain true to our mission.

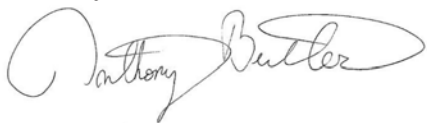
Our volunteers, now giving over 120,000 hours annually, are amazing. What is particularly impactful is the wide range of volunteers: church ladies, school groups, wealthy donors, corporate volunteers, those recently out of prison and more. The connection with St John's University has taught me much about Vincentian spirituality, service and how to run an agency. The contribution of time and talent by the University administration, faculty and students is immeasurable.

I'm particularly proud of the staff of Bread and Life. The staff, which has grown from 10 to over 30, has never let themselves or myself forget that we are here to serve. We treat every guest with kindness, respect and dignity, not because this is how we operate but rather that this is their due. I am proud of the wonderful opportunity to structure and implement employee benefits that provide the ability for our staff, many of whom are former guests, to secure more stable housing, participate in a pension program, avail themselves of regular medical care and plan for their futures.

Finally, our supporters. Never did I envision the awesome, powerful and wonderful gifts our donors have presented to Bread and Life. The \$50,000,000 they have given over the last 13 years has allowed Bread and Life to serve so many, to impact the field of emergency food, and create an environment of respect and dignity. It is not just the dollars, but that these dollars have been given with a real sense of participating in the mission of Bread and Life. This partnership has brought us to where we are today. It will continue to grow, and allow us to do more to fight the effects of poverty that afflicts so many.

Thank you all for this opportunity to be trusted, humored, listened to and challenged in this fight against hunger and poverty. As I embark on my next adventure I take all of this with me. I am reminded and encouraged by the words of Saint Francis, "while we have time let us do good."

Sincerely,



Anthony Butler
Executive Director



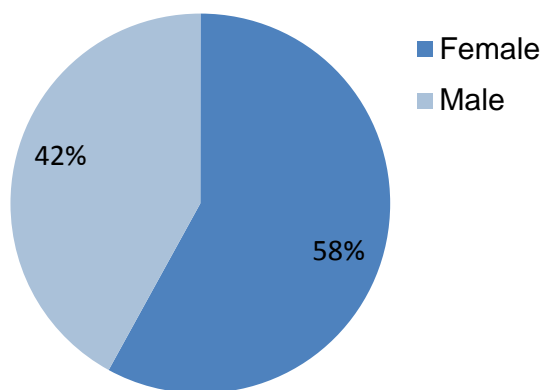
Bread & Life SNAPShot 2018

Mission: Founded in 1982, St. John's Bread and Life (SJBL) is a faith-based emergency food and social services organization. SJBL's mission is to bring food and assistance to the poor and accompany them on their journey to wholeness by providing necessary social services.

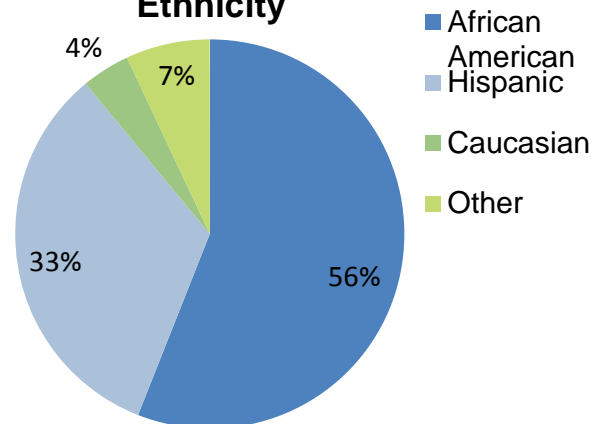
Meals Served July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Program	Adults	Seniors	Children	Totals	Meals
Soup Kitchen	112,002	53,590	3,251	168,843	168,843
Mobile Soup Kitchen	121,929	7,293	3,410	132,632	132,632
Digital Choice Food Pantry	23,433	14,446	6,139	44,018	396,162
Sponsor A Family	3,266	-	4,474	7,740	154,800
TOTALS	260,630	75,329	17,274	353,233	852,437

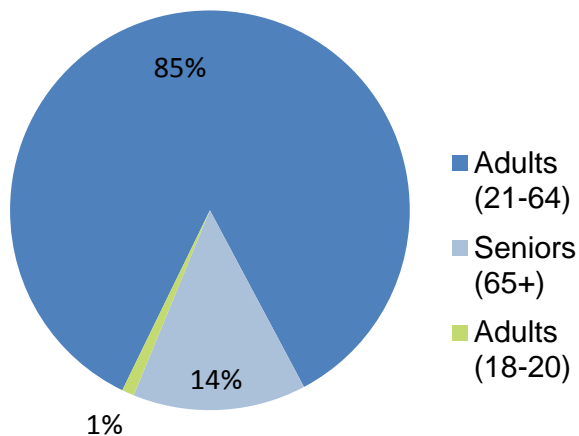
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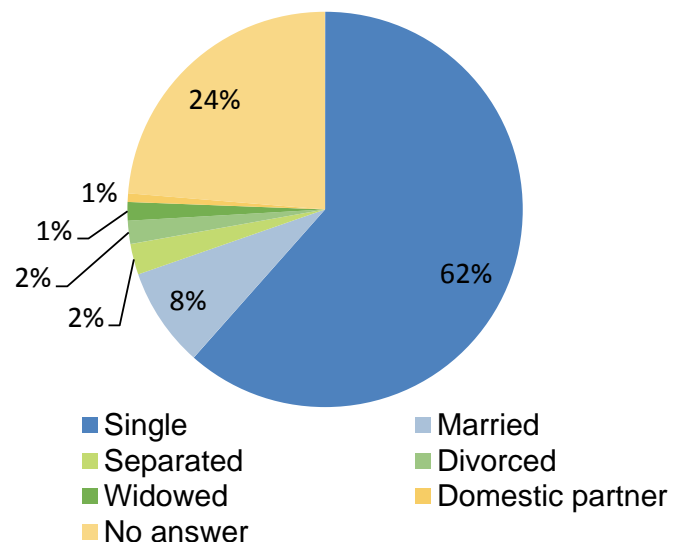
Ethnicity



Age



Marital Status



Number of People Served: 11,469



Sharing Hope with Families

Bread & Life aims to support families every step of the way on the path out of poverty. We partner our hunger-targeting programs with a variety of social services to help families stabilize their lives.

In the last twenty years, most of the city hospitals have abandoned the once common practice of sending new mothers home with a free supply of baby formula.

Bread & Life has stepped in to fill this need by providing mothers as well as fathers, and grandparents, caring for young children with diapers, formula, baby wipes and other toiletries, clothing and other supplies. Over 24,000 diapers in all sizes were distributed to our mothers in 2018.



Bread & Life shares resources to support men and women in taking care of themselves and their families. On Friday, June 15th Bread & Life inaugurated a Men's Health Awareness Event. Over 200 men of all ages attended the event to receive free health screenings, giveaways and nutritional information.

We thank our partners: Project Renewal, Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at NYU Langone Health, Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow, New York Memory Center, WellCare Health Plans, Phoenix House and New York Interfaith Medical Center.

Our Book Fair on Saturday, August 12, 2017 was a big success! Over 120 readers visited Bread & Life to take home free books and share the joy of reading.

This event is hosted by Bread & Life's Multi-Media Library is organized annually to benefit families living in Bed-Stuy and nearby communities.

The Book Fair offers both adult and children's books that have been donated, and attracts dozens of neighbors, promoting both literacy and awareness of the resources and services of Bread & Life.



Sharing Hope with our Community

We attended the Opening Day ceremonies of our partner, Brooklyn Emerging Leadership Academy (BELA) Public Charter School – a brand new, all-girl high school located in our own Bed-Stuy neighborhood. BELA aims to empower each young woman to be her best self through mentorship, challenging learning opportunities, and community internships.

Katie Matzer, founder and head of the brand-new Key Collegiate Charter School, came by Bread & Life to distribute information and enroll children of our guests. Located in Brownsville, Brooklyn, Key Collegiate is the first charter school in the country whose lottery will prioritize homeless children, and the school is fitted with facilities – such as a snack pantry, and a room to charge electronics – with the needs of homeless children in mind.



Sharing Hope during the Holidays

Every year, our Sponsor A Family Program provides families with gifts and a holiday meal. In addition to our families, we also distribute gifts and meals to other community-based organizations to share with their clients. Homeless guests are gifted with warm hats and gloves, along with a holiday meal box.

Last year, we gave age-appropriate gifts to 5,000 children and young teens; Over 2,000 needy families participated, including 634 families who enjoyed their first Sponsor A Family event.





Learning New Skills at Bread & Life

At Bread & Life, we provide more than food: We help to start our clients on a path to independence and self-sufficiency.

Our first-ever job training program is an eight week long “culinary arts” job training course that teaches basic knife and cooking skills, coupled with kitchen safety, sanitation, and storage. This course will help participants find internships and placements in food businesses and start their own culinary careers.

This effort resulted after a 2016 community needs assessment, which reflected deep interest from the local community (politicians, nonprofit leaders/staff, business owners, residents), and agency clients to see Bread & Life help low-income residents secure jobs directly at our facility in Bed-Stuy, which contains a large, commercial-grade kitchen which after serving meals between 8am and 12:30pm sits unused for 16 hours a day.

The initial eight week course was completed by nine clients, three of which were placed in paid internships, then in jobs in the food industry.

The second eight week course that began in June 2018 includes an Essential Skills class to assist participants in developing resumes and cover letters.

The job training program joins our ESL class, now in its second year, in leading our clients towards self-sufficiency.



Events Bring Us Together

St. John's Bread & Life's major fundraising event is our Annual Johnny's Angel Awards Dinner, Bread & Life's major source of unrestricted funding for our agency. Our 20th annual Johnny's Angel Awards Dinner on Thursday, April 26th was a truly special night. For the first time, we hosted the Dinner at Giando on the Water in Williamsburg, offering our esteemed honorees and 200 guests an unparalleled view of the New York Harbor skyline.

With the support of our community, we celebrated the altruism and achievements of four extraordinary citizens with roots in Brooklyn, and raised over \$450,000!



Events Bring Us Together



On June 28th, we returned to Giando on the Water for our Summer Soirée. We honored Brooklyn Hometown Champions, Jason Lux and Rob McBride from Fulton Landing Seafood and gave friends, supporters, staff and volunteers a chance to bid their last farewell to Tony Butler who retired as Executive Director of Bread & Life the end of June.



Funds raised at special events will help feed and assist vulnerable families and individuals in Brooklyn and Queens. Thank you.

We Applaud our Volunteers

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Volunteers at Bread and Life help prepare meals, serve guests, and provide other assistance all year-round. Our volunteers are all ages and from different backgrounds. Harry Nixon, a person of faith and purpose, grew up in Bed-Stuy and has been a volunteer at Bread & Life since the fall of 2017.

As a youngster, he would pass St. John the Baptist Church on Hart Street, the original home of Bread & Life, on his way to school. He would see the long line of people receiving food and meals from the soup kitchen. Never did he imagine the role that Bread & Life would play in his life one day.

After attending college in upstate New York, and working in New York City, Harry moved to Minneapolis. He was living there when he was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer on July 17, 2017. His desire for the best medical care, and to be close to family, led him to return to Bed-Stuy.

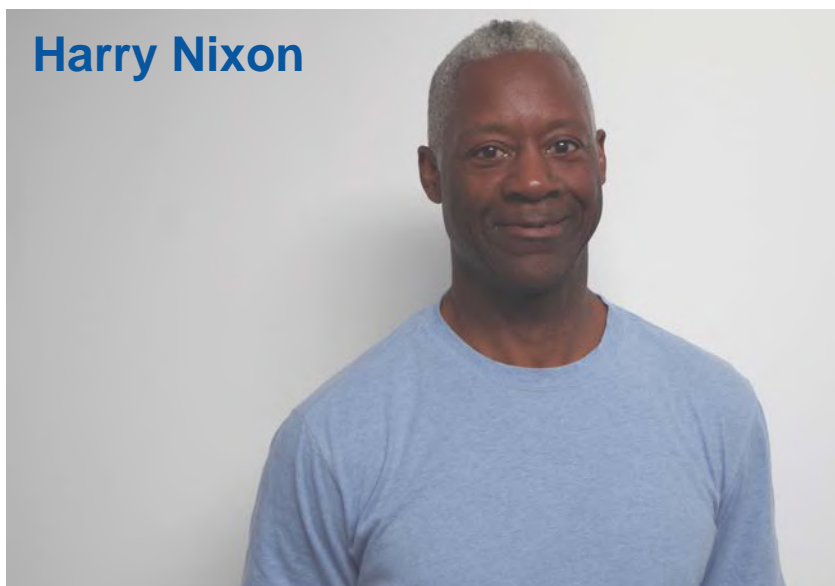
On a walk one day, Harry discovered Bread & Life's new home on Lexington Avenue. Wanting to give back, he signed up to volunteer in the kitchen. This is where you can find Harry, any weekday between 7am and 12noon. Harry says Bread & Life "proves there is hope and help for everyone." He loves to see people in need get meals and services that will improve their life.

Today, Harry is in remission from his cancer. What sustained him during his treatments was his love for music, nature, and, most of all, running. Harry has finished four New York City Marathons so far, running with the Odyssey House team where he is a volunteer mentor and coach.

Harry said "being diagnosed with cancer, awakened him to a purpose. I get to help people; I get to serve God by helping people."

On November 4, 2018, Harry will once again run the New York City Marathon. Bread & Life will be cheering for him.

Harry Nixon



We Applaud our Volunteers



Above: Young Adult Borough Center volunteers.

Left: Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield volunteers visit Bread & Life on November 22nd to present us with a \$5,000 donation.



Volunteering at Bread & Life is a way for individuals and groups to give back to their community. Our dedicated volunteers help us take care of essential every day needs in our Soup Kitchen Dining Room, Food Pantry and throughout the building. Church groups, retirees, students and business people come here every day to volunteer.

In 2018, our dedicated volunteers donated 48,363 hours of service to Bread & Life, valued at \$996,633.

Individuals Served by Bread & Life Social Services

291 Newborns and their mothers received diapers, formula, toiletries, clothing, and other supplies as a part of our **Mothers and Babies program**

21 Unemployed individuals enrolled in the **Culinary Arts Job Training Program** and learned professional kitchen skills and basic job readiness skills to help secure living wage positions

10 Children from our community registered for free camping trips over the summer with the **Fresh Air Fund**.

394 Individuals utilized our **Library and Media Room** to search for housing and employment, and learn resume writing, interview preparation, and other job readiness skills.

58 Guests participated in our **Men's & Women's Groups**.

1,131 Participants in **Project ID** received assistance with obtaining vital documents such as birth certificates, State IDs, Social Security cards, and marriage licenses.

3,947 Families and individuals enrolled **Single Stop** benefits (Medicaid, health insurance, and food stamp enrollment/recertification) as well as counseling, and other social services provided by Bread & Life

51 Guests participated in our **Spiritual Programming**, including our Film Reflection Group and Crochet Circle.

1,696 Poor and working poor individuals received **free tax preparation** services from Grow Brooklyn

7,599 Total unique guests received social services from Bread & Life.



Bread & Life's work would not be possible without the volunteer hours, donations large and small, and the vibrant energy and ideas our supporters bring to every endeavor.

Thank You to our 2018 Supporters!

10,000+ Meals

Carson Family Charitable Trust
Constans Culver Foundation
The Judith C. White Foundation Inc.
The Leona M. & Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust
Thomas E. & Paula McInerney
New York State Dept Of Health-HPNAP
NYS Office Of Temporary And Disability Assistance
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RTS Family Foundation
Single Stop USA, Inc.

5,000+ Meals

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2,500+ Meals

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1,000+ Meals

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500+ Meals

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On Tuesday, June 19th, we welcomed the Judith White Foundation to Bread & Life for the dedication of our Dining Room as the Judith C. White Dining Hall. The Foundation gave us a generous grant of \$123,450 to help refurbish our Dining Room, purchase new equipment for the kitchen, and paint our second floor. Bread & Life guests, volunteers, staff and visitors will benefit this gift for years to come.

Pictured: Marc Saffren, Jeff & Amy Kovner, Kristen Kovner.

Financial Information for Year Ended June 30, 2018

PUBLIC SUPPORT AND OTHER REVENUES:

Individuals	\$1,119,035
Corporations	30,850
Foundations	1,098,010
Government	726,332
Religious Organizations	14,000
Special Events	456,048
Miscellaneous	66,558
In-kind Donations	168,616
In-Kind Services	22,494
Total Public Support	3,701,943



Thomas McInerney, Board Chair, Dr. Jerrold Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Krebs at Johnny's Angels Award Dinner.

EXPENSES:

Program Services

Meals and Nutrition	1,813,516
Social Services	1,550,566
Total Program Services	3,364,082

Supporting Services

Cost of direct benefits to donors	25,080
Fundraising	539,790
Management	404,223
Total Supporting Services	969,093

Total Operating Expenses 4,333,175

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(631,232)
NET ASSETS – BEGINNING OF YEAR	6,723,651
NET ASSETS – END OF YEAR	\$6,092,419



Young readers at our book fair.



A mother receives diapers and baby clothing.

The above information was abstracted from the financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 audited by Marks Paneth and may be reviewed on our website, www.breadandlife.org

St. John's Bread & Life does not and shall not discriminate on basis of race, color, religion, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.

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Bread & Life Board Members attending the 20th Annual Johnny's Angel Awards gather for a photo.



In 2018, we welcomed Benjamin Bragard and the wonderful people at Bragard USA, who came by Bread & Life to donate beautiful new high-quality professional chef uniforms to our kitchen staff.



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