

ANNUAL REPORT

2022





THE MEANING OF PHILOXENIA

Philoxenia – the Greek word for “friend to the stranger” – expresses the heart of our mission: to feed and clothe people who are food or housing insecure.

MISSION AND VISION

Our mission is to provide inspiration, programming, and financial support for the care of persons who are hungry or homeless within the U.S.





THE NEED

The extraordinary scope of the homelessness problem, both nationally and locally, is evident by numbers. But cold statistics become real people to anyone who lives, works or visits New York City. On any given day, we encounter housing-insecure people living on the streets, or seeking comfort in the subway, public buildings or parks.



WHAT WE DO

Philoxenia, a 501(c)(3) organization staffed entirely by volunteers, cannot simply accept this reality. We believe it's our mission to help feed and clothe people in need. So several times a year, we provide groceries, sandwiches, essentials like socks and toiletries to our guests on the streets of New York City. Like them, our growing group of volunteers shows up in the cold, heat or rain.

Key to our mission is an acknowledgment of each individual as a person worthy of respect. It's amazing how food and clothing can be a gateway to a conversation with people who have grown accustomed to being ignored or looked down upon. New volunteers have an "aha moment" when they realize that people on the street are just like them - only more resourceful.

We would be happy to hear from you if you wish to help fund or volunteer in this highly-satisfying experience. We also provide grants to grassroots organizations and our application is available on the website.

2022 IMPACT

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022



- Two Pop Up Pantry and Two Sandwiches & Socks Events
- Distributed 600+ bags of shelf-stable food items, including 150 Thanksgiving turkeys
- Provided hundreds of handknit and crocheted hats and scarves to individuals on the streets of New York City
- Provided 200 "back to school" backpacks
- Distributed 400 pairs of socks
- Gave out 500 sandwiches
- Partnered with Urban Outreach Center of NYC, Annunciation NYC, One Sandwich at a Time, FOCUS North America, St. George & St. Demetrios NYC and BakerHostetler



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



Donations

- \$13,751

Programs

- \$4,555

Administrative Expenses

- \$2,214

Philoxenia is staffed entirely by volunteers and many of the items we distribute, including the bags into which they are packed, are in-kind contributions. We were also delighted to receive a generous corporate gift late in the year to underwrite a bountiful supply of Thanksgiving provisions. Administrative expenses are minimal, consisting largely of purchasing fresh produce from local businesses and maintaining the website and post office box.



**“If you can’t feed a hundred people, then just feed one.”
Mother Teresa**



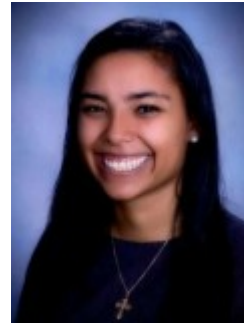


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