



# ANNUAL REPORT 2023





## THE MEANING OF PHILOXENIA

Philoxenia, the Greek word for “friend to the stranger” - expresses the heart of our mission: seeing others as individuals with needs, showing compassion and offering help.

## MISSION AND VISION

Our mission is to feed, clothe and support people who are hungry, food insecure or homeless.





## THE NEED

44+ million people in the US, including 1 in 5 children, face hunger because they do not have enough food to eat or lack access to healthy food.\*

653,104 people were experiencing homelessness during the 2023 Point-in-Time Count. This figure represents a record high since homelessness data collection began in 2007.\*\*

\*USDA's annual Household Food Insecurity in the United States report

\*\*U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



## WHAT WE DO

Philoxenia, a 501(c)(3) organization staffed entirely by volunteers, believes it's our mission to help feed and clothe people in need. So throughout the year, we provide free groceries, sandwiches, socks and toiletries to our guests on the streets of New York City. The weather does not lessen the need and our guests, just like our volunteers, show 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 open a conversation with people who have grown accustomed to being ignored or looked down upon. Our volunteers often comment that people on the street are just like them - only more resourceful.

We would love to hear from you as a volunteer or supporter in this highly-satisfying experience.



# 2023 IMPACT

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023



- Four Pop Up Pantry and Two Sandwiches & Socks Events
- Distributed
  - 600+ bags of shelf-stable food items
  - 150 Thanksgiving turkeys
  - 500 sandwiches
  - Hundreds of handknit/crocheted hats and scarves
  - "Back to School" backpacks
  - 500 pairs of Bombas socks
  - 250 toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Sponsored a participant in the "Panim El Panim" (Face to Face) Life-Skills Empowerment Program (assisting those who have experienced homelessness to heal from the traumas associated with their homelessness and rebuild their lives.)
- Supported the Maui Food Bank following the devastating wildfires
- Partnered with Urban Outreach Center of NYC, BakerHostetler, Annunciation NYC, LEFSA, One Sandwich at a Time, St. George & St. Demetrios NYC, Bombas and New York State Dental Foundation



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



## Donations

- \$19,009

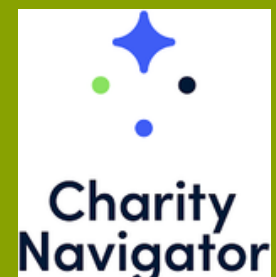
## Programs

- \$12,107

## Administrative Expenses

- \$512

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**



Available on Amazon: [Last Night's Soup Run](#)

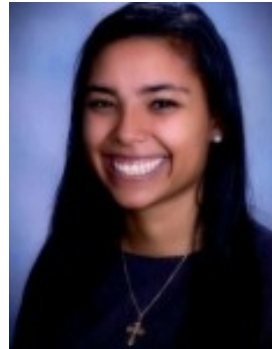


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