





Dear Friends,

As I look back on 2020 and the unprecedented challenges that the year brought, it is the generosity of everyone in the Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen network that stands out most. This network enabled us to provide hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers with the comfort of food and community. For all its hardships, 2020 was also a year of strength, resilience, focus, flexibility, and response, built on a foundation of compassion and kindness.

While New York and many areas across the United States are reopening and rebuilding, we know that our work continues. Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen saw an alarming amount of need in 2020, and we kept our doors open every day throughout the COVID-19 pandemic – serving an all-time high of over 1.2 million meals, an increase of almost 250% over the previous year. To accommodate new health protocols, and keep guests, staff, and volunteers safe, we temporarily suspended our structured volunteer program, transitioned daily meal service to an outdoor Grab-and-Go hot meal distribution, launched a pantry program that serves 550+ families each week, and delivered bagged breakfasts and lunches to New Yorkers who couldn't visit the Soup Kitchen. With an eye on health and sustainability, all the produce and dairy we served was sourced from New York State farms.

In 2020, we adapted our programming to meet the critical new needs in our community. Entering the year, there were nearly 1.2 million food insecure New Yorkers, and nearly 63,000 households living in homeless shelters on a single night, with thousands more sleeping on the streets. When the pandemic overtook our city, unemployment rose, and a severe economic fallout affected households and businesses alike. More and more New Yorkers turned to soup kitchens and food pantries like ours, many for the first time. At the same time, COVID-19 forced a third of the New York City food pantries to close, which contributed to a huge increase in guests at the Soup Kitchen beginning in April and May.

Each of the individuals, corporations, foundations, program partners, volunteers, and food donors you will read about in this report supported our work and gave us the ability to expand our programs during one of the most challenging years in our history. I'm truly grateful for their generosity and dedication to our mission, and for yours. Together, we have responded to the call of every neighbor in need of a hot meal or groceries to get through the week.

In 2020, one of our guests described Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen as "a miracle in the middle of Manhattan." As long as hunger and homelessness exist in New York City, we will continue to strive to awaken small miracles with the food we share and the community that gathers here every single day. All of this is only possible with your ongoing support.

Thank you for standing with us and bringing these miracles to life.

The Rev. Dr. Anna S. Pearson, Executive Director

January February Going into 2020...

...our team at Holy Apostles expected a year of standard operations. We hoped to increase our capacity and add some additional services to continue meeting the needs of our guests, but no one could anticipate what was to come in the year ahead.

In early 2020, we were able to gather for indoor dining and in-person services. We welcomed large volunteer groups and shared meals together as a community. For our guests, January and February were both challenging and hopeful: some guests were struggling and looking for work even before the pandemic, but others had found reasons for optimism in the early days of 2020 through employment opportunities, new housing situations, or the community found at the Soup Kitchen.





MAY

APRIL

In January 2020, we were awarded the Manhattan Borough Excellence Award from Food Bank for New York City. This award was granted for our commitment to serving, supporting, and advocating for New Yorkers in need, and recognized our ability to constantly adapt to the ever-changing needs of our guests.

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT tapestry

At the beginning of the year, our friends at Tapestry joined us for a Day of Service. Over 70 participants rolled up their sleeves, filling various positions at the Soup Kitchen, including: serving on the food line, bussing

tables, assisting in the prep kitchen, triaging at our social services department, distributing bread to-go, composting food, and more.





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In early 2020, we also began our partnership with the New York City Complete Count Fund to ensure that all New Yorkers were counted and represented in the 2020 Census. Through this partnership, we joined with other community organizations throughout New York City to mobilize New Yorkers from historically undercounted communities to participate in the census. Our collective efforts resulted in a historic self-response rate of 61.9%, surpassing the national average and a dozen other major U.S. cities.



In January and February of 2020, volunteers from across New York visited the Soup Kitchen. We were joined by volunteer groups from schools, companies, and other nonprofit organizations, and by individuals from all walks of life. Before the COVID-19 outbreak temporarily suspended our volunteer program in March of 2020, 640 people had volunteered 5,481 hours of their time to New York's largest Soup Kitchen.





JANUARY

FEBRUARY

April

MAY

JUNE

COVID-19 created multiple crises in New York City: a medical crisis, an economic crisis, and for many, a food crisis. At the same time, the pandemic forced smaller soup kitchens and food pantries to close due to limited financial resources and reductions in volunteer workforces.



20%



47%



93%

In New York City, the unemployment rate shot up to 20%

Closures of soup kitchens and food pantries reached 47%

New visitors to soup kitchens and food pantries increased by 93%

To fill the gaps and respond to the increased demand brought by job losses and business closures, Holy Apostles launched Operation HopeFULL to rally support from the broader New York City community, with the ultimate goal of helping us and our guests survive the pandemic. Thanks to your support, Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen was one of the few emergency food programs able to stay open, not missing a single meal service or ever running out of food.







Almost overnight, we modified our operations by temporarily suspending our volunteer program, transitioning the daily soup kitchen meal service to a "grab-and-go" hot meal distribution in the outer courtyard, and streamlining the social services program to offer a critical lifeline for our unhoused neighbors who had few places to turn.



As New Yorkers sheltered at home and many businesses closed, we expanded our pantry program, allowing guests to pick up groceries once a week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. One of our guests, Eva, picks up pantry items for herself and her two sons. The \$15 per hour Eva earns as a full-time Home Health Aide isn't enough to fully support her family, so she relies on food stamps and Holy Apostles to be able to provide meals for herself and her two growing boys. "They eat a LOT", she joked when picking up her items in April. She went on to add: "I'm just so grateful you are still open. Especially right now."

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

The support of our neighbors was crucial. In true New York fashion, the community came together to ensure the Soup Kitchen could stay open and serve New Yorkers who weren't sure where they'd find their next meal. Local businesses donated food and supplies, nearby residents sewed masks and sent them to the Soup Kitchen, volunteers

showed up to help without being asked, and despite economic uncertainty, donors continued to fuel our operations with their charitable giving.



Chefs from local restaurants who were out of work due to the pandemic came to the Soup Kitchen to offer their services. When their restaurants shut their doors and no one knew

what tomorrow would bring, these chefs committed to serving those most in need. In addition to bringing valuable culinary training and experience, they also assisted by spearheading culinary outreach, streamlining food and supply donations from restaurants and others in their networks, and enlisting volunteers to support the Soup Kitchen's immediate needs.

May

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June

Expanding our Food Pantry

New Yorkers faced new hurdles in accessing groceries during the pandemic. We responded by increasing our pantry program to 3 days a week and opening it to anyone in need of groceries, regardless of what neighborhood they lived in. Through the expanded pantry, we now serve New Yorkers in 28 of the 33 neighborhoods that a city-wide taskforce identified as being disproportionately impacted by the virus, many of which are communities of color.

By May, the unemployment rate was at its highest of the pandemic, and our food pantry had grown to be the largest meal program at Holy Apostles, surpassing even the daily Soup Kitchen meal service. Food Bank for New York City designated Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen as a Community Response Partner, where we committed to serving as an emergency food hub in Manhattan.



GUEST SPOTLIGHT

Throughout the pandemic, we got by with the help of our neighbors and community. Ellen, one of our pantry guests, is always sure to help her neighbors when she can. Each week when she comes to the pantry program, Ellen picks up groceries not only for herself, but also for her neighbor, who is elderly and unable to leave her apartment or lift heavy

bags. Though it is difficult for Ellen to carry so much food, she takes pride in knowing she is making a difference for her neighbor. Ellen told us, "She needs help. What else could I do?"



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2020

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Partnering for Good

When we expanded our pantry program, we partnered with multiple agencies to maximize the resources at our disposal. We leveraged food and equipment donations from Food Bank for New York City, United Way, and City Harvest. We also partnered with 5 other large emergency food programs to increase our purchasing power, ensuring that your financial donations allowed us to get more food at a lower cost.



GUEST SPOTLIGHT



"I've never had to use a food program before," a new guest named Carlos shared. Carlos, like so many others, lost his job as a **building superintendent** due to business closures and cutbacks. In June, he didn't know when his job was coming back, but he told us our donors made all the difference in his economic security. "Having their help with my food and groceries can help me spread my emergency savings even further. I know I can afford to pay my bills and keep my studio apartment without going hungry."

Connecting Nutrition and Sustainability

Both globally and locally, the pandemic also revealed serious weaknesses in food systems. While millions of New Yorkers worried about having enough to eat, and the line for our services continued to grow, farmers in upstate New York were plowing under vegetable fields, dumping milk, and smashing eggs that could not be sold because the coronavirus pandemic had shut down restaurants, hotels, and schools.

Over the summer months, Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen joined the state's Nourish New York initiative, allowing us to purchase surplus food from local New York State farms. Through Nourish New York and our partnerships with other businesses and nonprofits, Holy Apostles rescued over 984,000 pounds of food that would've otherwise gone to waste, preventing almost 910,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions from entering the atmosphere.





For our soup kitchen guests – many of whom receive their only meal of the day from Holy Apostles – we coupled this rescued food with purchased ingredients to create a well-rounded, hot meal that includes a full day's worth of nutrients and calories. Households who visited our food pantry received three bags of groceries, including dry goods such as pasta, flour, and other pantry staples, fresh produce, proteins, and dairy.



August

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Some of our guests were diagnosed with COVID-19 during the early days of the pandemic. One of those quests was Donna. Her symptoms were mild to begin with, "until they weren't," she shared. In March, she couldn't breathe and was admitted to the hospital. By the summer, Donna was luckily on the mend, and visiting the food pantry at Holy Apostles was part of her weekly routine, allowing her to stretch her income without going hungry. "The pantry program here is the best one. You get less processed food and more fresh vegetables. Some food is even organic. And everyone's nice—this is really an incredible service for the community at a time when there's so much hunger. It's an oasis at a time of intense stress."





Back to School Drive

In August, realizing many of the school children who visit our food pantry were gearing up for a school year of virtual learning, we launched our first school supply drive to help families who were still feeling the constraints of the economic downturn. The effort raised almost \$12,000, enabling us to provide hundreds of children with a backpack full of the supplies they needed to succeed in school.

10 million meals served

The fall brought an unexpected milestone here at Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen: we served our 10 millionth meal since first opening our doors in 1982. The significant increase in our pantry program caused us to reach this major milestone much earlier than we anticipated. While we strive for a world in which all those in need have access to healthy meals and our services are not as direly needed as they are today, we are grateful that we have met and continue to meet the increased need, thanks to the unwavering support of our community.

Going Virtual: Farm to Tray

In 2020, many of us transitioned into a virtual life. While Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen remained operational throughout the pandemic, we had to shift our annual Farm to Tray fundraiser to a virtual event to keep our community safe. Whole Foods Market supported the event by funding food purchases for the daily soup kitchen meal service every day during the month of September and providing reusable tote bags for our pantry program. Farm to Tray also featured tips from culinary partners, including a special cooking demonstration from Chef Russell Jackson of Reverence in Harlem, and special remarks from Governor Kathy Hochul, in her previous capacity as Lieutenant Governor, honoring the Soup Kitchen at the Virtual Farm to Tray. The virtual event raised over \$175,000 to help the soup kitchen meet the drastic increase in need for food assistance.



"Whether you're a volunteer, a staff member, or a donor, thank you for offering a lifeline to New Yorkers struggling with hunger and hardship. You are truly the unsung heroes of this pandemic, and on behalf of all New Yorkers, I thank you."

Governor Kathy Hochul

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Reinventing Social Services

For New Yorkers experiencing homelessness, adapting to COVID-19 was a challenge. Our guests had fewer places to turn due to the closure of businesses and other community-based organizations. Marta, a young woman in her twenties, told our Social Services Manager, "To be honest, I'm scared to go to a shelter during the pandemic. It's hard to find any help. It's been a struggle." Another young man named Jason experienced increased isolation during the pandemic: "People used to give me food and money on the streets. Now nobody's around to help, and the people that are there won't even look at you."

While we weren't allowed to deliver our services indoors, we continued to strive to meet the needs of our guests with every meal we served. Our social services team moved their efforts outdoors and every day, during the grab-and-go daily meal service, they continued to support guests in managing their lives during the pandemic.



OUR IMPACT:

Essential Services Provided in 2020



Facilitated 384 haircuts for New Yorkers experiencing homelessness



Provided 1,110 soup kitchen guests with vision assistance



Created 1,373 Soup Kitchen ID cards



Handed out 4,508 pieces of mail to guests who use the Soup Kitchen as a mailing address



Distributed 16,969 hygiene kits, 5,189 articles of clothing, 3,559 masks, and 394 metro passes



Increased economic security of 126 New Yorkers by connecting them to benefits



Provided 774 referrals for housing, shelter, medical and behavioral health, legal assistance, and employment opportunities

Holidays at Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen

The holiday season is a busy time at Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen, and while 2020's celebrations looked different for everyone, we still spread cheer in our community.

Turkey Giveaway

The week prior to Thanksgiving, we distributed over 500 turkeys to the households enrolled in our food pantry. Both Chelsea Market and City Harvest donated hundreds of turkeys, and the rest were made possible thanks to donations from W.P. Carey and individual donors. We also distributed over 2,000 special Thanksgiving meals, prepared by our very own Chef Chris Molinari, as part of our daily "grab-and-go" Soup Kitchen meal service.



Toy Drive

One of our favorite traditions at Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen is our annual Toy Drive. Hosted by New York City Council Speaker Corey Johnson and the Uniformed Fire Officers Association, our 3rd Annual Toy Drive brought joy to over 600 families during the 2020 holiday season.

Christmas Meal Service

Gloomy weather didn't stop our staff and volunteers from spreading Christmas cheer. We prepared and distributed over 800 feasts consisting of baked ziti, meatballs, roasted brussels sprouts, and a side of soup and salad.



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JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER

December

Fundraising for Holiday Meal Services

In November, we also hosted our annual Fast-a-Thon campaign to raise the money needed for our meal programs over the course of the holiday season. Each Fast-a-Thon, our community of volunteers, donors, and other supporters create their own fundraising campaign while pledging to eat one meal that day, in solidarity with Soup Kitchen guests whose only meal comes from Holy Apostles. This year's Fast-a-Thon raised a **recordbreaking \$93,399** with the help of 90 fundraisers, ensuring our guests had enough to eat throughout the end of 2020. The campaign is generously supported by Investors Bank.

Warming Center

In late November, we again served as a Warming Center, opening our doors on evenings when the temperature dropped below freezing and providing a warm place to spend the night for New Yorkers living on the streets. In 2020, there were just three warming centers operating across the entire city, with only one in Manhattan – ours. Over the cold, winter months, we opened the warming center on 91 different occasions and saw a total of 81 New Yorkers who otherwise would've been forced to sleep outside in freezing temperatures. Every morning, we provided them with a warm breakfast before starting our day.

Reflections on 2020

As 2020 came to an end, we reflected on what was a challenging yet rewarding year at the Soup Kitchen. The pandemic increased the crises of poverty, homelessness, and food insecurity that our guests face every day, and we are so grateful to our community, who allowed us to step up and meet the needs of each guest that arrived at the Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. We pride ourselves on never turning anyone away without a meal and we're proud to say that in 2020, we never did.



"To know that we're both safe, to know that when we get up in the morning, we get a hot meal. It's such a comfort and a blessing."

George, Warming Center guest

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With Your Support, We...





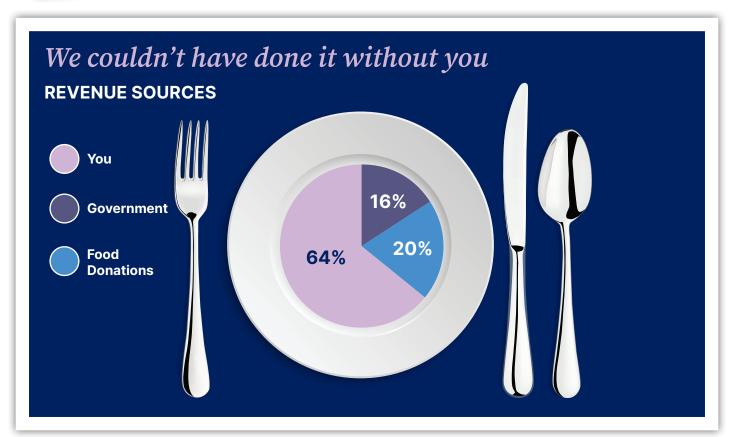
Cooked and distributed 214,691 hot meals to New Yorkers in need of a prepared meal



Sourced and bagged enough groceries to create 910,908 meals through our expanded food pantry



Prepared and delivered **62,836** breakfast sandwiches and bagged lunches to New Yorkers living on the streets



Together, we are creating community through food and social services



"I'm just really grateful that you guys are here every single week. I've been coming for a year and a half now, and I can't imagine surviving without this in New York. It's a miracle in the middle of Manhattan." -Romario

"I'm trying to find a new beginning. Thank God you guys are here." -Bernadette

"I could never afford groceries like this. I'm so grateful for the food and that it's healthy.
I started cooking after coming here and I never used to cook before!" -Luis

"This is one of the most generous pantries – I had no idea that I would not be able to carry home everything you were giving out." -Janis

"Everything in the supermarket is so overpriced, so the pantry program really helps a lot. It makes a big difference."
-Marisol



Financials

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 (Summarized Financial Information for the year ended December 31, 2020)

	Without Donor	With Donor	Total	
REVENUE	Restrictions	Restrictions	2020	2019
Individuals	\$2,497,162	-	\$ 2,497,162	\$ 1,135,767
Bequests	129,966	-	129,966	246,711
Corporations	245,971	-	245,971	186,717
Foundations	1,272,548	-	1,272,548	703,382
Churches	207,110	-	207,110	16,532
Government grants	928,385	193,457	1,121,842	459,835
Donated food	1,432,984	-	1,432,984	565,074
Special Events	293,083	-	293,083	356,170
Net asset released from				
restrictions	128,508	(128,508)	-	-
Total support, revenue and				
reclassifications	7,135,717	64,949	7,200,666	3,670,188
EXPENSES				
Program services	\$4,265,002	-	\$4,265,002	\$2,889,398
Supporting services:				
General and Administrative	170,513	-	170,513	268,773
Development	467,863	-	467,863	459,205
Total Expenses	4,903,378	-	4,903,378	3,617,376
OTHER INCOME (expense)				
Dividends and interest	81,094	_	81,094	43,173
Investment gains (losses), net	169,289	_	169,289	228,420
Loss on disposal of assets	(1,335)	_	(1,335)	-
Paycheck Protection Program Ioan	264,590	-	264,590	_
Total other income (expense)	513,638	-	513,638	271,593
Change In net assets	2,745,977	64,949	2,810,926	324,405
NET ASSETS -				
Beginning of the Year	3,120,694	131,008	3,251,702	2,927,297
NET ASSETS - End of the Year	\$5,866,671	\$195,957	\$6,062,628	\$3,251,702

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

(Summarized Financial Information for the year ended December 31, 2020)

ASSETS	2020	2019
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,040,797	\$765,339
Treasury Bill Due from the Church	1,000,157 60,868	489,092
Contributions receivable	258,817	117,258
Grants receivable	294,951	183,817
Prepaid expenses	-	71,618
Investments Agency trust fund	2,385,648 4,675	1,679,760
Total current assets	6,045,913	3,306,884
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PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Property and Equipment, net of		
accumulated depreciation of \$105,019 and \$100,381, respectively	26,454	37,717
The spectively	20,434	37,717
OTHER ASSETS		
Intangible assets, net of accumulated		
amortization of \$17,117 and \$14,419,	40.00	
respectively	16,980	9,678
Total Assets	\$6,089,347	\$3,354,279
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Account payable and accrued expenses	\$26,719	\$102,577
NET ASSETS	ΦΕ 000 074	\$2.100.004
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