

**COMMUNITY CENTER
OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER**
Sharing the Essentials of Living

ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2014 - 2015



OUR MISSION

The Community Center of Northern Westchester seeks to improve the well-being and self-sufficiency of neighbors in need in Northern Westchester by providing food, clothing, programs, and other resources.

TO OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, AND SUPPORTERS

Thank you for continuing to help us to serve our most needy and vulnerable neighbors in Northern Westchester.

Despite improvement in the economy, the number of families coming to us for assistance has not diminished, but with your generous support we are able to provide the essentials of living to our neighbors in need.

Healthful and nutritious foods are distributed to nearly 2000 families each year from our choice-style Food Pantry. Our new walk-in cooler has enhanced our ability to receive and distribute greater quantities of fresh fruits and vegetables. Each month, those least able to support themselves, children and the elderly, constitute 43% of those we serve. For our homebound elderly, we provide additional food support for weekends in partnership with Meals-on-Wheels.

Our support doesn't end with food assistance. In an effort to help families achieve self-sufficiency, we offer a wide variety of classes and programs to enhance employment skills and opportunities including construction and OSHA classes, language instruction, computer skills training and career counseling.

To improve the quality of life for the underserved families in our community, the Center provides clothing, health screenings, nutrition workshops, new school supplies, and scholarships for summer camps and higher education.

We could not do this great work without donors like you. Thank you for joining us to reduce hunger in our community and to help our neighbors on the path to a better life.



Clare Murray
Executive Director



Christine Meyer
Board President

10 FACTS ABOUT THE COMMUNITY CENTER OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER IN 2015

- Nearly 2,000 families from 38 Northern Westchester communities came to us for help.
- Our food-insecure neighbors made 7,768 visits to our Food Pantry.
- 35% of those who received food from the Center's Food Pantry are children.
- 60% of the fresh fruits and vegetables we offer our neighbors in need is grown locally.
- 186,846 pounds of clothes, shoes, and linens were donated to our Clothing Boutique for families to choose at no cost.
- More than 800 children received new school supplies.
- 900 children received new sleepwear for the holidays.
- More than 1,000 adults attended classes and workshops to improve their practical skills.
- Volunteers gave over 50,000 hours of service.
- Over the Center's 23 years, families have made nearly 112,000 visits to our Food Pantry.

We are deeply grateful for the Center's outstanding and selfless work with its full pantry, its educational initiatives and its dedicated volunteers there day in and day out, year after year ensuring that those in need do not go without. The Center represents all that is good in our community, the generous hearts, the selfless giving and the rock for so many. On behalf of the Town Board, I express our tremendous gratitude.

~ Chris Burdick, Bedford Town Supervisor

FOOD PANTRY

We provide Northern Westchester residents from 38 communities with monthly supplemental food ~ about 4 to 5 days worth of food per person ~ from our choice-style pantry. Food drives help stock the pantry shelves year-round. Clients choose the items they want, including frozen meat, eggs, and fresh produce throughout the year.



CLOTHING BANK

Our very generous local community donated gently used seasonal clothes, shoes, and linens to our clothing bank, where families in need select from these items at no charge



SEASONAL and SPECIAL DRIVES

We spearhead drives to collect special items for families of limited means: prom and graduation attire for local students; school supplies and books to fill children's backpacks; special holiday foods for Thanksgiving and the winter holidays, and new sleepwear for children for the December holidays.



ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR CLIENTS

We offer health screenings and flu shots, access to breast cancer screenings, eye exams and eyeglasses, donated furniture, and, as available, scholarships for higher education and summer camp. All our services are free.



HELPING NEIGHBORS

The Center offers a range of classes and workshops designed to help individuals improve their skills, better manage limited resources, and attain self-sufficiency. Our programs include:

- Career and job counseling
- Construction skills program
- OSHA Training
- English language instruction
- Advanced English course
- Computer training
- Nutrition workshops and classes
- Immigration updates
- Assistance with
 - SNAP application (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)
 - Tax preparation
 - GED preparation
 - Citizenship exam preparation
 - Higher education application process



Basic Construction Skills class / OSHA training



Lesson in nutrition

“This is an excellent opportunity to learn what is needed in our daily work.” ~ JN

ATTAIN SELF-SUFFICIENCY



Job counseling

“At the Center I got help applying for jobs online and writing my resume. I could not have done this by myself.” ~ MG

“I come to the Community Center to learn English because I will get a better job. This place is so helpful and the classes are good. I like the teachers. They make it interesting for the students.” ~ MJ



Advanced English Class



English language class

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MOUNT KISCO**

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VOLUNTEERS: THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER

The spirit of volunteerism and caring that runs deeply through our community finds a welcome home at the Center. Without the energy, time, skills and commitment of hundreds of dedicated volunteers, the Center simply could not do what it does. Our volunteers range in age from teenagers through retirees.



NEW THIS YEAR!

We now have greater capacity to receive and store fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as dairy products, in our new walk-in cooler. This will allow us to reach our goal of building on the more than 68,000 pounds of fresh produce - 60% of it locally grown - that we distributed last year, taking the edge off hunger for more than 2,000 families.



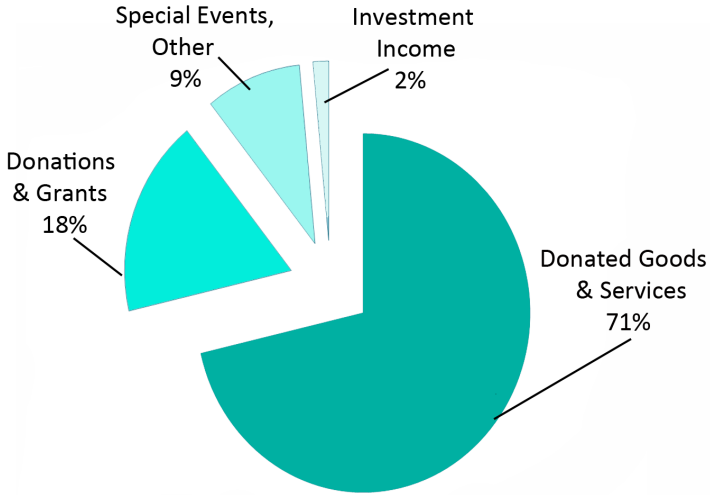
FINANCIALS

	FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015	FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014
INCOME		
Donated Goods & Services	\$ 1,356,875	\$ 1,253,563
Donations and Grants	\$ 339,368	\$ 273,995
Special Events, Other	\$ 176,262	\$ 161,098
Investment Income	\$ 28,575	\$ 80,870
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,901,080	\$ 1,769,526
EXPENSES		
Food & Clothing Services	\$ 1,564,577	\$ 1,448,514
Educational Classes	\$ 85,932	\$ 79,858
School Supplies	\$ 28,682	\$ 19,848
Management and General	\$ 69,539	\$ 67,124
Fund-raising	\$ 72,704	\$ 75,202
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,821,434	\$ 1,690,546
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES (depreciation)	\$ 22,152	\$ 22,434
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 57,494	\$ 56,546
BALANCE SHEET		
Total Assets	\$ 1,289,611	\$ 1,222,365
Liabilities	\$ 38,231	\$ 32,502
Net Assets	\$ 1,251,380	\$ 1,189,863
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 1,222,365	\$ 1,243,296

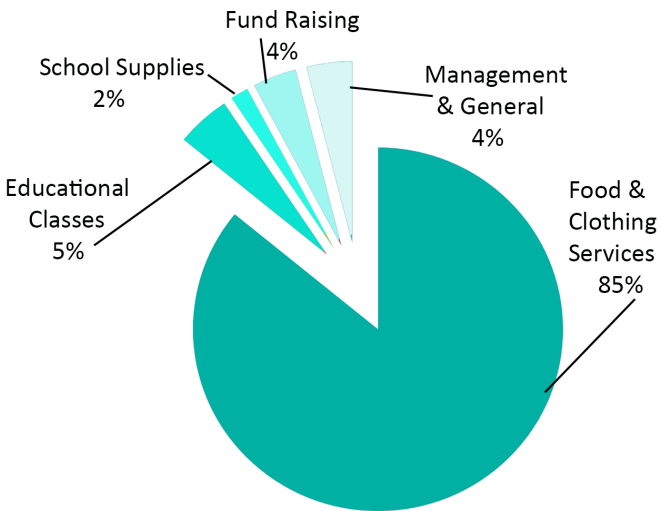
Board designated and restricted reserve balances as of 6/30/15: \$ 671,083.
Unrestricted fund balance: \$ 549,249

Monetary donations, from sources including individuals, foundations, and our Community Partners provide the financial support to help our neighbors in need.

INCOME 2014 - 2015



EXPENSES 2014 - 2015



93% of our expenses go directly to programs and services for our neighbors in need.

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