

YOUR SUPPORT FEEDS HUNGRY FAMILIES



Meet Victor Recinos, age 5 with mom, Elonisa, New Rochelle residents at a Feeding Westchester Mobile Food Pantry.

Victor and his mom, Elonisa, have found hope through Feeding Westchester's Mobile Food Pantry. Elonisa is a mother of 4 growing, school-age children, including 5-year-old Victor. Elonisa's husband is a Pleasantville based baker working long hours and struggling to make ends meet. As a mother she often worries about the lack of nutritious foods she is able to provide on her family's limited income. Elonisa values our Mobile Food Pantry for the variety of produce she's able to share with her children, like fresh strawberries, raspberries, squash, leafy greens, and so much more. Victor was able to take home his favorite snack, "He loves the raspberries, he was so excited to take home 2 boxes of raspberries today," says Elonisa.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables from Feeding Westchester's Mobile Food Pantry brings smiles to families.



THANK YOU!

Truly, thanks to your support the holiday season was busy for Feeding Westchester. We provided a record amount of food to our hungry neighbors.



In October alone, we distributed 1 million pounds of food! Since September, we provided almost 2.8 million meals to people in towns across Westchester: To moms like Elonisa (on the cover), seniors looking for fresh produce to follow their doctor's recommendation, and children happy to see raspberries available at Mobile Pantry distributions. With your help there was food at holiday time! And, thanks to your help, those millions of meals included more than 8,000 turkeys, along with 180,000 pounds of "sides" (including sweet potatoes).

We couldn't do this work without your support and the help of dedicated volunteers who packed sweet potatoes, distributed turkeys and hosted food-and-fund drives. We are truly grateful to all who made it possible to distribute so much food and to help so many Westchester families have holiday meals.

Gratefully,

YOU HELPED US:



Distribute **4** million meals



Recover **1.8** million pounds of food



Share **24,332** Kids BackPacks



Host **220** Mobile Food Pantry and **36** Fresh Market distributions across the county



Teach **78** nutrition and food safety classes

(since July 2018)

THIS SEASON YOU HELPED FAMILIES SHARE HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

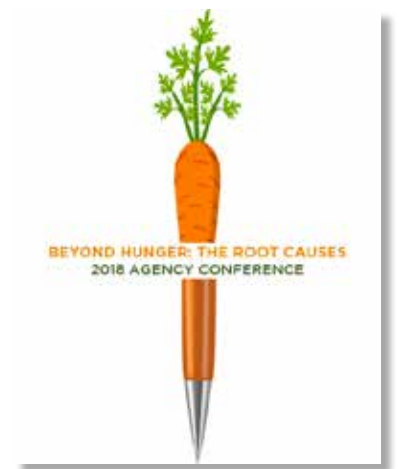


Joyce Thomas, of White Plains, gathers ingredients for a holiday meal at a Mobile Food Pantry

During the holidays, many of us prepare and share meals with our loved ones. Food has the power to bring people together. This holiday season, Feeding Westchester distributed more than 8,000 turkeys, along with 180,000 lbs. of sides - sweet potatoes, green beans, stuffing, and more to our hungry neighbors to share the tradition of a holiday meal around the table. Joyce Thomas, a senior who attends our Mobile Food Pantry at the White Plains Library was excited to bring a turkey to Thanksgiving this year and share the meal with her grandchildren. "It's a blessing to bring a turkey for Thanksgiving," says Joyce.

WE BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER TO TACKLE HUNGER AND ITS ROOT CAUSES

As the heart of the network, and largest hunger fighting organization in the county, we bring partners together to collaborate and fight hunger. Thanks to the support of The Westchester Bank and The Stephens Family Charitable Foundation more than 170 attendees gathered to discuss the root causes of hunger. Participants listened to inspirational speakers, worked in break-out sessions and discussed how we can work together to feed people today and offer resources to stabilize lives for tomorrow. With your support, collaboration continues throughout the year as well!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Lee Kleinman!



Photo by Fred Marcus

At Feeding Westchester, we rely on the help of hundreds of individuals who host food drives and fundraisers each year, including 13 year-old Lee Kleinman. Lee donated the proceeds from his Bar Mitzvah to Feeding Westchester. Through his efforts, Lee raised \$17,822 and donated 3,784 pounds of food, allowing us to provide over 74,440 meals to those in need. Way to go Lee! To learn more about how you too can help end hunger, contact Nicoal Crawford at ncrawford@FeedingWestchester.org.

SHOUT OUT TO OUR LOCAL BUSINESS PARTNERS!

Kudos to the more than 10 local businesses who volunteered with Feeding Westchester in lieu of, or as part of, their holiday celebrations.

Thank you for sharing your holiday spirit!

Volunteers from Wells Fargo Bank at a Mobile Food Pantry distribution in White Plains.



24,000 LBS OF SWEET POTATOES PACKED FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

On November 8th, volunteers from local businesses competed and packed food for Thanksgiving. Thanks to the help of these fast-packing volunteers, 24,000 lbs of sweet potatoes were packed and ready — enough to make 20,000 meals. Congratulations to the Swiss Re IT Team on their victory — packing a total of 2,600 pounds of sweet potatoes!



Thank you to all the participating teams for their food packing efforts: Con Edison | Orange Bank | Robison Oil | Swiss Re | Zachy's

SAVE THE DATES 2019

MARCH DONOR VOLUNTEER DAY: Sunday, March 3rd.

SPRING GALA: Friday, April 5th.

GOLDEN SCOOP COMPETITION: Friday, May 17th, 2019.

HUNGER HEROES BREAKFAST: Thursday, June 6th.

LEAVE A LEGACY - JOIN THE HARVEST SOCIETY

With your support today we help feed Westchester. With your planned gift, you can leave a legacy of fighting hunger and help ensure there will always be support for those who are hungry in Westchester. To learn more please contact Judy Campisi at JCampisi@FeedingWestchester.org.



FEEDING WESTCHESTER

Feeding Westchester's mission is to end hunger in Westchester County. As the heart of a network of more than 300 partners, we source and distribute food, and other resources, to towns across Westchester helping to ensure that none of our neighbors are hungry. We help feed Westchester.

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