ST. JOHN’S BREAD and LIFE
2016 Annual Report

SHARING HOPE
IN BROOKLYN & QUEENS
Digital Choice Food Pantry Attracts Attention

Bread & Life’s pioneering Digital Choice Food Pantry uses modern computer technology to provide clients with choice that expands the emphasis on proper nutrition, creating a sense of dignity and self-efficiency.

The Digital Choice Food Pantry has inspired a growing number of inquiries about our technology and expertise including visitors from Lutheran Social Services of Nevada. Ellen Fiore, Development and Communications Director sent us this letter.

(Left to right) Marisa Cervantes, Program Director, Ellen Fiore, Development and Communications Director, Blake Arrowood, Arrowwood Farms, Anthony Butler, Executive Director, Bread & Life
September 2, 2016

Dear Friends,

Inspired by the spirit of St. Vincent DePaul; our mission to alleviate hunger and poverty in Brooklyn and Queens by helping people attain self-sufficiency through first addressing their basic needs helps over one thousand New Yorkers with comprehensive social services and nutritious meals every weekday.

In 2015-2016, Bread & Life prepared nearly 700,000 meals including 300,000 grocery items that were ordered on touch screens in our Digital Choice Food Pantry. The need for our services is reflected in the new faces we see in our Soup Kitchen and in our social services area.

Last year, Hunger Free America (formerly known as New York City Coalition Against Hunger) released a report stating that nearly half of New Yorkers who can’t afford enough food are employed. Our response was to raise the necessary funds to extend the hours of our Digital Choice Food Pantry two days a week so the working poor could get food relief. We will continue to raise funds so we can further extend the hours.

Bread & Life services are reaching people beyond our Bed-Stuy neighborhood. Our Mobile Soup Kitchen (MSK) has added a meal delivery stop at Red Hook, site of one of New York City’s largest public housing project. Before the MSK began delivering meals there, the residents had to rely on one food pantry that operated sporadically. Now hungry people in Red Hook can count on getting a hot meal and other food items from the MSK every Friday morning. We are also helping local senior centers whose funding for meals has been reduced or eliminated; we want to make sure the elderly in our community get the nourishment they need.

Our innovative use of technology to feed hungry people, along with our years of practical experience in emergency food provision is getting a lot of positive attention. The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust recognized our ability with a two-year grant totaling $300,000. Part of the grant will allow us to provide technical assistance to smaller emergency food providers in underserved neighborhoods to help them build capacity. We are eager to share our expertise and skills with our partners in hunger relief.

We did not achieve this progress alone. We depend upon dedicated staff and board members, hundreds of volunteers, and the generosity of donors who never let us down.

Your willingness to continue to help those less fortunate encourages all of us at Bread & Life every day.

Sincerely,

Anthony Butler
Executive Director
Highlights of 2016

MAYOR VISITS BREAD & LIFE
New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio volunteered at Bread & Life’s Food Pantry on November 24th, 2015 to bring attention to the growing number of New Yorkers who need hunger relief. A new study by Hunger Free America indicates that nearly half of New Yorkers who can’t afford food are also of working age and employed. “One thing that is finally breaking through today is people are working and that’s not enough,” said Mr. de Blasio, referring to low-income workers. The Mayor called on Albany, the federal government and the private sector to address the issue.

BREAD & LIFE EXPANDS SERVICES
Thanks to grants from the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Charities and the William and Dorothy O’Neill Foundation, Bread & Life extended the hours of its Digital Choice Food Pantry two days a week so the working poor and others can use its services in the late afternoon.

NEW PARTNERS FOR ST. JOHN’S BREAD & LIFE
In April, Bread & Life’s Mobile Soup Kitchen began delivering a hot meal every Friday morning at a new site in Red Hook, the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish on Richards Street. On the first day, we served 150 meals. Since then, the average delivery in Red Hook is 500 meals. Woodhull Medical Center, a 300 bed facility invited Bread & Life to work with their Chemical Dependency and Mental Health program. Bread & Life’s caseworkers will now be able to refer clients to Woodhull for treatment. We also began delivering hot meals to the seniors at Young at Heart, and Graham Windham, two Adult Day Care centers in the Bread & Life neighborhood.
Highlights of 2016

HELPING A NEEDY FAMILY ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Our annual Sponsor A Family program raised over $500,000 to give 2,000 poor families and over 5,000 children the joy of Christmas. Each child got a brand new age-appropriate gift and every family received a delicious and bountiful holiday meal with enough food for several days. Bread & Life is grateful for the hundreds of dedicated volunteers and the generous donors who assist us in making this heartfelt event a success.

VILLAGE VOICE FEATURES BROOKLYN DELHI AND BREAD & LIFE SOUP KITCHEN

As a service to the community, Bread & Life’s professional kitchen is available at a low fee to local chefs, caterers and budding entrepreneurs. One local entrepreneur, Brooklyn Delhi’s Founder and Chef, Chitra Agrawl was profiled in the March 7, 2016 issue of the Village Voice. Brooklyn Delhi produces achar — intensely flavored Indian pickles using local produce. Bread & Life’s Mabel Lebron and Kathy Martinez work with Chitra to cook huge batches of spicy and delicious aachar. “We teach each other,” Chitra says of her employees at the soup kitchen. “They’ve learned how to make these Indian pickle recipes, and they’ve taught me how to work effectively in a commercial kitchen, which is great.”

LOU CARNESECCA HONORED

On June 28th, St. John’s University’s long-time coach of its famed Red Storm basketball team, Coach Lou Carnesecca was honored by Bread & Life for his leadership, countless good deeds and his service to others at Giando on the Water in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Over 200 people came to applaud Coach Carnesecca for the pride and thrills he has given them. The evening’s excitement included an appearance by the current coach of the Red Storm, Coach Chris Mullin, who spoke about the lessons he learned from Coach Carnesecca.
Johnny’s Angel Awards raises over $350,000 to feed the needy

Over 200 supporters and friends of Bread & Life gathered in the D’Angelo Center at St. John’s University on April 21st to honor Eileen Dillon, Managing Director, Goldman Sachs and alumna of SJU’s law school, the Rev. Johnny Ray Youngblood, Senior Pastor, Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Bed-Stuy and Jennifer Stephen, Bread & Life’s Volunteer Coordinator. (from left to right) Prof. Sam Friedman, Columbia University; Dr. Conrado Gempesaw, President, St. John’s University; The Rev. Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood, Honoree & Senior Pastor, Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church; Jennifer Stephen, Honoree & Volunteer Coordinator, Bread & Life; Thomas McInerney, Dinner Chair, Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, Bread & Life; Fr. Donald Harrington C.M., Board of Directors, Bread & Life; Eileen Dillon, Honoree & Managing Director, Goldman Sachs; Anthony Butler, Executive Director, Bread & Life.

Bread & Life supporters gathered again on June 28th to honor Coach Lou Carnesecca who led St. John’s University Basketball team for 24 seasons including a trip in 1985 to the Final Four. The proceeds of this event were used for Bread & Life’s hunger relief program. (from left to right) Irene Principe, Pat Castel, Bread & Life board member, Tom Principe.
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 2016 Supporters!

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The Carson Family Charitable Trust
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Peter G. & Mary P. Tobin
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2,500+ Meals
Brennan Charitable Foundation, Inc.
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Fred and Judith Wilpon

5,000+ Meals
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John P. Clarke, Esq.
Neil & Elise B. Gabriele
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The Seth Sprague Educational And Charitable Fdn.
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Josh Weston

500+ Meals
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St. Francis De Sales Church
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The Sylvia Center Inc.
Kevin C. Utter

1,000+ Meals
Anonyoums
John and Eleanor Brennan
Paul and Jeanne Carroll
William and Lesley L. Collins
Thomas & Eileen Dillon
Kevin and Kimberly Fahey
Dr. Margaret M. Fitzpatrick, S.C., Ed.D.
Emmanuel Baptist Church
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Chantel Bell, a grad student at Brooklyn College is writing her graduate thesis on gentrification in Brooklyn. She decided to volunteer with a Brooklyn based organization to help gather information for her thesis work. After thoughtful research, she decided to volunteer at Bread & Life.

**What have you found out about us that makes your decision a wise one?**

I like how so many people who work or volunteer at Bread & Life used to be clients. The people in the kitchen and pantry are hardworking. They all work together so well, they have a system, and it works.

**Are you involved in any other hunger relief efforts?**

This is my first experience working in hunger relief. It is emotional for me to see people in the Soup Kitchen getting a meal, knowing they are here because they are hungry or getting food from the Pantry because they don’t have any at home.

**How do you know Bread & Life is helping people?**

I see people getting a meal that they wouldn’t have or getting assistance upstairs (case management services) that they need to survive.

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Joe Bellacosa, Bread & Life Board Member, Juliet, Bread & Life volunteer, receiving the Volunteer Recognition Award

On Volunteer Appreciation Day we celebrate the efforts of our volunteers especially Juliet Thornhill who worked 2,700 hours. When we say we couldn’t do this without the help of our volunteers, we really mean it!

Thanks again to Juliet and all our volunteers for your hard work every day.
Financial Information for Year Ended June 30, 2016

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EXPENSES:

Operating Expenses:

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**Total Operating Expenses** 3,724,189

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The above information was abstracted from the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. Audited Financial Statements may be reviewed on our website, www.breadandlife.org
Board Members attending the 18th Annual Johnny’s Angel Awards Dinner gather for a photo. Standing L-R, Rev. Donald J. Harrington, CM; Jackie Lochrie, Helen Lowe, Anthony Butler, Executive Director, St. John’s Bread & Life; Patricia Castel; Fredrick Pytlak, Dr. Margaret Fitzpatrick, S.C., Ed.D.; Richard Weston; Joseph Bellacosa. Seated L-R, Hon. Sylvia Hinds-Radix; Joseph Martino; Sr. Judith Garson, RSCJ; St. John’s University; Dr. Jerrold Ross; St. John’s University.
“Do you know how you go to places for help and they give you the run around and you have to wait forever? I like this place because everyone is straight with you. Once you come in, you know you can get food here, services there and everyone is straight with you. You come in, do what you have to do and go. I love that about this place.”

- Dawn Joyner
Bread & Life’s Mobile Soup Kitchen visits Salanter Aikiba Academy in Riverdale to tell kindergarten and first grade students how the Mobile Soup Kitchen helps to feed hungry people. The students gave the MSK team 150 brown bag lunches to give to hungry people in Brooklyn and Queens.

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