



Over Twenty-Five Years of “Neighbors Helping Neighbors”

Notes From The Pantry

From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday season. It's been an eventful first year as Executive Director of this incredible organization, and there is much news to share with you.

As many of you may already know we had some staff changes in 2019. **Doug McMahon**, our beloved Volunteer Coordinator, retired at the end of 2019, and we welcomed **Allison Silence** last November to fill this critical role. During the course of 2019 we had almost 400 staff volunteers donate over 25,000 hours to the pantry, and as you can imagine, a Volunteer Department that big has many moving parts! But working together they made the transition seamless. We also welcomed **Kiley Powell**, who thanks to a generous donor, was hired to coordinate the “*Rosemary Gilmartin Legacy Education Program*”. She has been hard at work creating wonderful opportunities for the many people in our community, young and old, who seek to learn more about how to tackle the complex issues surrounding hunger in our neighborhoods. Lastly, this January, **Val Schuszler** agreed to fill our need for a full-time Mobile Pantry Associate and Food Drive Coordinator. He is another wonderful addition to the IFPRC family.

Now in its third year of operation, our Healthy Choices Mobile Pantry Program continues to grow as we identify needs across Morris County and expand our network of collaborative partners. With the recent addition of the **New Hope Food Pantry** in Oak Ridge, we are now working with **seventeen locations across Morris County**. These partners include food pantries, senior housing units and County Nutrition sites where we are providing a variety of items that encourage healthy eating including fresh produce, refrigerated dairy products, whole grains, and senior friendly foods. Combined with the regular visits to our pantries and our home delivery program, we accommodated nearly 22,000 unique visits in 2019, and distributed a new high of more than 1,222,000 pounds of food!

Our garden flourished and our Free Farmers Markets continued to grow in popularity and the amount of produce, dairy, meats and grains distributed through this program increased by 67%. Our community partners, including the Junior League of Morristown, Morristown Medical Center, the United Way, Single Stop, Legal Services of New Jersey, New Jersey Natural Gas, JCP&L, Zufall Clinic, Hispanic Affairs and the Helen Keller Foundation, among others, provided wrap-around services that included health and benefits screenings, energy assistance, free income tax preparation, nutrition education, free eye exams and glasses and many other services to encourage self-sufficiency and ensure the well-being of the thousands who visited our Resource Center. We're so grateful to all of them and look forward to continuing our partnerships throughout the new year.

We made strides in our sustainability efforts over the past year, making improvements to our solar power and expanding our farm and supermarket gleaning programs to “rescue” more foods from landfills. We also partnered with livestock facilities to repurpose waste, reduced our consumable plastic use and even piloted a program to re-use plastic laundry containers.

None of this would be possible without you and all the individuals and families, schools, scouts, houses of worship, businesses and foundations willing to give a little or give a lot to ensure everyone who seeks our help receives it in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. Together we make a significant impact! We look forward to strengthening our network and continuing to make strides against hunger and food insecurity in 2020. Our long range strategic plans to strengthen the food security network across the County are well underway and with your continued support we will continue to make a difference. Be sure to follow our story and stay up-to-date on all the happenings here through electronic, social and paper media.

Thank you for being a part of the solution!

Current Needs*

- ▶ Dry Milk (1 qt. pkg.), Evaporated Milk
- ▶ Calcium fortified milk alternatives (soy, rice, almond milk)
- ▶ Soups (hearty, low sodium & condensed)
- ▶ 100% Fruit Juice (32 oz.)
- ▶ Cereal (low sugar, high fiber)
- ▶ Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Rice-a-Roni/Pasta-Roni
- ▶ Pasta & Tomato Sauce/Tomato Products
- ▶ Canned vegetables & beans (pork & beans, pinto, black, red/white kidney(No green beans)
- ▶ Tuna Fish
- ▶ Canned Meats/Meals, Ravioli, Hash, Stew, Chili,
- ▶ Peanut Butter
- ▶ Boost, Boost Glucose Control, Ensure or Glucerna
- ▶ Enfamil Infant Formula (yellow, purple or blue)
- ▶ Baby Food - Stage 1, 2 & 3 Fruits, Vegetables, Meats & Meals; Baby Cereal: Oatmeal

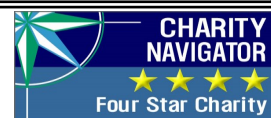
* When shopping consider low-salt, low-sugar and gluten-free items.

SAVE THE DATE

for these special events:

- ▶ **Thursday, March 19, 2020 Our Annual “Giving Tree” Unveiling**
- ▶ **Friday, April 17, 2020—Our Annual Spring Gala: The Roaring Twenties** at the Birchwood Manor in Whippany. Details on page 5.

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Youth Engagement and Education



Local Girls Raise Funds for Charity

Addison Gallagher (left), **Carissa Thomas** (right) and **Emma De-George** (not pictured) of Mountview School decided to run a lemonade stand on a hot August day and donate the proceeds to the IFP. The girls raised over \$100 and were thrilled to be able to give to a worthy cause.

IFP Education Program Flourishes!

During the Fall semester the IFP has been involved with many education events that have taken place both on-site at the IFP and off-site with our local school partners.



IFP volunteer Tony Amitrano (left) presented at **Delbarton's Service Fair** in September. Volunteers **Celeste Stracco**,

Elaine Matteo and **Jim Davidson** participated in the first ever "Game of Life" event at **Kinnelon High School**, speaking with over 80 students that day who learned about and practiced real-life scenarios about poverty and the support services available in our community. We again worked with several groups of students from different programs at **Drew University**, hosting tours of the IFP followed by many of those students participating in service activities throughout the Fall. **Noreen Drucker** presented information about food insecurity and the services of the IFP to the Advisory Groups at **Morristown-Beard School** which was followed by several student service visits at the IFP. Volunteer **Walter Marx** hosted the **Peck School** 3rd Grade service visits.



Our thanks to **Logan Yeh**, left, age 6 and his brother **Gavin**, age 7. Their birthdays are just two weeks apart, so their parents decided to combine their parties. In lieu of birthday gifts, they collected 103 pounds of food and \$300 in cash from family and friends. The boys were learning about being kind in school and at home and wanted to do something nice for others. With the support and help from their parents, they decided to celebrate their day by helping others in need and selecting the IFP as the beneficiary of these gifts. We are so truly grateful to you, your family and friends!



In November, the IFP made a presentation on hunger at **St. Elizabeth's Academy in Convent Station**. The students (left) then hosted a food drive on our behalf collecting an incredible 861 pounds of food (as well as monetary donations)!

This Fall we continued our partnership with local Scout Troops and Youth Groups all over Morris County. **Parsippany Girl Scout Troop #95610** came to tour the IFP and we were invited to speak with scouts and parents of the **Randolph Cub Scout Troop #109** at St. Matthew's the Apostle Church in Randolph. The Cub Scout troop hosted a food drive for the IFP and collected 436 pounds of food on our behalf. **IFP Volunteer Elaine Matteo** visited the **Morristown Presbyterian Church Youth Group**, giving a presentation about the IFP. The youth group members then created birthday bags and made holiday cards for our clients.

To learn more about our Youth and Education Programs please contact Kiley Powell at kpowell@mcifp.org.

Food Drive Honor Roll

We are very grateful to all who conduct food drives for the IFP throughout the year. In addition to those mentioned elsewhere on this page, the following youth groups and schools donated more than 200 pounds of food or funds from August to December, to help keep the Pantry shelves stocked. A big THANKS to all! (Donation in pounds unless otherwise marked.)

Peck School, Morristown, 5,899/\$250
Oratory Prep School, Summit, 2,772
Rockaway Valley School, Boonton, 1,407
Academy Street Elementary School, Dover, 1,389
Whippany Park High School, Whippany, 979
East Hanover School District, East Hanover, 957
Cub Scout Pack 233, Morris Plains, 927/\$500
Academy of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station, 861
Artistic Academy of Hair Design, Morris Plains, 799
Boy Scout Troop 8, Chatham, 710

Red Oaks School, Morristown, 710
KinderCare School, Whippany, 482
Primrose School, Florham Park, 479
Valley View Elementary School, Montville, 450
Assumption School, Morristown, 449
Cub Scout Pack 109, Randolph, 435
Lightbridge Academy, Whippany, 389
Center Grove Elementary School, Randolph, 381
Mountainview Middle School, Mendham, 380
Central Avenue Elementary School, Madison, 365

Bea Meadow School, Whippany, 321
Fembrook School, Randolph, 278
Southern Boulevard School, Chatham, 270
Apple Montessori School, Randolph, 254
Alexander Hamilton School, Morristown, 243
Frelinghuysen Middle School, Morristown, 239
Cub Scout Pack 133, Den 9, Mendham, 229
Washington Avenue School, Chatham, 219
Hanover Township Board of Educ., Whippany, 201

Volunteer News

Celebrate the Pantry!

On Thursday, October 17, 2019, the Interfaith Food Pantry celebrated our amazing and dedicated volunteers at our **Annual Volunteer Recognition Pot Luck Supper** held at the Hanover Township Community Center! This past year volunteers donated a record breaking 25,000 hours to help support IFP's mission to end hunger in Morris County. Volunteers enjoyed great food, camaraderie and the chance to mingle with their "co-workers".

Each year we select one group and one individual to receive our highest volunteer honor, the **Golden Apple Award**, which is given to those identified as going above and beyond in their support of the Pantry and dedication to our mission. This year's Group Golden Apple award was awarded to the **Hanover Rotary** for their decades long support of the Pantry through



Hanover Rotary volunteers at IFP Farmers Market.

hosting and volunteering at fundraising events, food drives, and working on-site at the Pantry. We are so grateful for their long-term friendship and support!



Our individual Golden Apple award went to volunteer **Paul Woodford**. Paul has been a volunteer at IFP since 2016 and has donated almost 600 hours! Paul helps each week with food distribution, stocks shelves, picks up food donations, does home delivery, conducts tours for kids and this Thanksgiving helped sort donations. You name it, Paul does it, and always with a smile on his face.

When asked about his IFP volunteer work, Paul comments, *"I started at the Food Pantry in response to a notice in the church bulletin that the Pantry needed volunteers to drive to local farms to pick up produce. I had no idea I would so enjoy working with the staff, the other volunteers and the clients. The dedication, enthusiasm and spirit of the staff and volunteers in helping others is contagious. I have come to appreciate the many aspects of the Pantry's mission and the number of people needed to fulfill that mission. I am honored to be a part of it!"*

During the evening, **Doug McMahon**, retiring IFP Volunteer Coordinator was also honored for his years of service. At right, Doug gets a hug from long time volunteer **Celeste Stracco** who prepared a touching tribute in his honor.

Thank you to all our volunteers and the endless hours they donate to the IFP. We could not open our doors each day and feed Morris County's hungry families without you!



Welcome Allison Sillence, IFP's New Volunteer Coordinator!

In December 2019 we said goodbye to our long time **Volunteer Coordinator, Doug McMahon** (right), as we welcomed **Allison Sillence** (far right) to her new role. Allison brings with her over twenty years of experience in working with volunteers. Her most recent position was as the Associate Director of Volunteer



Development at the Liberty Science Center. She is thrilled to be at the IFP and "returning home" as she was born and raised in the Morristown area. Allison commented, *"It is an honor to work for such a meaningful organization and alongside amazing co-workers and volunteers while helping people combat food insecurity right here in our own communities."* Allison looks forward to getting to know all the volunteers who contribute so much of their time to the IFP, recruiting more volunteers with different skill sets, helping to expand programs as the IFP grows and establishing more opportunities for community engagement. She lives with her husband Jim and their four-legged kids in Morris Plains. **Interested in Volunteering? Allison can be reached at asillence@mcifp.org.**

Eco-Friendly Laundry Project a Win!

IFP clients were encouraged to reuse their plastic laundry bottles by bringing them to our Free Farmers Market in October. Thanks to a donation from **Earth Friendly Products** of four 55-gallon drums of ECOS®, they were able to obtain this much needed item, not covered by SNAP, in an environmentally friendly way!

IFP volunteers, Brian Stellingwerf and Adrianna DelPazzo (right), pump donated laundry detergent into reusable containers for our clients.



Welcome New Volunteers

Stefanie Ahern	Roger Graham	Otito Okpor
David Andrews	Jeff Greenberg	Susan Ossanna
Sara Bailey	Nancy Hafner	Kara Pollard
Joann Chestnut	Mary Jane Hastings	William Reilly
Beverly Cieplik	Mark Hilla	Anthony Sciano
Mary Conrad	Wayne Jackson	Julie Seitel
Bruce Danishek	Barbara Koning	Particia Simone
Courtney Daviau	Linda Kotchkowski	Steven Stockert
Karen Fazzio	Jill Lasser	Susan Townsend
Candance Foltiny	Shalini Mehrotra	Ellen Verrone
Janice Fornarotto	Sarah Mercuri	Ginger Vukas
Daria Goginsky	Andrew Mermelstein	
Kathleen Graham		

Our Sympathies...

To **Tom Ireland** and family on the loss of his wife, **Bliss**, a beloved IFP volunteer; and to volunteer **Rosemary Doherty** on the loss of her husband, **Jack**.

Engaging Our Community

Giving Thanks To All!



IFP volunteer **Jim MacDonald**, assists client with her Thanksgiving turkey.

It was another very busy and exciting Thanksgiving season. Thanks to all of you who contributed we were able to provide close to 1,600 client households and partner agencies with turkeys and the all the fixings for a special holiday meal. There were so many individuals who donated turkeys and side dishes, and just as many groups who

conducted food drives, that it's just impossible to mention them all in this limited space. But we do want to mention a few who made significant contributions of food and funds including **Kings Food Markets, the Morris County Educators Association, Lexus of Route 10, New Jersey Association for Justice, Montville Unico/Turkeys 4 U, Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church, St. Vigil Church, Christ the King Church, Hilltop Church, UPS** and our partners at the **Community Food Bank of NJ**. Thanks also to the many individual volunteers who "triaged" incoming food and put in hours of overtime sorting through it, and to all the groups



Employees of **Marks Paneth Company** help to pack Thanksgiving bags.

that helped pack all those bags.

We also want to thank the **Junior League of Morristown** for preparing over 40 meals for those home delivery clients who asked for them. Special kudos are also extended to **Ken Kramer** and all the volunteers who not only arranged for delivery of turkeys to **St. Margaret's Church** to accommodate our Speedwell Avenue clients but also delivered meals prepared by the **Junior League of Morristown** to our home delivery clients on Thanksgiving Day.



Members of the **Junior League of Morristown** help to prepare home cooked meals for our Home Delivery clients.

Thanks to everyone who contributed it was another wonderful holiday for our clients!

Did You Know???

To close out an amazing and busy 2019, the **Helen Keller Foundation** once again assisted our IFP clients. On December 17th the Foundation came to the Pantry and provided free eye exams and glasses for clients in need. Over 45 people were given eye exams and 42 were provided with free glasses.



Turkey Trot Athletes Move Their Feet Before They Eat...

Almost 2,400 participants took part in the 13th Annual Turkey Trot 5k, 1mile fun run and Kids Trot held on a windy Thanksgiving morning at Ginty Field in Morris Township. According to **Sandra Benedict, IFP Director of Development**, "everyone is a winner in this race – **IFP and Literacy Volunteers of Morris County** benefit from the \$61,000 proceeds, and participants burn off calories before indulging in their Thanksgiving feast."

We're especially grateful to our partners at **Atlantic Sports Health**, the official Health Care Sponsor of the Trot, for conducting a pre-race seminar to help athletes prepare. Special thanks to our leadership sponsors including **Dixon Energy**, the **North Jersey Development Group** and **PBF Energy**.

Corporate Partners Ease the Burden

IFP relies heavily on the support of our volunteers from the community and local businesses. We could never serve over 10,000 clients each year without the support from our community especially our corporate partners. We are grateful to all of the businesses and corporations that came out to volunteer at the IFP from August through December, tackling such tasks as working in our warehouse, sorting food, assisting at our Farmers Market, and assembling client holiday bags. Companies included **Affinity Federal Credit Union, BASF, Bayer, Community Foundation of NJ, CIT, Ernst & Young, Esposito's Electric, GAF, UPS, Hartford Insurance Group, Hyatt Hotel, IPSOS, Marks Paneth, McCann Managed Markets, Mondelez, PWC, Skanska, Spavia, TIAA Bank, Verizon,**



Visions Credit Union and Willis Towers Watson. Not only do the employees of these organizations provide volunteer service hours to the IFP but often bring food donations and provide monetary support.

Special thanks are extended to new partners, **Barclay's** (pictured above) and **Langan** for their recent donations.

Action Against Hunger—Another Huge Success!

On October 6th, the Interfaith Food Pantry participated in **Action Against Hunger**, the largest one-day food drive in the region. The event was sponsored by **Fourth Edition Inc.** (previously the Foundation of Northern NJ, Inc.) and has been helping to feed New Jersey residents through four major food pantries, including the IFP, since 1991. Seventeen supermarkets in Morris County participated in this year's event with volunteers collecting 12,000 pounds of food and over \$3,000 to benefit clients of the IFP. Participating stores included **Acme, Foodtown, Kings, ShopRite, Stop & Shop, and Weis.** We are so grateful to all our volunteers, the supermarkets and customers who contributed to this very worthwhile effort.

Special Event



The Board Of Trustees Of The Interfaith Food Pantry Along With Our Gala Committee Invite You To Join Us As We Honor



Here's how you can be a part of it all:

- * **Purchase tickets** for a great date night or fill your own 8-12 person table by bringing your friends, neighbors or colleagues. Companies, reward those employees who volunteer with tickets!
- * **Donate an item**, product or service for our Silent Auction. Your generous, tax-deductible contribution will be publicized in the Auction Directory, on our website and in our newsletter which reaches over 12,000 homes and businesses. You can drop off your contribution or we can pick it up.
- * **Place an ad** in our Sponsor Ad Journal as a tribute to an honoree or to market your business to our guests and beyond. Ads are printed digitally in full color.
- * **Serve as an Event Sponsor**. By helping to underwrite our costs, you help us feed more people while effectively communicating your company values to a broad audience.

- ☐ I would like to **attend the event**. Enclosed is payment for _____ ticket(s) at \$250 each.
 - ☐ I am interested in **sponsoring the event**, please contact me.
 - ☐ I have a valuable item or service I'd like to **contribute to the auction**, please contact me.
 - ☐ I would like to **place an ad** in the journal*

☐ 1/4 page \$100

☐ 1/2 page \$250

☐ full page \$500

Name _____ Company _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

☐ Enclosed is my check payable to Interfaith Food Pantry

☐ Gift to follow from my Family/Donor Advised Fund

To pay by credit card visit www.mcifp.org or complete the following:

Please charge my Visa/MasterCard/Discover/Amex No. _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV _____ Signature _____

Please Mail To: Interfaith Food Pantry, 2 Executive Drive, Morris Plains, NJ 07950

*Email your four-color ad (.jpg, .tif, .eps, .pdf or .bmp file) to Julia Murtha at juliamurtha@mcifp.org by March 17. Email Julia if you need assistance creating the ad or tribute.

Empowering Our Community

Kitchen 2 Table Helps IFP Homebound!

Our popular Kitchen 2 Table program continues to help our homebound clients receive several homecooked meals each

month for days when they just aren't up to cooking for themselves. Corporate groups participate in this worthwhile program as a team building experience while preparing healthy meals for our Home Delivery clients. From August – December, the following companies participated in the program; **Ellie Mae, Mennekes Electric, J.D. Power and Benjamin Moore**. Thank you to these companies for their continued support of the IFP and the Kitchen 2 Table program. We are currently seeking more volunteers and companies to participate in this program. If you are savvy in the kitchen and looking for a volunteer opportunity or if your company is interested in arranging a Kitchen 2 Table team building experience, please contact Allison at 973-538-8049 ext. 218 or asillence@mcifp.org.



Employees from **Benjamin Moore** help to prepare home cooked meals.

Diabetes Program—BIG Success For Attendees!

A new Diabetes Education Program was held this past summer here at the IFP and continues to meet once a month. This program brings together those with pre-diabetes, diabetes and family members to learn about living with diabetes and share their experiences. **Barbara Galvin**, registered dietitian, explains the importance of healthy eating to a diabetes class.



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Barbara Galvin, a registered dietitian at the Parsippany ShopRite leads the group with information about topics of interest. **Community Health nurses from Morristown Medical Center** provide support at each session, as well as a healthy snack and a bag of fresh produce for the participants to take home with them. One recent participant commented "Every session is a learning experience. You get to meet others with the same problems. You learn from the course and the people... it is excellent!"

Donating Stocks May Yield Tax Savings

Several tax benefits apply when donating appreciated stock to the Pantry. Contact your investment company for more information or contact Wendy Potkay at 973-538-8049 x 220; or email WPotkay@mcifp.org.



Fresh Produce Overflow!

The Pantry was overflowing with fresh produce during the growing season this year. Many growers including home gardeners, community gardeners, CSA programs, non-profits, churches, schools, corporate gardeners, and local farmers donated over 62,000 pounds of produce to the Pantry. Thank you farmers and gardeners! A special thanks to our local farmers including **Alstede Farms, Bader Farm, Crane Farm, Flying Triangle Organic Farms, Greystone Park Farm, Greenhouse and Nursery, Let It Grow Farm, Parks Farms, Serenity Farm, Sun Circle Farm, Sun High Orchards, Union Hill Farms, and Circle Brook Farm**.



Employees from **McCann's Health Managed Markets** volunteer at the IFP Farmers Market assisting clients and packaging produce.

Several non-profits that grow food for feeding programs including **America's Grow a Row, Grow It Green Morristown, and Wagner Farm Arboretum** donated produce on a weekly schedule. Through **Local Share**, a non-profit that gleans food from local fields, and finds a home for excess produce, we received fresh fruit and vegetables from **Brook Hollow Farm, Donaldson Farms, Long-meadow Farm, and Race Farm**.

Additional thanks to our home gardeners and also to the community gardeners from **Hanover Township, Madison, Morris County Park, Morris Plains, Morris Township, St. Mark Lutheran Church, and Wyndham Hotels and Resorts** who brought produce to the Pantry. As you begin planning your Spring planting, consider growing some produce for the Pantry! Our participants look forward to the variety of locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs.

Grants Update...

Carolyn Lake, IFP Executive Director (right) receives \$45,000 grant check from **Odyssey Re**. Presenting the check is **Jim Danbrowney**, Senior Vice President at **Hudson Insurance Company**.



Special thanks go out to the following foundations and companies who provided grants to the IFP from August through December 2019: **3M, Appaloosa LP, Catholic Human Services Foundation, Charles L. Read Foundation, Margaret A. Darrin Charitable Trust, Thomas & Annette Dircks Family Foundation, Father John Foundation, First Energy Foundation, George Ohl Trust, Gertrude Hirsch Charitable Trust, Willis & Nancy King Foundation, F.M. Kirby Foundation, McGuinn Family Foundation, Meerwarth Family Foundation, MetLife Foundation, Novartis and Odyssey Re**.

You can help! If you know of a family or corporate foundation that we should contact, please let **Joanne Brashier** know at 973-538-8049, ext. 229 or joannebrashier@mcifp.org

Empowering Our Community

Hole In One For Hunger!

Thank you to all the golfers that played in our September Golf Outing. Your participation helped us raise nearly \$11,000. We're grateful to our premium sponsors: **Britcher Leone**, **Pfizer** and **Solix**, as well as **Mount Tabor Country Club** who donated the course and **Daddy Matty's BBQ** who donated a delicious lunch. We're especially pleased to announce that Golf Committee Chair and generous Pantry supporter, **Drew Britcher** won first prize in the "Wine of the Week" raffle that took place during dinner. Drew received fifty-two bottles of premium wine, hand selected with assistance from **Gary Fisch**, of **Gary's Wine & Marketplace**. The lucky second-place prize winner, **Shane O'Driscoll** of **Met-Life**, received 12 bottles of wine plus two tickets to **Gary's Grand Tasting Event** which was held at the **Wyndham Hamilton Park Hotel** in Florham Park in October. Five 3rd place winners each won a case of quality vino!



Golfers included, **Mike & Jeanne Kibalo (left)**, **Bob Lake** and **Steven Yosh**.

Gary's Gives... We owe a very special thanks to **Gary Fisch**, of **Gary's Wine & Marketplace** who for many years has donated a portion of the proceeds from the Grand Tasting Event to the IFP. At right, Gary presents a \$10,000 check to **Sandra Benedict**, IFP Director of Development.



Young Professionals Night Out Raises Awareness



Members of IFP's YPC are at it again, having fun while raising awareness and donations. Our growing committee met at **Hops** in **Morristown** to share a laugh, listen to music and discuss hunger and food insecurity, a relevant topic that will affect their future. A good time was had by all and several hundred dollars were raised. Thank you to **Brian Stellingwerf** for funding the event for the second year in a row, and to the whole YPC team for making it happen. Keep your eyes peeled for the YPC's spring fundraiser – **Goat Yoga**.

Second Annual Hanover Charity Classic is a Fundraising Homerun



Bayer looks ready for the win... maybe next year!

The community came out this year to enjoy the second annual **Hanover Charity Classic** which is a friendly softball competition between two local corporations. **Wegmans** and **Bayer** faced off at Malapardis Park in Cedar Knolls this past August, and once again Wegmans took home the win. We're so grateful to the **Township of Hanover** and particularly to **Mayor Ronald Francioli** and his team for organizing this event two years in a row. Of course, IFP wins no matter what the score. Both companies make generous contributions to the IFP. In addition, the **Hanover Rotary** and **Knights of Columbus** ran a profitable concession stand, collected food, and held a 50/50 raffle with proceeds going to the IFP.



Donations for Christmas at the IFP were very generous this year with many individuals and organizations helping to make this holiday a happy one for our families. Donors like **Atlantic Health** and **MJM**

Signature Group adopted families, while the **Center for Christian Living** and the **Morris County Park Police** along with the **Sherriff's Office** donated bags full of gifts. Thanks for making the holidays brighter for our clients!

We Are So Grateful... **Wegmans Hanover's Check-Out Hunger Campaign** resulted in a donation of \$47,994 to the IFP! A special thank you to the Wegmans cashiers who asked customers if they would like to contribute. We're equally grateful to all the generous Wegmans shoppers who thought of others as they were purchasing their own food.

Sandi's Soul Bites Donates Time and Talent to Raise Funds... A new IFP program called the **Grateful Plate** invites local chefs into our teaching kitchen to prepare a meal for up to 25 paying guests. The inaugural event was particularly special because our **Celebrity Chef, Sandi Rodgers**, was at one time an IFP client. She's now the owner and Chef at **Sandi's Soul Bites** in **Morristown**, which opened to rave reviews this summer. Sandi donated her time, talent and all the food to our first Grateful Plate event. *If interested in sponsoring such an event please contact Sandra Benedict at sbenedict@mcifp.org.*

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Our Mission

- To improve the health and well being of Morris County residents in need by providing access to food, nutrition education and related resources.
- To provide hands on opportunities for neighbors to help neighbors.
- To educate the public about the issues of hunger in our area.

Hours

Food Drop-off, Tours & Visitors - Warehouse

2 Executive Drive, Morris Plains

Monday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Special arrangements by request

Food Distribution - Main Pantry/Warehouse

2 Executive Drive, Morris Plains

The First Four Weeks of the Month Only

Monday through Thursday 1pm - 3pm

Wednesday 6pm - 8pm

Saturday 10am - 12noon

1st & 3rd Tuesday 6pm - 8pm

Food Distribution - Satellite Pantry

190 Speedwell Ave., Morristown

Tuesday 9:30am - 12 noon

Wednesday 9:30am - 12 noon

Thursday 9:30am - 12 noon

2nd & 4th Thursday 5pm - 7pm

Calendar

March

3/19 2019 Giving Tree Unveiling & Donor Recognition Reception, 5:00pm

April

4/17 21st Annual Spring Gala

May

5/9 Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive

5/20 Annual Bd. of Trustees Public Mtg.

5/30 Goat Yoga (rain date 5/31)

For details please visit www.mcifp.org

2019 Statistics

Volunteer hours donated	25,539
Number staff volunteers	387
Number temp volunteers	1,816

Lbs. of food distributed	1,222,859
Number of visits	21,692
Total households*	15,424
Total people served *	32,913

*Counted each visit to one of our pantries or partner agencies.

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