

Serving our Community has Never Been More Important

Food for Families,
Meal Assistance Program





Food for Families

The need is local, real, and more urgent than ever.

We are living through an unprecedented situation. During normal times, the children and families HeartShare St. Vincent's Services supports deal with unimaginable obstacles. With the current pandemic, their situation has been compounded 10x over.

Over the past month, HSVS has not only shifted our entire way of doing things, we have also created new services and programs to meet the new needs of our clients. One of the most pressing is access to food.

Program Details

WHY

The community we serve is struggling. With stay-at-home orders, surging unemployment, and a myriad of other obstacles, accessing food is harder than ever. We will bring it to them.

WHO

Currently focusing on families across Brooklyn and Queens as well as shelters, group homes and youth residences in Queens the Bronx, and Staten Island. The need goes beyond those we're currently reaching.

HOW

We have partnered with leading food purveyors to create family-style meals that can be delivered directed to the door of those who need it. A team of volunteers (with cars) divides up the deliveries.

Pies n' Thighs

A long-time Williamsburg staple, serving up 100 family-style meals per week

100 roast chickens
100 qts sweet potatoes
100 qts vegetarian collards
400 pcs cornbread
96 half pints chicken gravy
100 sour cherry pear pies

Weekly Order

Peter Callahan catering • events • design

High-end caterer providing bi-weekly meals for shelters, group homes and youth residences

Meatloaf
Corn of the Cob
Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Sample Menu

We're currently onboarding additional food partners across NYC, so that we can better serve our community as well as help them continue to employ their staff.



Stronger
Together

We're looking for corporate partners to help us continue to serve those in need.

\$35 allows us to provide a warm, delicious meal to a family of five. Currently, Pies N Thighs is able to make 100 meals each Tuesday for us, which then get delivered to families across Brooklyn and Queens. We would love to be able to reach 200 families across all of the Boroughs. And add another weekly delivery day as well. And then expand from there.

With your help, we can build something meaningful right here in NYC during the COVID-19 epidemic. Beyond serving those in need, we also hope that these weekly food orders will provide a lifeline to the beloved restaurants of the City.

In addition to a financial contribution, we are asking for a commitment of volunteers to assist in the organization and delivery of meals. New Yorkers are looking for tangible ways to safely get involved, this offers them one.

Potential Contributions

\$5000 + 15 volunteers

Adopt a delivery day (1 location)

140 family meals feeding 700 people
Volunteers to handle deliveries (if they have a car) + to load cars

\$10,000 + 15 volunteers (per delivery)

Adopt a delivery week (2 locations)

280 family meals feeding 1,400 people
Volunteers to handle deliveries (if they have a car) + to load cars

\$20,000 + 15 volunteers (per delivery)

Adopt a delivery month (1 location)

560 family meals feeding 2,800 people
Volunteers to handle deliveries (if they have a car) + to load cars



A History of Service

For 150 years, HeartShare St. Vincent's Services has worked to equalize opportunities for those who need it most.

St. Vincent's Services was founded in 1869 as a home for young working boys—many of whom either had no family or had families too poor to care for them. Since then the agency has continued to expand its services (and footprint) to meet the evolving needs of children and families within NYC.

Today, HSVS has over 500 staff members, operating across every borough of the city. We provide a comprehensive and holistic set of programming for both children and family dealing with a range of trauma related to family separation.

The Statistics We're Fighting

5,000 children are separated from their families in New York City each year.

Nationally, only **3%** of foster youth graduate from higher education.

64% of foster youth have an income below the poverty line at age 24.

1 in 5 adult New Yorkers is likely to experience a mental health crisis in any given year.

LGBTQ youth are overrepresented in the foster care system and twice as likely to be treated poorly.

Thank you

If interested in participating in our Food for Families Program, please reach out to Elyse Pitock (elyse.pitock@heartshare.org).

