A Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

In 2021 Bread and Life cemented its place as an anchor in the community through our ability to pivot services and create new ways to respond to community needs.

In 2021 we served a record 3.2 million meals and distributed more than 6 million pounds of food, 40% of which was fresh produce to our neighbors. We reaffirmed our commitment to our mission by reaching out to other communities in need and, with the help of a grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, expanded our mobile market and resource sharing programs into 20 communities in Brooklyn and Queens reaching more than 1,000 individuals weekly.

65% of those served were low-wage earners—those working but finding it hard to make ends meet. 20% were the elderly and medically compromised on fixed incomes. 15% were our homeless neighbors, many of whom suffer mental or physical limitations. Our team worked overtime to ensure that no one was left behind—those in need of food had access to our pantry, and grab-and-go meal options. We also supported our fellow front-line workers with pop-up produce markets across Brooklyn and Queens.
In 2021, we worked with Amazon and Carbon Health to act as a vaccination site for our community and welcomed our friends from the Turkish Cultural Center, the office of Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, and other local politicians to distribute much-needed PPE supplies to individuals and families and encourage vaccinations.

As one of the founding members of the Roundtable-Allies for Food Access, Bread & Life advocated for more federal, state, and local dollars for emergency food programs throughout New York, resulting in the Nourish New York initiative being signed into legislation by Gov. Hochul. These pandemic relief programs were a lifeline to our guests providing healthy food options during the most difficult period in our history.

Throughout the year the case management team pivoted services to ensure that anyone in need of emergency support received expert service. Working predominately on the street for the first six months and then using virtual technology, our case management team secured more than $2.6 million in emergency aid and helped those facing illegal evictions find ways to remain housed.

None of what we have accomplished in 2021 would be possible without the support of our funders many of whom supported us for the first time during the throws of the pandemic and to them, we say thank you! We realize our work is difficult but fulfilling and we are blessed to have a board of directors, volunteers, and thousands of supporters who join us in our mission. Thank you for supporting our work in 2021.

In gratitude,

Sister Caroline Tweedy, R.S.M.
Executive Director

Representative Hakeem Jeffries distributes meals and PPE with the Turkish Cultural Center.
Bread & Life staff member Francisco preps vegetables to be packed in pantry produce bags.
St. John’s Bread & Life hosts a pop-up produce market for staff and patients at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center.
St. John's Bread and Life is committed to alleviating hunger in the communities we serve.

In Fiscal Year 2021 we served more than 3 million meals to more than 64,000 households.

Everyone deserves dignity and access to nutritious food.

Demographics
256,000 Guests Across All Services

65% low wage earners  20% elderly and medically compromised  15% homeless

Our client base has fundamentally shifted since the pandemic began

Since the beginning of COVID, we have seen our demographics rapidly shift, with Latinx clients doubling, and the Asian population tripling; this is due to extensive outreach into 20+ communities in Brooklyn and Queens. Numbers in local catchment areas remained steady.
FY21 At a Glance

- 256,000 individuals served across all programs
- 64,000 households served by pantry (192,000 individuals)
- 3.2 million meals, 6 million pounds of food distributed
- 1.5 million pounds of produce distributed
- 725 families participated in our Sponsor a Family Program
- 7,000 hours of volunteer service
- $2.6 in entitlements secured (SNAP, TANF, Medicaid)
- 257 households received legal assistance through our partnership with Urban Justice
- $1 million+ in tax refunds through our partnership with Grow Brooklyn
- 3,633 families received baby and personal care supplies
- 3,643 received on site mail service
- 12,000 PPE kits distributed
Key Partnerships

1. Brownsville Community Fridge (Brownsville)
2. Bedstuy Community Fridges (Bedford-Stuyvesant)
3. Changing Lives Christian Center (East New York)
4. Children of the City (Sunset Park)
5. Flatbush Community Fridges (East Flatbush)
6. Heights and Hills (Brooklyn)
7. Housing Works (Coney Island)
8. Iglesia Tabernaculo De Reunión (Bushwick)
9. Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center (Flatbush)
10. Lord’s Blessing (Bushwick)
11. One Community Fort Greene (Fort Greene)
12. Osbourne Association Brooklyn (Brooklyn)
13. Quebradillas Baseball Organization (Bushwick)
14. Ridgewood Tenants Union (Ridgewood)
15. Rogosin Institute (East New York)
16. Sheltering Arms (Jamaica, Far Rockaway)
17. St. Mathias Church (Ridgewood)
18. Union Pool (East Williamsburg)
19. Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Red Hook)
20. Wat Buddha Thai Thavorn Vanaram (Elmhurst)
21. Wonderful Life Adult Daycare (Brownsville)

31+ partners

throughout New York City including community fridges, churches, social service agencies, community-based programs, and Mobile Soup Kitchen sites depend on us for food to fill their pantries, serving diverse communities that include newly arrived immigrants, religious minorities, LGBTQ youth, the working poor, and persons who are homeless.

Volunteers at Union Pool in Williamsburg pack bags for their weekly pantry focused on feeding unemployed restaurant workers. President Carlos Feliciano of the Quebradillas Baseball Organization in Bushwick distributes pantry bags and milk to the community. Sheltering Arms staff set up their pop-up serving neighbors in Far Rockaway. Sheltering Arms also distributes pantry bags in Jamaica, Queens.
Public Support and Other Revenue

Individuals $1,296,975
Corporations 295,035
Foundations 2,346,812
Government 1,690,164
Religious Organizations 60,000
Special Events 367,742
In-Kind Donations 658,198
Gain on extinguished debt - PPP loan 359,955
Miscellaneous 2,627
Total Public Support 7,077,508

Expenses

Program Services
Meals and Nutrition $4,227,999
Social Services 625,031
Total Program Services 4,853,030

Supporting Services
Fundraising $442,976
Management 578,268
Total Supporting Services 1,021,244

Total Operating Expenses: $5,874,274

Increase in Net Assets 1,203,234
Net Assets - Beginning of Year 6,858,295
Net Assets - End of Year 8,061,529

The above information was abstracted from financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 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 our activities or operations.
Our Supporters

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- Robert Minicucci

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- Philip & Camille Spletzer
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- Oliver Zlomislic

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- Joseph & Claire Smetana
- Edward & Mary Smith
- Michael T. Sullivan
- W. John Thompson
- Peter Tobin
- Alice Torre
- Felicia Watson
- Richard Weston
- Ray Whitman

**Organizations**

$500,000+
- Mother Cabrini Health Foundation

$200,000+
- Food Bank For New York City
- NYC Department Of Sanitation
- NYS Department Of Health
- Robin Hood Foundation
- Tiger Global Management

$100,000+
- Carson Family Charitable Trust
- NYS Office Of Temporary And Disability Assistance
- RTS Family Foundation
- United Way Of America

$50,000+
- Benjamin F. Stein Charitable Trust
- Constans Culver Foundation
- The City Of New York Office Of The Comptroller
- Van Ameringen Foundation
- William Randolph Hearst Foundation

$25,000+
- Amazon
- Bloomberg L.P.
- Charles L. Keith & Clara S. Miller Foundation
- H. W. Wilson Foundation Inc.
- Howard & Barbara Forkas Foundation
- Lily Auchincloss Foundation
- McNulty Foundation
- PwC Charitable Foundation
- Sisters Of Charity Halifax
- Sisters Of Mercy Of The Americas
- W. O’Neil Foundation

$10,000+
- Achelis And Bodman Foundation
- Anonymous
- Barker Welfare Foundation
- Denis P. & Carol A. Kelleher Charitable Foundation
- Diller - Von Furstenberg Family Foundation
- Eva Wolfsohn Fund
- Frank J Antun Foundation
- Goldman Sachs Gives
- Golin Charitable Fund
- Mary J. Hutchins Foundation
- Mets Foundation
- NYS Department Of Health Order Of Malta, American Association
- Pestco Family Foundation
- Risebora Community Partnership Studio One

$5,000+
- Anthem, Inc.
- Goldman Sachs & Co.
- Jeffrey S. Jirele Insurance Agency
- M.B. & Edna Zale Foundation
- Martha Mertz Foundation Inc.
- Maryknoll Sisters Of St. Dominic
- Metzger-Price Fund Inc.
- MGG Foundation
- New York Community Trust
- Our Lady Of Hope Church
- Quality Building Services
- RenaissanceRe
- Resurrection Church
- Riley Family Foundation
- Ryan Soames Engineering
- Sisters Of St. Ursula
- Skyline Scaffolding Group Inc
- St. John’s University
- State Farm Matching Gifts
- The Catherine M. Walsh Foundation
- The Good Nation Foundation Inc.
- The Jandon Foundation
- The Peter & Jeri Dejana Family Foundation
- Wager Contracting

**Major In-kind Donors**

- 3 Guys From Brooklyn
- Boar’s Head
- Bombas Socks
- City Harvest
- Food Bank for New York City
- I-Brain
- JC Elite Construction
- Knights of Columbus
- Morgenstern’s Finest Ice Cream
- NYC’s Pandemic Food Reserve Emergency Distribution
- Our Lady of Peace, Lynbrook
- Rethink Food
- Ridgewood Savings Bank
- St. John’s University
- United States Department of Agriculture
- United Way Local Produce Link

**Executive Leadership**

Sister Caroline Tweedy, R.S.M.
- Executive Director

Sister Marie Sorenson, S.C., M.S.W.
- Associate Executive Director

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