

Community Soup Kitchen 2015 Annual Report



In 2015 Community Soup Kitchen, together with our associates at the Saint Luke's Lunch Program for Women & Children, and our breakfast sites at Saint Martin DePorre's, St Luke's and St. Paul's UAME provided a total of 71,126 meals. We also worked with a group from St Luke's to provide sandwiches during the summer months when the St Thomas More Soup Kitchen was closed.

CSK:	48,765
St Luke's:	3,552
Breakfast Sites:	16,441
Sandwiches:	2,368
Total:	71,126

This figure reflects a decline of 5.5% over the number of meals we provided in 2014. We are not certain as to why we experienced the decline. We are hearing that quite a few people have been finding housing, and thus are able to cook for themselves, and we do know that the new breakfast site, "Sunrise Café" has absorbed a number of our guests but we do not think that is a significant number.

We had approximately 150 community service workers from the New Haven, Meriden, Milford and Ansonia Superior courts.

In October the nurses from the Hill Health Center gave 35 people flu shots, and in the course of the year, approximately 25 people received free HIV testing on site provided by Liberty Community Services. This year we enjoyed the services of representatives of the West Haven Veteran Hospital homeless outreach program.

We were lucky to have Seminarian Leigh Kern from the Yale Divinity School stop in weekly to offer spiritual & practical counseling. We enjoyed the hard work of Saint Hilda's House interns Megan McDermott and David Nunnlley.

We were sad to see Father Joe Britton go on to Arizona but we have been very happy to have gotten to know Mother Ann Broomell as interim pastor of Christ Church Parish.

We received grants from many organization and foundations including: the Community Foundation, United Way, Liberty Bank, Peoples Bank, Bank of America, Tariq Farid Foundation, Archdiocese of Hartford, Trinity Church, City Missionary, Aldo DeDominicis Fund, Amity Charitable, and the Knight of Columbus. We want to thank the New Haven Symphony Orchestra for their help and cooperation on their fourth collaborative fundraiser with CSK.

We were very happy to have worked together with **FISH of Greater New Haven** and the **Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry** on the first "Stop Hunger" in New Haven fundraising event. Modern Pizza, Duffy's, Woodbridge Gathering, Christy's & Trinity all helped raise over \$6000 that we divided between our three groups.

Please keep Community Soup Kitchen and the people we serve in your prayers.

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