



WINTER 2024

Community Soup Kitchen Newsletter



Dear Friends and Supporters of CSK,

As temperatures drop and the needs of our community become even more pressing this holiday season, we pause to express gratitude to our staff, volunteers, and all of you—our supporters and CSK family.

From serving meals to providing showers, clothing, and support services, the collective impact of your unwavering positivity, volunteer efforts, and financial contributions throughout the year has been extraordinary.

It is with great satisfaction that we share the impact of your support and CSK's work over the course of 2024.

2024 Year in Review: Programs and Impact

This year, the Community Soup Kitchen has reached new milestones in its mission to support our neighbors.

Over **80,000 meals** have been served, with families and residents in underserved neighborhoods gaining access to hot food and essential services.

65 elementary school students received meals to nourish them over weekends away from school, ensuring they did not go hungry.

Beyond meals, we provided more than 100 private showers, complete with personal hygiene kits and new clothing, to individuals without access to these basic necessities.

Thank you to all who sustain us, to those who show up to give freely of themselves, and to our incredible staff who tirelessly feed the hungry, no matter the circumstances, every single day.

*CSK Board of
Directors*

The Ladle Speaks!

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November 14, 2024



Annual Dinner and Celebration of Service

On November 14th, the CSK community gathered for a magical evening of connection, remembrance, and storytelling at our Annual Dinner. The night featured an incredible selection of soups and dishes from beloved New Haven area restaurants, accompanied by unforgettable musical performances.

Thank You Charlie Smith



During the evening, we honored **Charlie Smith, former Board President** and a 35-year member of our Board of Directors, for his lifetime of service to CSK. Surrounded by family, friends, and colleagues, Charlie shared heartfelt memories of his work with our organization, inspiring a new generation of board members with his dedication to service.

Annual Award Winners



We also celebrated **Francine Jaworiwicz as the 2024 Volunteer of the Year**, recognizing her tireless work with the Midnight Run Community to ensure guests at CSK have access to the resources they need.

Phil Costello, on behalf of **Cornell Scott- Hill Health Center, Healthcare for the Homeless**, accepted our gratitude as the **Partner Organization of the Year** for the vital support his team provides to CSK guests and the broader New Haven community.

Music @ the Soup-a-Thon



Pastor Robert Smith and the Mt. Cavalry Tabernacle Choir, along with pianist Nic Scott, delivered stirring performances that enriched the evening. Pastor Smith also shared insights into our partnership feeding the hungry in Newhallville.

Throughout the night, we heard powerful stories from those making a difference at CSK, led by our Director, Winston Sutherland, including Yancey Horton, Sade Heard, and Xinzhi Qiu from Yale's Urban Philanthropy Club.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who made the evening possible, from our community partners and sponsors—including **Aladdin Crown Pizza, Cafe George by Paula, Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey LLP, Chabaso Bakery, City Line Food Service, Claire's, Creative Arts Workshop, Docuprint, Edge of the Woods Market, F+F Mechanical, Guilford Savings Bank, Heirloom, LH Brenner Insurance, Lorenzo's Ristorante, Mosaico, New England Brewing Co., Super Sandwich, TPA Design Group, Votto Vines, Yale Hospitality, York Street Noodle House, Yorkside Pizza, Zeneli's**—to the attendees whose support fuels our mission.

Given the enthusiasm of those present, we are already looking forward to next year's event and hope to see many more of you there!

Holidays with the New Haven Symphony Orchestra

Eat, Drink & Donate to the Community Soup Kitchen

Experience the joy of holiday music at Connecticut's favorite festive tradition, the NHSO's Holiday Extravaganza! Principal Pops Conductor Chelsea Tipton leads NHSO in a musical sleigh ride around the world with guest musical performances from St. Luke's Steel Band and a special visitor from the North Pole. Perfect for the whole family! The concessions at this performance will be sold by Community Soup Kitchen as part of our longtime partnership with the NHSO. ***Please stop by the concessions table before the concert or at intermission for cookies and a warm drink, perfect for this festive time of the year!***



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Please come see us in the lobby for tasty treats and refreshments!

All proceeds directly benefit CSK and help to feed the hungry in New Haven.

In 2024, CSK will increase service by 13%, to 80,000 meals.

CSK is now serving more NH neighborhoods and schools, increasing access to public showers, healthcare and clothing.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Holiday Coat Drive

CSK is proud to support the coat drive for the Midnight Run Community once again. We invite you to donate coats, with a special focus on women's and children's sizes, by December 25th, either at CSK's 84 Broadway or 5 Hazel Street locations. Coats will be distributed to CSK guests throughout the holiday season.



Thank You - Tabor Lutheran Church!

This fall, we were grateful to receive a generous donation of 4,000 non-perishable meals from Tabor Lutheran Church in Branford, which were swiftly distributed to guests in need across the city. This holiday season, Tabor has further extended their generosity by providing gift certificates through their Day of Gratitude, offering our guests additional support during this special time of year.



Open Volunteer Role Opportunities

CSK's Volunteer Coordinator would ideally be available on a regular basis to match work and projects that need doing with the people capable of doing that work. If you're someone who would be interested in taking on this very important role, please contact us at development@csknewhaven.org.

CSK's Guest Services Coordinator will assist in bridging communications between our guests in the dining room and partner organizations waiting to assist. Please contact us at development@csknewhaven.org for more info!

The Year Ahead....



Community Soup Kitchen Goals - 2025

As we conclude 2024, we are excited to look ahead to an ambitious and impactful 2025. With the support of Yale Urban Philanthropy and funding from CT Foodshare, we will launch a new software platform designed to streamline administrative operations and enhance connectivity between our guests and essential service providers. This innovative project will provide our guests with ready access to nutritional information and the ability to register for access to essential services, while volunteers can register for specific shifts and activities onsite. It will also connect guests in any of our distributed locations with services available at 84 Broadway, and enable CSK staff to automate operational data management. More about this project will be unveiled in our next newsletter, and we can't wait to share more details with you.

Our goals for 2025 include expanding meal services to two additional neighborhoods, meeting 10% of the local meal gap in each, and serving an additional 20,000 meals. We also aim to sustain and grow our existing programs in Downtown and Newhallville, continuing to deliver critical services to our community.

Our Appeal: Help Us Feed New Haven

This year, CSK served over 80,000 meals, a testament to the resilience of our team and the generosity of our supporters. Despite this success, the need in New Haven remains staggering, with over 32,000 residents facing food insecurity and a meal gap of 4.5 million meals annually.

With your help, we have become a critical part of the solution, providing nutritious meals for just \$0.77 per meal. Our recent expansion into Newhallville, where we now serve over 200 meals daily, has proven the effectiveness of our scalable and impactful model. Looking ahead, our 2025 goals are ambitious but achievable. **To meet these objectives, we must raise funds to support the setup and infrastructure for new locations while sustaining our current programs.**

Please consider making a donation to help us achieve our mission for 2025 and beyond. Online donations can now be made on the CSK website at <https://www.csknewhaven.org/join-us/donate-money>.

And finally, none of what we've accomplished so far this year would be possible without your continued support, in all the various forms those contributions take - we are grateful each and every day and hope that our work makes you proud of the organization you've chosen to support.

As we continue to serve CSK's mission, please know that you are encouraged to reach directly out with any questions, ideas or requests to director@csknewhaven.org or by phone at 203-535-7670.



*When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully,
everyone is blessed.
- Maya Angelou*



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