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**FY20 ANNUAL REPORT:
MEETING THE NEED AND
SERVING SAFELY**

Dear Friends,

As we take a look back on the past year, we've had to recognize the fact that we are not in control, are we? In fact, life takes many, many turns and presents us sometimes with undeniable challenges. This year was marked by world changing events most notably COVID-19 which has changed the lives of all of us forever. Who could have ever imagined that we would face a global crisis, climate change and civil unrest all in such a short span of time?

To paraphrase Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, "we must strive to do ordinary things extraordinarily well." And this has been the case for us at Bread and Life. COVID-19 shifted our focus to expanding our emergency food programs and finding creative ways to continue our case management and mail services. We developed protocols that have allowed us to continue to safely serve our guests, making tough decisions to suspend some programs, closing the building to all guests, reassigning staff to jobs they wouldn't ordinarily do, and working our way through uncharted times knowing that we played a critical role in keeping people fed during these disastrous times.

Our staff have been on the front lines every day, working harder than ever to meet the increased demand. They are the true heroes at Bread and Life. We far exceeded our initial goals distributing more than 931,000 meals and more than 1.2 million pounds of food. Mindful of social distancing, we turned our dining room into a staging and packing zone, our chapel, waiting room and pantry into additional storage and installed a cold storage unit to accept more fresh produce and donations, all in an effort to ensure that no one went hungry. We created new ways to distribute food through an expanded resource sharing program and a new pick-up/delivery system mindful of our most vulnerable guests.

We remain grateful to those corporations, foundations and individuals who supported us before, during and after the pandemic. While we do not know what the future holds for any of us, we do know that we will continue to be on the front lines doing our best for those who need us most. Thank you for your support.

In gratitude,



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2020 SNAPSHOTS PRE-PANDEMIC

The beginning of Fiscal Year 2020 focused on serving the bodies, minds, and spirits of our guests through our food programs and the broad array of social services we offer.

Hundreds of guests gathered every morning and afternoon in our dining room for hot meals and a sense of community. Our Mobile Soup Kitchen visited neighborhoods across Brooklyn and Queens feeding the most vulnerable. Our new Marketplace provided Bread & Life guests and patients at the Rogosin Institute Dialysis Center in East New York with access to high-quality, fresh produce.

Case managers helped guests secure benefits, assisted them with applications and referrals for housing, provided substance abuse counseling, and more.

Our annual Sponsor A Family program spread joyous holiday spirit to hundreds of Brooklyn families. Children received brand new toys and families brought home large holiday meal boxes filled with 3 days worth of food to share.

Our dedicated volunteers continued to play a vital role in serving the most vulnerable in our community, helping with everything from serving meals in our dining room to bagging groceries in the food pantry.

We enjoyed several events, including the annual Empty Bowls Dinner at Artshack Brooklyn and a brand new Winter Cocktail event at Adoro Lei in Manhattan.

The world radically changed in March of 2020, and so did the way we serve at Bread & Life. Despite the challenge of serving during a pandemic and the growing food insecurity across the city, our dedicated team rose to the occasion, serving more New Yorkers in need than ever before and greatly expanding our reach.

COVID-19 RAPID RESPONSE

**425,813 MEALS
SERVED IN NYC**

Over 425,813 meals were provided onsite at Bread & Life and through partner organizations and community groups.

**153% INCREASE
IN FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

As a result of the pandemic we've seen a 153% increase in food distribution through the combined efforts of our onsite Food Pantry and grab-and-go meals programs, and through partnerships with variety of volunteer groups, churches, and nonprofit organizations.

**7,235 NEW GUESTS
REGISTERED FOR OUR PANTRY**

With unemployment rates soaring in New York City, we saw an exponential increase in the number of new individuals and families in need of our pantry service.

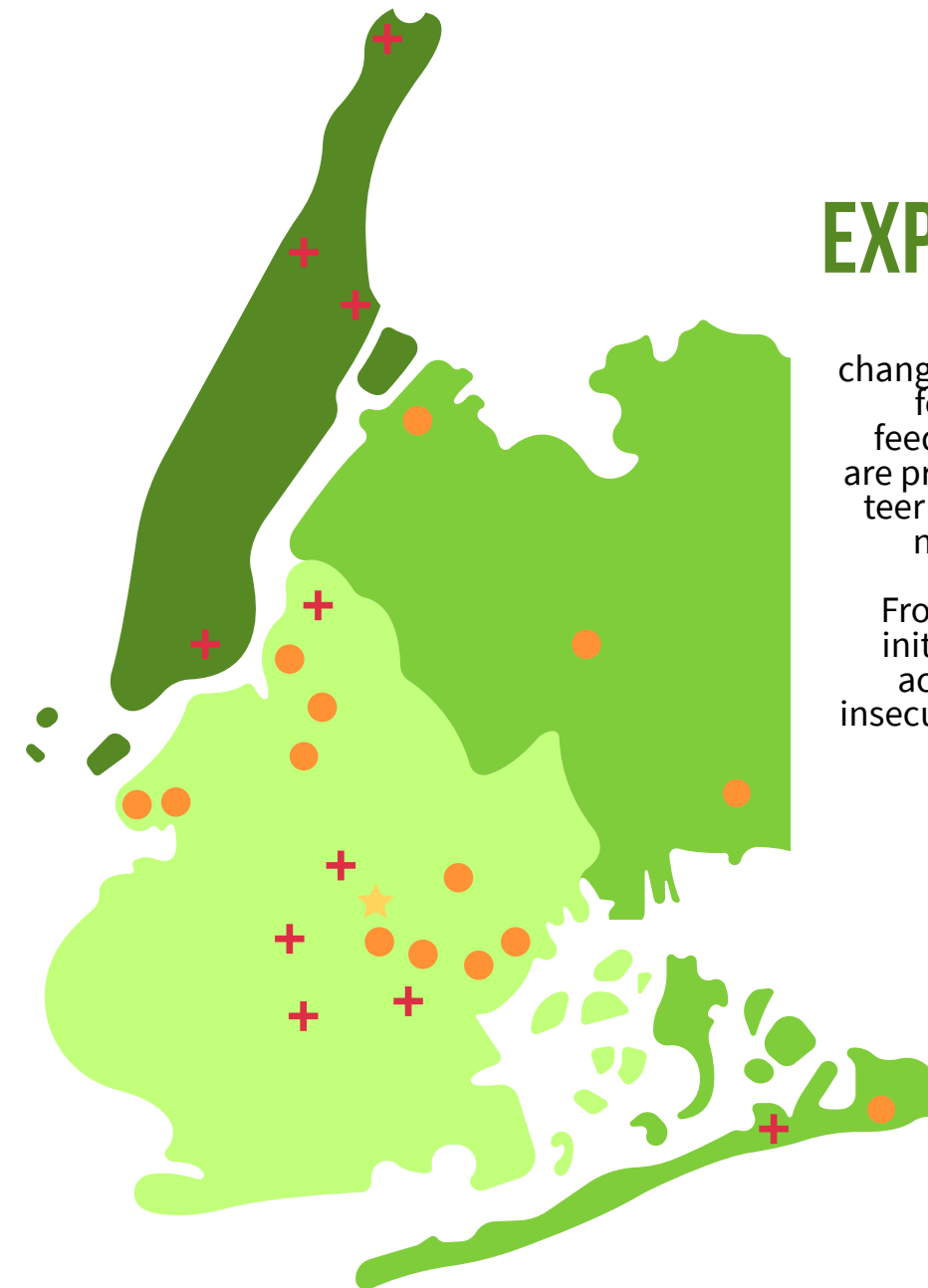
**2.7 MILLION+
MEALS PROJECTED**

We project that we will serve over 2.7 million meals, totaling over 3.5 million pounds of food in Fiscal Year 2021 (July-June).

EXPANDING OUR REACH

The COVID-19 pandemic has radically changed the way we meet the growing need for food in New York City. In addition to feeding our Brooklyn neighbors onsite we are proud to partner with a variety of volunteer groups, churches, and nonprofit organizations to expand the areas we serve.

From donating to community refrigerator initiatives, to supporting pop-up pantries across the city, we are now fighting food insecurity in neighborhoods from Harlem to Far Rockaway.



Bread & Life ★

Pop-up Pantry ●

Community Fridge +

MID-FEBRUARY

MARCH 12

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

Bread & Life team began preparing for COVID-19 to reach New York City with the development of new safety protocols and the purchasing of PPE.

Services changed in response to the WHO declaring a global pandemic: hot meals served to-go, limited guests in the building for pantry, and all programs besides the Mobile Soup Kitchen (MSK), Mail Service, and the medical center are suspended.

The threat of COVID-19 grew and we continued to adjust our services to keep guests and staff safe. Service hours decreased, the MSK was suspended and pantry service changed to bags filled with 1 week's worth of food.

As a hub for emergency food in Brooklyn, we partnered with a variety of volunteer groups, churches, and nonprofits to distribute food throughout Brooklyn, Queens, and Manhattan.

We began to support several Community Fridges across the city with produce and milk donations, as well as a pop-up pantry at Brooklyn bar and music venue Union Pool.

931,639

MEALS

meals were provided onsite at Bread & Life and through partner organizations and community groups



PRODUCE 33%



of food distributed by Bread & Life consisted of fresh fruits and vegetables

3,963 GUESTS

unique guests received vital social services from Bread & Life caseworkers



POUNDS 1,277,131



pounds of food were distributed through Bread & Life's Digital Choice Food Pantry, Dining Room, Produce Market, and COVID-19 Response

FY2020 IN REVIEW

JULY 2019 - JUNE 2020

In addition to our Food Programs we provided 2,073 unique households with Social Service programs, the bulk of which were assisted prior to the pandemic. This included 179 individuals who received assistance acquiring vital documents like birth certificates and Social Security cards, 727 families who received essential baby supplies like diapers and formula, and an 85% success rate for the hundreds of families applying for SNAP benefits.

Overall, Bread & Life secured **\$5,775,336 in benefits for guests**, including over 1 million dollars in health benefits and **\$265,913 in emergency support** during the pandemic.



KEY PARTNERS



FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

PUBLIC SUPPORT AND OTHER REVENUES:

Individuals	\$1,583,158
Corporations	39,364
Foundations	2,010,801
Government	772,930
Religious Organizations	58,500
Special Events	471,258
Miscellaneous	5,105
In-Kind Donations	533,842
In-Kind Services	36,000
Total Public Support	5,510,958

Thank you to our 2020 Johnny's Angel honorees! Although we had to make the difficult decision to cancel the 22nd Annual Johnny's Angel Awards due to the pandemic, we still honor these three individuals and their dedication to serving their communities.



Obaid Kadwani
Founder
A Slice of Hope
eyeBlink Entertainment

EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES

Meals and Nutrition	2,214,038
Social Services	967,235
Total Program Services	3,181,273

SUPPORTING SERVICES

Fundraising	469,657
Management	595,693
Total Supporting Services	1,065,350

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES: 4,246,623

Change in Net Assets	1,264,335
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	5,593,960
Net Assets - End of Year	6,858,295

The above information was abstracted from financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 audited by Marks Paneth and may be reviewed on our website: www.breadandlife.org

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