Benefit Kitchen Launched at Bread & Life

On January 12th, Eric Adams, Brooklyn Borough President, came to Bread & Life to help launch Benefit Kitchen, a financial literacy app created by Dan Beeby and Melanie Lavelle. Benefit Kitchen puts working families on a path out of poverty. In ten minutes, a head-of-household can learn about potential eligibility and dollar amounts for up to eighteen federal, state, and local benefits.

In the U.S. there are currently 10.5 million families living in poverty. But $80B in benefits is left on the table every year. Benefit Kitchen empowers families to apply for (and receive) the benefits for which they’re eligible.

Tony Butler, Executive Director of Bread & Life, said “there should be no shame or embarrassment in claiming your benefits. Poverty shouldn’t mean embarrassment; it just means the lack of money.”

Eric Adams and Tony Butler speak with guests at the press conference.
September 2, 2017

Dear Friends,

2017 was a year of innovation and expansion for Bread & Life, as we begin some of our most ambitious efforts to reduce hunger and poverty among low-income New Yorkers.

Our core program remains hunger relief, serving over 700,000 meals annually through our Soup Kitchen Dining Room, Mobile Soup Kitchen and our trailblazing *Digital Choice Food Pantry* now being replicated in food pantries across the country.

Supported by hundreds of generous donors, our partner organizations, and our Board of Directors, we work to strengthen our assistance for New Yorkers in need. For both the chronically poor and the working poor, we strive to use nutritious food and social services as the first steps on a path towards stability and self-sufficiency. This year, more than 50,000 of Brooklyn's most at-risk residents obtained a broad range of services with our help, either directly or through referrals.

Thanks to a major grant from the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, we were able to roll out four new satellite Digital Food Pantries in other community-based organizations in Brooklyn, and enable our clients to access the Digital Pantry from home, shortening lines and wait time for delivery. A new ESL program funded by the Pret Foundation allows participants to gain the basic skills which employers seek, while helping to build confidence for non-English speakers. Soon, we will launch our most exciting new venture, called *Cutting Edge Cooking Skills: A Job Training Partnership with the Restaurant Community*, a program that matches the agency's internal strengths with the needs of those it serves.

Our programming is based on the idea that those we serve should be given more choice when obtaining the food they require. Food is the one necessity that no one can survive without, which is why it serves as the foundation for the social services we provide – services that can have a profound, long-term impact on the self-reliance of New York's poor. By expanding our capabilities, we are not just promoting better health and well-being, but giving vulnerable New Yorkers more of the support they need to lift themselves out of poverty.

We thank you for helping us in our mission.

Sincerely,

Anthony Butler
Executive Director
MEET KATHY MARTINEZ, BREAD & LIFE FOOD ADVOCATE!
On the final episode of Undercover Boss, broadcast on CBS on May 19th, Marcus Samuelsson—the renowned chief and restauranteur who is best known for his Harlem eatery, Red Rooster—went undercover to discover new cooking talent. Kathy Martinez, Bread & Life’s Food Advocate, was one of his discoveries. Marcus was so impressed by Kathy’s skills that he arranged for her to receive a full scholarship to The Culinary Institute of New York at Monroe College.

Kathy Martinez hosts cooking workshops for families, teaching them about healthy cooking and taking them to greenmarkets to buy fresh vegetables, and to Albany to rally for hunger relief efforts.

SOCK IT TO ME BOMBAS
Care for the Homeless, our medical clinic provider and partner, hosted a Bombas sock giveaway with Bread & Life in March. Socks are the #1 most requested item in shelters. Over 1,000 pairs of new socks were given to our guests. For every pair of socks purchased, Bombas donates one pair to a homeless service provider.

Sr. Marie Sorenson, Bread & Life Chaplain, and Sr. Caroline Tweedy, Bread & Life Assoc. Executive Director, help give out socks.

GUESTS LEARN ENGLISH
A grant from the Pret Foundation (Pret A Manger) allowed us to introduce an ESL program at Bread & Life. The classes take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings—the same days that our Digital Choice Food Pantry has extended hours, making it easy for the working poor to get food and learn English. The sessions are built around the basic skills that employers tend to seek, while also helping non-English speakers gain confidence in their abilities.
SPONSOR A FAMILY RAISES OVER $500,000
Over 400 generous donors and 500 volunteers pitched in to give needy families in Brooklyn and other boroughs a Merry Christmas and holiday cheer. This annual program gives hope, new gifts to children, and traditional holiday meals to families in need.

WELCOMING BELA TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD
On March 20th, we hosted a reception for the Brooklyn Emerging Leaders Academy (BELA), an all-girls charter school that opened in Bed-Stuy in fall 2017. BELA, co-founded by Nicia Fullwood and Shannon Riley, will help guide a new generation of young women in Brooklyn to be become the leaders of tomorrow.

We look forward to working with BELA in the months and years to come!
Thanks to the support of many, our 19th annual Johnny’s Angel Awards Dinner was the most successful ever. We raised over $360,000 for direct support of our emergency food program while celebrating the achievements and compassion of our extraordinary honorees.

Our Johnny’s Angel was the Carol and Denis Kelleher family, whose proud immigrant roots, hard work, and numerous charitable deeds – such as their generous support of the Archdiocese Inner-City Scholarship Fund’s “Be a Student’s Friend” program – make them a true American success story.

Patriarch Denis Kelleher has been the recipient of numerous awards, including a Doctor of Commercial Science degree from his alma mater, St. John’s University, an honorary Doctorate from the National University of Ireland, and the Ellis Ireland Medal of Honor.

Kevin Reed received the Dr. Pamela Shea-Byrnes Award for his work mentoring and sponsoring the Catholic education of deserving students in the New York Metro Region, including Cardinal Hayes High School, where he is a member of the Board of Directors.

The Honorable Joseph W. Bellacosa received the Director Emeritus Honor for his years of service as a board member of Bread & Life. Carmen Hernandez, our Media Room Assistant, was presented with the Sr. Bernadette Award for extraordinary service from a staff member.
On June 29th, Bread & Life honored Justin Hamilton and the Brooklyn Nets for their generosity in feeding the hungry at our annual summer soirée at Giando on the Water. Chris Carrino, the Brooklyn Nets play-by-play announcer, served as MC for the evening.

JUSTIN HAMILTON BRINGS SMILES AND HEART
On April 20th, we were thrilled to have Brooklyn Nets center Justin Hamilton, and the Brooklynettes dancers, volunteer in our dining room and food pantry! They couldn’t have been more gracious serving lunch and posing for photos with guests, staff and volunteers.

Key Food’s Charity Stripe Initiative with the Nets, which links free throws to nonprofit donations, provided Bread & Life with a donation of over 8,000 pounds of food and household items from Key Food and Smithfield.
Bread & Life’s commitment to providing our guests with fresh fruits and vegetables from local growers is one of the reasons why we are proud to partner with Arrowood Farms.

Located in Accord, NY, Arrowood Farms cultivates hops and grain that never travel more than an acre from field to tap. The Farms produce sustainable beer that represents local flavor and the community that surrounds them.

In 2014, Arrowood Farms created Benevolence Ale for St. John’s Bread & Life.

In 2017, Bread & Life entered into a new partnership with Interfaith Medical Center, a nonprofit teaching hospital in Brooklyn, as a result of a $20,000 grant Interfaith received from United Hospital Fund, to help children and families access healthy food. Interfaith will refer families to Bread & Life, and we will send guests and families to the Interfaith Clinic.

Thanks to funding from The Leona M. and Harry Helmsley Charitable Trust, we began working with Wayside Baptist Church and a local school, PS/MS 308, where 40% of the students are homeless. We provide our new partners with pantry assistance, emergency food, and other services that will help seniors, students, their families, and other individuals seeking hunger relief.
2017 Supporters

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

Thank You to our 2017 Supporters!

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Many companies offer Matching Gift Programs that can double, even triple the amount of your gift.

Please ask if your workplace matches employee donations. Also consider making a Planned Gift to St. John’s Bread & Life. Through the charitable gift planning process, you and your family can receive financial and tax benefits while providing support for New York’s hungry.

For more information contact: cmason@breadandlife.org
Financial Information for Year Ended June 30, 2017

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EXPENSES:

Operating Expenses:
- Program Services
  - Meals and Nutrition: 1,713,993
  - Social Services: 1,443,934
  - Total Program Services: 3,157,927

Supporting Services
- Cost of direct benefits to donors: 24,525
- Fundraising: 541,235
- Management: 386,899
- Total Supporting Services: 952,659

Total Operating Expenses: 4,110,586

Change in Net Assets
- Before Gain on Forgiveness of Debt: (621,131)
- CHANGE IN NET ASSETS: (621,131)
- NET ASSETS – Beginning of Year: 7,344,782
- NET ASSETS – END OF YEAR: $6,723,651

Sr. Marie Sorenson, Bread & Life Chaplain, and Sharon, in front of The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes mural in Bread & Life’s Dining Room.

Bread & Life strives to give people of all walks of life a breath of spiritual and socialization opportunities through counseling, a film reflection group, and a weekly crochet circle.

The luck of the Irish: Denis Kelleher & Carol Kelleher with Tom McInerney, Bread & Life Board Chair.

The above information was abstracted from audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Audited financial statements are prepared by Marks Paneth & Shron and may be reviewed on our website, www.breadandlife.org

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Bread & Life Board Members attending the 19th Annual Johnny’s Angel Awards gather for a photo. Seated (L to R): Joseph Martino; Thomas E. McInerney, Board Chair; Anthony Butler, Executive Director; Joseph Bellacosa. Standing (L to R): Richard Weston; Sr. Margaret Mary Fitzpatrick, S.C.; Patricia Castel, Esq.; Andrew Schilling, Esq.; Fred Pytlak.
On Thursday, January 12th, a group of students from Multicultural High School in Brooklyn, volunteered at Bread & Life. Peter Ng-A-Fook, Assistant Principal of Multicultural High School, sent us the email below:

I just wanted to again thank you all so much. It was great to hear our students say they wish they could have done more. We hope to lend a hand once a month with different students to instill in them a sense of civic duty and continue the drive beyond high school to help others when they can, providing they have the means to do so. Thanks you and I can’t wait to see you all again.

Sincerely,

Peter Ng-A-Fook
Assistant Principal
Multicultural High School