A NEW BEGINNING FOR OUR ORGANIZATION

We’re sure you’ve heard the big news, but we’re so excited, we’re going to tell you again: Our organization has a new name! The Community Soup Kitchen & Outreach Center is now nourish.NJ.

Though food will always be at the heart of what we do, we want our name to better reflect everything that we do. We now offer a myriad of programs for our guests, from mental and physical health services to legal and immigration assistance. We’ve helped guests find jobs, secure housing, and reconnect with loved ones. In addition, we’ve done what we’ve always done: Served warm, nutritious meals to anyone who was hungry, and re-distributed hundreds of thousands of pounds of fresh, healthy produce to anyone who needed it.

We’ve seen a lot of changes, and we’ve changed a lot of lives. We’re so proud of the growth of our programs, the impact we’ve had on the root causes of hunger, homelessness, and poverty; and the broad-based support we receive from our caring volunteers and donors. It’s truly thanks to people like you who have helped us learn, grow and expand our reach. We hope you’re as proud of the work we do together, and as excited by this progression, as we are.

In the coming months, we aspire to meet the needs of even more people. Thank you for helping us get to this exciting place in the evolution of our organization. So many great things are coming our way, and we can’t wait to see what we do together next!

MOVING FORWARD

The year is drawing to a close, and we are looking forward to the incredibly exciting ventures 2020 will bring. With the expansion of our free farmers’ markets, we will be able to reach even more of Morris County’s working poor. We will host markets at new venues that are frequented by populations in need. We will provide food and services at locations that feel safe and familiar to marginalized families and seniors; locations where they live, congregate or frequent regularly to pick up their children or to re-authorize their WIC. Our goal is to:

- Eliminate fear, stigma and shame for our clients.
- Allow our guests to engage more deeply in services, in a location where they feel safe and supported.
- Attach ourselves to already known programs to ease engagement and build trust.

Doing this requires a significant increase in effort and storage. Which is why we’re purchasing a refrigerated truck.

The refrigerated truck will allow us to pick up twice as much donated food (650,000 pounds annually!) and redistribute it to twice as many working poor families. To achieve this we will double our volunteers within three months, and service an additional 200 families within six months. But we can’t do it without you. Will you make a year-end donation to help us reach these families in need?
HAPPY TIMES AT HUNGER WALK

The bad weather didn’t dampen the enthusiasm of everyone who braved the elements for our 2019 Hunger Walk. Though the skies were dark and stormy, the smiles on the faces of nearly 800 walkers were warm and bright. We are so appreciative of everyone who came out to support and bring awareness to our organization and our new name. We couldn’t do what we do without you.

Thank you to all our teams who have graciously Sponsored the Day in 2019!

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Hunger should never be the reason a person can’t continue their education. Unfortunately, food insecurity is one of the most prevalent reasons students drop out. We want to ensure students never have to choose between a meal and their future. We know if we can reach the younger generation now and give them the tools to stay in school, we can stop the cycle of poverty. That’s why we’ve partnered with the County College of Morris to create Titans Table, a series of on-campus pantries where students can grab a bite to eat, free of charge, no questions asked.

For more information about our Sponsor the Day program, please contact Nancy Rudgers at nancy@cskmorristown.org.