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In 2019, Person-to-Person (P2P)’s longtime Executive Director Ceci Maher announced her retirement. During her fourteen year tenure, P2P grew to a thriving community-supported agency with thousands of volunteers and three locations.

One of her greatest accomplishments was launching P2P on Wheels, a 32-foot mobile food pantry with a casework office, which made it possible to serve nearly 160 families each week with casework assistance and fresh food for homemade meals. Taking P2P on the road, where clients live, made a significant impact in the number of people served. Ceci also oversaw the expansion of our Norwalk and Stamford services. The number of meals our food programs provided grew by 400% under her tenure, from 200,000 in 2005 to more than one million in 2019.

“Ceci was an exceptional CEO and leader of P2P. During her tenure, she has transformed the agency, increasing the number of individuals served from 15,600 to more than 24,000 a year. She has worked tirelessly towards the mission of helping families reach financial stability,” said Victoria de Toledo, President of the Board of Directors, 2019.

Ceci also launched the Mentoring 4 Success Scholarship program in 2012. The program pairs college students with adult mentors who provide guidance and support throughout the mentee’s college career. Students who participate in the program have a 95% graduation rate within four years.

Thank you, Ceci. You transformed thousands of lives at P2P.

WELCOME TO NANCY COUGHLIN

Nancy Coughlin joined P2P as CEO in July 2019, after having served for eight years as the Executive Director of Neighbor to Neighbor, a Greenwich-based organization dedicated to providing food, clothing and basic necessities to low-income families and children. Nancy brings expertise and experience in food insecurity, anti-poverty, and women and children’s issues.

Within months of Nancy’s start at P2P, the pandemic started. Nancy has risen to this extraordinary challenge, working with the P2P team to ensure that P2P is equipped to serve the community impacted by COVID-19 with food, money for rent, and access to other essentials needed most to address financial insecurity, making sure that as long as there is a need, P2P is here to help.

“It is central to our mission to provide assistance to lower Fairfield County residents who are facing situational crises. We want to remind the community that we are here and are well-prepared to offer the type of support that families may need right now,” says Coughlin.
LETTER FROM CEO AND BOARD PRESIDENT

We Are Stronger Together
For more than fifty years, Person-to-Person (P2P) has transformed the lives of countless individuals with support and resources to overcome situational crises and move toward stability. From food, clothing and financial assistance to summer camperships and college scholarships, our work is as urgent today as it ever has been, and we re-commit ourselves to ensuring every member of our community has the opportunity to reach their fullest potential. Whether the obstacle be lack of a well-paying job, high rent or injustices levied upon a person based on the color of their skin or origin of their birth, P2P is committed to providing the support and resources our clients need to achieve the economic security they need to be healthy, safe, stably housed and with hope for a better future.

We invite you to explore the many ways P2P improves the lives of Fairfield County residents through our 2019 – 2020 Annual Report. This report covers all of 2019 and the first six months of 2020 (due to a change in our fiscal year), a period of time leading up to and including the earliest days of the COVID-19 pandemic. It was an extraordinary time, as evidenced by just a few highlights:

A Time of Transition
After 14 years of leadership and vision, Ceci Maher stepped down as CEO of P2P. Under Ceci’s guidance, P2P expanded its footprint and programs, serving more people than ever before. Two of her most notable additions were P2P on Wheels, the agency’s 32-foot mobile food pantry with on-board casework office and Mentoring 4 Success, pairing college students with local mentors. Thank you for an amazing 14 years.

Million Meals Mark
In October 2019, our food assistance program reached a bittersweet milestone: our three food pantries had provided enough nutritious groceries to prepare 1,000,000 (ONE MILLION) home-cooked meals. By the end of 2019, we had provided enough groceries for more than 1.2 million meals. In 2019, 40% of area residents were unable to afford basic necessities; a number that would increase dramatically due to the pandemic. Our Million Meals mark demonstrated both sobering levels of food insecurity in our area and the ability of the community, working together, to achieve great results.

The Pandemic
The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was confirmed on January 21, 2020. By March, a global pandemic was officially declared. The team at P2P leapt into action, safely and rapidly rising to meet the challenges head on. With contactless food distribution, a surge in rent assistance and the launch of Door2Door, a new home delivery program, P2P was truly on the front lines of the pandemic.

And all the while, like a trusted friend or family member, community support reminded us of one true thing: we are stronger together.

Thank you,

Nancy Coughlin
CEO*

Victoria de Toledo
President, Board of Directors**

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* Nancy joined P2P as CEO in June 2019.
** Victoria served as President from July 2018–June 2020.
STRONGER TOGETHER

OUR COVID-19 RESPONSE

On March 11, 2020, the same day the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 a pandemic, P2P CEO Nancy Coughlin issued a statement (at right) to confirm Person-to-Person’s mission and pledge our commitment to serve individuals and families who need our services.

The early days of the pandemic brought many unknowns. What we did know, however, was that all signs pointed to increased need from our community and that we would have to adjust many of our traditional models for providing support. For P2P it meant we must find ways to stay open. Our work was more essential than ever, most especially for food and emergency financial assistance.

The economic impact of the pandemic hit our community hard. In the first few months alone, 48% of adults in Connecticut experienced a loss of income (April 23, 2020 – July 21, 2020, CTDataHaven.org). In addition, with schools closed, parents now had to provide additional food for their children who regularly would have received meals at school. People of color suffered disproportionately negative health and economic outcomes. The pandemic exacerbated already difficult economic conditions for low-income people.

Staff and volunteers had to manage a seemingly overnight 70% increase in demand while simultaneously overcoming a new set of obstacles brought on by the pandemic.

“I’m scared for myself, and that I will be in the streets with my son.”

P2P client, April 2020

“I have never seen such need and desperation, with clients—fathers—breaking down in front of me.”

P2P caseworker, April 2020
INCREASED DEMAND*
69% increase in food assistance
161% increase in overall emergency financial assistance
380% increase in new families seeking assistance

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES
• Drop in food donations. With traditional sources of food drives closed (ie: businesses and schools), food donations nearly stopped.
• Decrease in food supply. Consumer panic buying and the closure of restaurants resulted in a competition for food, meaning less for P2P pantries.
• Increase in food costs: The panic buying and impact on supply chain systems resulted in increased food costs, tripling P2P’s food budget.
• Reduction in volunteers. P2P saw a 33% reduction in volunteers at the start of the pandemic, due to ‘stay-at-home’ orders and health concerns among some of our long-time volunteers. This meant fewer people to assist in our food pantries, from stocking shelves, sorting donations, and assisting clients.

MEETING THE CHALLENGE
• Safety first. P2P enacted safety protocols to protect our volunteers, staff, and clients. In addition to social distancing and wearing masks, we shifted from a “self-select” model of food distribution to a contactless curb-side pick or drive-thru model of pre-bagged food based on family size.
• Virtual Food Drive. In March, we launched our P2P Virtual Food Drive, to encourage donations specific to our food programs and feed our families.
• Launch of Door2Door. With many P2P clients now housebound due to illness or risk of complications from COVID-19, P2P launched its Door2Door contactless home delivery program in April 2020. Volunteers pack and deliver groceries to clients’ homes, ensuring all clients have access to nutritious food.
• From scholars to staff. We turned to our P2P Scholars, college students now home due to remote learning and a need to earn an income, to fill the gap left by volunteers. Some of these amazing Scholars have become permanent members of the P2P team.

OUR COVID-19 RESPONSE

OUTPOURING OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT
Many people in the community have lost jobs and are struggling and in need of assistance right now. Person-to-Person resources are stretched very thin and they need our help,” said Mark Swimm, owner of Swimm Pools.

Seeing the impact of the pandemic in our community compelled local Darien businesses Swimm Pools and Michael Joseph’s Catering to find help support P2P’s food program, as the need for food assistance increased dramatically since the start of the pandemic. The two businesses joined forces and raised enough money to provide $24,000 worth of fresh-cooked meals, prepared by Michael Josephs, for P2P clients.
While responding to the pandemic became our priority focus as of March 2020, it’s important to note the critical programs that P2P manages and executes every day that transform the lives of our clients. Our diversity of programs that focus on the well-being of our clients and the community is part of what makes P2P unique. Essential needs are more than food and housing; it’s about the well-being of the individuals and families we serve.

FOOD
Providing healthy, nutritious food is a key cornerstone of P2P’s mission. Food insecurity is a growing problem and we are dedicated to ensuring that all individuals and families have access to healthy and nutritious food. Our extensive food program makes this happen.

P2P FOOD PROGRAMS GET FOOD WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE

Three Food Pantries
P2P’s three full-time food pantries, in Darien, Norwalk, and Stamford, are the cornerstone of our extensive and hands-on food assistance program. The pantries remained open during the pandemic, with a few adjustments for staff, volunteers, and clients, as well as our food partners and providers.

Each of our pantries were founded on facilitating a highly personal experience, to ensure a level of dignity and respect for each person we serve. While the pandemic forced us to change the way in which we serve our clients, we were determined to maintain a level of personal connection and respect with each individual and family we helped.

A Focus on Healthy, Nutritious Food
P2P is committed not just to providing area residents with food, but with nutritious food to support health and wellbeing. That’s why fresh fruits and vegetables are always the first item you see when entering one of our three food pantries, and there is never a limit on how much a household can take. We know that healthy food is a matter of public health.

Million Meals Milestone
In October 2019, P2P reached a bittersweet milestone: for the first time within one year, P2P provided area residents with enough healthy food to prepare one million home cooked meals. It was both a sober reminder of the very real need in the community and also a testament to P2P’s ability to marshal the resources required to rise to the challenge to meet that need.

In 2020, that milestone was reached three months sooner. P2P provided enough healthy food to prepare one million meals by July 2020.

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P2P on Wheels

P2P on Wheels (aka: Phil the Truck) celebrated its second birthday in February 2020! This innovative approach to “getting food where it needs to be”—right in Stamford residents’ own neighborhoods—revolutionized P2P’s food delivery model. In the first year after the launch of P2P on Wheels, P2P distributed 25% more food to Stamford residents.

P2P partners with six agencies, allowing us to reach families, seniors, immigrants and new Americans, and those on the edge of homelessness. With the addition of Stamford Manor and Shippan Place in 2019, P2P provided food to 4,350 individuals in Stamford.

With the onset of the pandemic, P2P on Wheels moved temporarily to our warehouse garage. We are grateful to community partners DOMUS and Boys & Girls Club of Stamford (Yerwood Center) for not only allowing us to continue to serve Stamford residents with nutritious food, but in helping us successfully meet the 70% increase in households served during the first three months of the crisis. We look forward to returning to the community in P2P on Wheels as soon as it is safe to do so.

Home Delivery

At the outset of the pandemic, after shuttering “Phil,” P2P was determined to find a way to continue providing food in a safe, convenient way for our clients. Our team turned to our volunteer network, and we launched a new home delivery service, Door2Door. Volunteers sort, pack, and deliver food to P2P clients who are unable to leave their homes.

Door2Door launched in April 2020, and in its first few months, April–June, delivered enough groceries for 5,600 meals.

A Beautiful Bounty

One of the by-products of restaurants closing at the beginning of the pandemic was the abundance of fresh produce they had in their kitchens. When award-winning chef and television host Lidia Bastianich’s family was forced to close three of their NYC restaurants, they contacted P2P Board Member Christina Johnson-Wolff.

A P2P volunteer promptly drove our box truck to downtown Manhattan to the family’s three restaurants (Del Posto, Lupa, and Otto), loading it with the most beautiful produce we’d ever seen. We will always remember this as a moment of light at the beginning of the pandemic darkness.

Unity Garden

P2P is committed to offering clients fresh fruits and vegetables as part of every pantry visit. Now we have another source for locally grown produce right in our own backyard, adjacent to Darien food pantry. P2P’s Unity Garden is a labor of love for Master Gardener Michelle Sorenson, P2P Board Member Wendy Moore, and a dedicated group of volunteers. Their efforts have produced a bounty of organic fruits and vegetables for our pantries.
EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

P2P is dedicated to providing individuals and families with essential resources to help them overcome daily challenges and put them on a path toward economic stability. For many in our community, this involves temporary financial assistance and guidance navigating public service programs. Trained bilingual P2P caseworkers work with clients to best understand and assess their financial situations.

At the outset of the pandemic, the number of requests for emergency financial assistance from P2P was up 67% in March over the same month last year. P2P is one of few non-governmental organizations offering this type of assistance, and we have a long track record of doing so.

For clients with urgent financial needs, P2P provides them with assistance for rent, utilities, childcare, skills training, some medical expenses, security deposits, and eviction protection.

Faced with the prospect of losing their housing, many have turned to P2P for emergency financial assistance to help pay their rent. A caseworker in our Norwalk office, shared the story of a local woman who lost her job as a flight attendant and is now trying to piece together enough money for April’s rent.

“Things as a single mom are hard enough when you’re working. Now it feels almost impossible.”

P2P client to caseworker, June 2020

KEEPING FAMILIES SAFELY HOUSED

Fairfield County is among the most expensive housing markets in the country. 64% of extremely low income renter households in Connecticut are “severely cost-burdened,” meaning they spend more than 50% of their income on rent. The double burden of high housing costs and low wages is a major driver of people seeking P2P’s services.

The pandemic has wreaked havoc on countless families and individuals who, prior to the crisis, were making ends meet or were still clawing their way back from the last economic downturn during the “Great Recession” of 2008–2010. State and federal moratoria on new evictions for nonpayment of rent during the pandemic are not rent forgiveness, but merely rent delayed. Less than half of households have a degree of ‘high confidence’ that they can make monthly rent payments. The number is even more stark for African American families. Decades of housing policy including “redlining” have unfairly burdened people of color, crippling equitable economic mobility.

P2P seeks to offset this housing cost burden and counteract the negative effects of systemic racism in housing policies by promoting equitable access to resources to achieve economic stability. P2P’s emergency financial assistance helps clients pay rent, security deposits, utility bills or unexpected emergency expenses to help those struggling financially to remain stably housed. A team of multi-lingual caseworkers provides information, referrals, support and financial assistance in the form of payments to third parties on behalf of clients.

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The majority of P2P’s financial assistance goes toward housing. Keeping families in safe, stable housing is a priority for P2P. Housing stability is imperative for the health, productivity, and overall well-being of individuals and families, specifically children.

2. U.S. Census, Week 9 Household Pulse Survey: June 25 - June 30

The P2P caseworker team conducted nearly 11,000 individual client interviews, January 2019–June 2021. The relationships our casework team develops with clients helps ensure that we provide them with both the resources needed immediately, as well as help them forge a path toward economic stability.

“When this came out of the blue. People who were already working two or three jobs just to get by had no way to prepare for this, to have money saved. We see extended families banding together to get by. I have an elderly client who had to ask her own mother for help, in addition to the financial assistance that she received from P2P.

“When we can help someone with a utility payment, it allows them to continue their daily lives at home—cooking, cleaning.”

P2P caseworker, June 2020
P2P believes that every individual deserves equal opportunity to live a safe, healthy, and happy life. From the outset of our founding in 1968, following the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., P2P made a commitment to dedicate its resources to help all individuals, regardless of race, background, or citizenship. In addition to food and financial assistance, P2P offers a clothing center, winter coat giveaway, baby basics for young families, and annual holiday toy store.

Clothing Center

Clothing often falls to the last item on a family’s tight budget. To help fill this essential need, P2P manages a full-time clothing center at its Darien site. P2P’s extensive volunteer clothing network helps families in need, from baby clothing and gear, to shoes, to winter coats.

The Clothing Center operates on the same “self-select” model as our food pantries. During the pandemic, to maintain safety protocols, clients share with P2P caseworkers the items they need and our team provides them. More than 13,000 people received nearly 60,000 bags of free clothing, January 2019 - June 2020.

Annual “Keep Norwalk Warm” Winter Coat Giveaway

Each year P2P organizes a winter coat drive and giveaway, in partnership with Beiersdorf and the City of Norwalk. The coat drive asks the community to donate new or gently used coats, hats, and mittens. The coat giveaway, Keep Norwalk Warm, is open to all area residents; they do not need to be P2P clients. The 2019 giveaway provided nearly 1,000 people with winter coats.

Baby Basics

An Initiative of OPUS for Person-to-Person, and in partnership with Stamford Hospital social work team, P2P provides layettes and new car seats to parents of infants born at Stamford Hospital. From January 2019–June 2020, more than 130 layette bundles were donated to new families.

Backpacks

The first day of school sets the stage for a successful academic year. For students of families with limited means, not having the proper school supplies can be a source of anxiety, and makes it difficult to learn. In 2019, P2P provided backpacks with back-to-school supplies to local students to help get them off to a strong start. A strong start in life isn’t a guarantee of future success, but it sure helps!

Scholarship Program

Education can play an instrumental role in closing the equity gap. P2P is committed to help make secondary education possible for highly motivated, low-income students in lower Fairfield County through its annual scholarship program. Over the past eight years alone, P2P has awarded $2.7 million in scholarship grants to more than 300 students.

Congrats to 2020 scholarship graduates!

Susana A. – St. Lawrence University
Carolina A. – University of Connecticut
Jamal B. – Boston University
Sara C. – Southern Connecticut State University
Ivans E. – St. John’s University
Kenndra E. – Southern Connecticut State University
Shayla F. – Howard University
Jennifer F. – University of Connecticut
Ardision H. – Western Connecticut State University
Stephanie H. – The University of Bridgeport

Syndie L. – Marist College
Yamil S. – University of Connecticut
Kevin M. – University of New Haven
Kiana N. – University of Connecticut
Marvin R. – Southern Connecticut State University
Samantha S. – Emerson College
Karina S. – University of Connecticut
Catherine S. – University of Connecticut
Mahogany T. – Sacred Heart University
Katherine U. – Providence College
Curtiss W. – Wesleyan University

Stand Against Racism

The murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor brought racial injustice to the forefront of our country’s consciousness. In June 2020, P2P joined over 100 Stamford-based organizations in signing a Call to Action to Stand Against Racism. The Call to Action outlines concrete steps the Stamford Public Schools and Stamford Police Department, as well as nonprofits and the broader community, can undertake to raise up the voices of people of color.

P2P stands with those in the communities in which we live and serve. We pledge to confront racial injustice wherever we see it and promote equity whenever we can. Founded in the wake of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968 by parishioners of St. Luke’s Parish in Darien, P2P sought to honor Dr. King by opening and maintaining a dialogue intended to lead to understanding and reconciliation.

To this day, these principles of creating equitable access to resources provide the framework for our programs—food and emergency financial assistance, casework services, campership, scholarship, mentorship—and imbue our connection with the community.
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship
Each year P2P awards the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship to a student who is a senior in college and who has demonstrated outstanding ability in community service, leadership, and who has a capacity to articulate his/her ideals. The 2019 recipient was Norwalk resident Mahogany Tillman, pictured left with her son Tramont. Ms. Tillman was the first in her family to graduate from high school, and has since graduated from Sacred Heart University’s nursing program, in May 2020.

Mentoring 4 Success
The P2P mentorship program pairs college students with adults mentors who provide guidance and support throughout the mentee’s college career. Students who participate in the program have a 95% graduation rate within four years. With many of the participants being first-generation college graduates, this accomplishment can change the trajectory of a young person’s life. In 2019, 20 students were mentored by 21 trained P2P mentors.

In January 2020, P2P mentor Kim Bealle, a Darien-based executive and career coach, met with P2P mentees as part of a Strengths Finder Workshop, pictured at left.

Camperships
Summer is a time for beaches, playgrounds and exciting days at camp. Summer camp provides children with an opportunity to learn, have fun, and be with other kids their own age. But the children aren’t the only ones who benefit. Summer day camps provide working parents with a safe, reliable childcare option when children are not in school. Just by knowing that their children are safe, having fun, and engaged in productive activities, parents are able to continue doing what they need to do to build better futures for themselves and their families.

Summer may have looked a little different in 2020 than the year prior, but P2P’s Campership program continued to provide enriching summer experiences for families of “essential” workers for whom a reliable source of childcare meant the difference between wages and unemployment.

P2P's summer campership program plays a vital role in supporting working parents, while providing a safe, fun, and enriching environment for children.

In 2019, 410 Stamford and Norwalk elementary school children, all eligible for free or reduced price school based meals, attended more than 20 local summer day camps.

In 2020, the pandemic meant that only a handful of camps were able to operate. Thankfully, every camp partner that opened honored their commitment to place our campers.

In all, 12 camps partnered with P2P to provide camperships to 155 children.

OPUS for P2P plays a key role in fundraising to support the campership program, with a targeted awareness and fundraising campaign.

Holiday Toy Store
Each December, dozens of community volunteers create a magical “pop up” toy store for families to shop for toys, books, board games and stuffed animals for their children (free, of course). Children are treated to games, stories and crafts while their parents shop and volunteers wrap their gifts.

The 2019 Toy Store brought joy to 1,840 children, representing more than 850 families, in our community with a new toy and book. The total value of donated gifts exceeded $127,000.

Toy Store comes to life thanks to a dedicated committee who works throughout the year to plan, organize, and execute this special event.
P2P would not be able to operate as many programs and serve as many people without our volunteers. Volunteers make our services come to life and provide a vital personal connection with our clients.

At the outset of the pandemic, P2P experienced a drop in volunteers. Retirees and older adults, the most at-risk populations, traditionally make up the bulk of our volunteer network—resulting in an initial reduction of volunteers by 33%. As P2P shifted its delivery models for food and clothing, and we implemented strict safety guidelines, many volunteers have returned to the ‘jobs’ they love.

"I deliver food to people who don’t have the means to get their own groceries. I can’t imagine how isolating that must feel. Just stopping by wishing them to ‘have a great day’ and to ‘stay safe’ may be the only outside contact they get all week.”

Tom, Door2Door volunteer driver

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Volunteer Groups, January 2019 – June 2020

- Abilis
- Ability Beyond
- Aon
- Aventri
- Barcelona
- Beiersdorf
- Capital One
- CBRE
- Chelsea Piers
- Church of Holy Spirit
- Commonfund
- Connecticut Community Bank
- Coop Nursery School
- Dance on the DL
- Darien Boy Scout Troop 53
- Darien Butcher Shop
- Darien Girl Scouts Troop 50469
- Darien Rotary
- Darien Soccer Association
- Darien YMCA
- Darien Youth Commission
- Datto
- Delta Academy - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority EY
- Factset
- FCC on the Green Youth Group
- First United Methodist Church of Stamford
- FLIK Hospitality
- Fox Run Elementary School
- Fox's of Stamford
- GE Capital
- Gigmasters/The Knot Worldwide
- Greens Farms Church
- HAVYN
- Hollow Tree Storage
- HomeServe
- Horizons
- Kids Helping Kids
- Kimberly Tapscott Realty Group/Keller Williams
- King School
- Lanphier Day Spa
- Macy’s Stamford
- Make-Modern
- Mercer
- Metsa
- Metsa Board
- NCL
- NCL Canaan Parish
- NCL New Canaan
- NCL Westport
- NCL Westport Provisional Patronesses
- Neillert’s Florist and Garden Shop
- New Canaan Country Day School
- Norwalk Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Notre Dame Fairfield HS OPUS for Person to Person
- Palmer’s Market
- Pepperidge Farm
- Ranger Ready Repellent
- Ring’s End Lumber
- Rowayton Gardener’s Club
- Sacred Heart University Community Outreach
- Saint Luke Parish Youth Group
- Side-by-Side Student Volunteers
- Sipstirs
- SLOBS New Canaan
- SLOBS Westport
- St. Jerome Church
- St. Lukes School (New Canaan)
- St. Mark’s Preschool (New Canaan)
- STAR
- Tauck
- Teach for America
- The Bar Method Darien
- The Community Fund of Darien
- The Velaj Family Foundation
- Trinity Church
- Union Baptist Church
- Warby Parker @ SoNo Collection
- Weston HS Student Government
- Westport Service League of Boys (SLOBs)
- WHS Stamp Out Hunger
- Wilton Congregational Church
- Wilton High School
- Wilton High School, Class of 2022
- Wilton CT Postal Food Drive
Summer Soiree 2019

OPUS for P2P’s annual summer event brings together the community to raise awareness and funds to support P2P’s mission. The June 1, 2019 event was held at the Tokeneke Club and raised more than $95,000! Thank you to the Summer Soiree Committee (pictured), sponsors, auction donors, and attendees for making this a truly magical and meaningful night!

Transforming Lives Luncheon 2019

P2P hosted its Transforming Lives Luncheon on October 10, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency in Greenwich. The event featured New York Times bestselling author Kelly Corrigan, and raised $100,000.

Thanks to everyone who made the event a wonderful experience, including sponsors, auction donors, and attendees. Special recognition to event co-chairs Alison Kohlmeyer and Melissa McKeithen.

OPUS Author Luncheon

OPUS for P2P hosted an Author Luncheon on March 5, 2020 at the Woodway Country Club with Deborah Goodrich-Royce, author of Finding Mrs. Ford. Thanks to event partner Barrett Bookstore.

Stamp Out Hunger 2019

Stamp Out Hunger was a true community event at P2P. Volunteers, partners and donors came out in force to show their support and help fight hunger. Special thanks to the National Association of Letter Carriers for hosting this food drive, which resulted in the donation of 68,390 pounds of non-perishable food.

Thanks to everyone who made the event a wonderful experience, including sponsors, auction donors, and attendees. Special recognition to event co-chairs Alison Kohlmeyer and Melissa McKeithen.
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**2019 Functional Expense Distribution**
- 89% Emergency Assistance
- 4.5% Fund Development
- 2.5% Scholarships
- 2% Camperships
- 2% Management and General

**2019 Income Distribution, without Investment Return**
- 77% In-kind Contributions
- 20% Contributions
- 4% Special Events, net

**2020 Functional Expense Distribution**
- 88% Emergency Assistance
- 7% Fund Development
- 2% Camperships
- 2% Management and General
- 1% Scholarships

**2020 Income Distribution, without Investment Return**
- 52% In-kind Contributions
- 46% Contributions
- 2% Special Events, net
Fiscal Year 2019 (January to December)

**Bequest**

- Estate of Emily L. Peckmann
- $50,000
- Anonymous

**$25,000- $49,999**

- Anonymous
- Merrill and Richard van den Broek
- Kerry and Charles Tyler
- Mary and Michael Tangney
- Elizabeth and William Taggart
- Anna and Ernest Steiner
- Janis and Peter Smith
- Robert Phillips
- Susan and Stephen Mandel
- Ann S

**Revocable Trust**

- The JoAnne Siebrasse
- Lori and Michael Glavin
- Naomi and Joel Freedman
- Kim Dickinson and Stewart M
- Anne and Greg Buzzell
- Anonymous

**$10,000- $24,999**

- Katherine Uniacke and Murat Akgun
- Jane and David Ott
- Jori and David Meyer
- Anne and D
- Deborah and Mark Blackman
- Phyllis and Stanley Bershaw

**$25,000- $49,999**

- Amy and Joe Gold

**$50,000+**

- Estate of Emily L
- Peckmann

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**We are Truly Grateful for the Support and Generosity of the Donors, Volunteers, and Community Partners Who Share Our Vision and Are Dedicated to Our Mission.**

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**Press & Community**

**P2P received notable coverage in a variety of press outlets, including:**

- **The Darien Times**
- **Greenwich Time**
- **Norwalk Hour**
- **The Stamford Advocate**

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Virtual Food Drive

P2P relies on hundreds of food drives each year to stock our pantry shelves. These drives often are run by schools, houses of worship and every second Saturday in May, the "Stamp Out Hunger" drive run by the National Association of Letter Carriers, which stocks our shelves for many weeks leading up to the busy summer months.

THANK YOU DONORS

COVID-19 changed all that. With schools closed, houses of worship meeting remotely and the Stamp Out Hunger drive canceled, P2P turned to a Virtual Food Drive. Thanks to teams of supporters and individual donors, P2P raised $149,875 through the Virtual Food Drive and was able to purchase the food we needed to keep the pantry shelves stocked, even in the face of rising demand. Like many traditions borne of the pandemic, the Virtual Food Drive is now here to stay.
STRONGER TOGETHER

THERE YOU GO

Thank you to all who gave in-kind donations of goods and services.

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Ernest and Joan Treff Foundation
ExxonMobil Foundation Inc
Fairfield County’s Community Foundation
First County Bank Foundation, Inc
Garden Homes Fund
GK Nesbitt Foundation
GE Foundation Matching Gift Center
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The Darien Foundation

With the generous support of The Darien Foundation, we purchased a new P2P delivery van. Throughout the year, the van is driven by volunteers and staff picking up food and clothing donations from our community partners and delivering them to our pantries and clothing center.

Throughout the holiday season, the van was put to special use—delivering joy in the form of toys for our Holiday Toy Store! Thank you to The Darien Foundation for enhancing the quality of life for all in the community.

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Mike and Carl’s Challenge

When it became apparent the COVID-19 pandemic would create an economic crater in Fairfield County, forcing widespread closures of schools and businesses, P2P Board Member Mike Riccardi and Chairman of Building and Land Technology, Carl Kuehner sprang into action with the issuance of a challenge: together they would match, dollar for dollar, gifts made by P2P donors up to $100,000. They issued their challenge on Friday, and by the following Tuesday it was clear the challenge would be met within the day. They then took unprecedented action: they increased their matching commitment by another $100,000. Within a short time, the “Mike and Carl” challenge had raised $400,000 to support the COVID-19 relief work of the agency.

The funds raised allowed P2P to increase services to meet demand due to the pandemic, including a 60% surge in demand for food assistance and a spike in requests for rent assistance resulting in a 350% increase in the amount of assistance provided in June 2020 compared to the prior year.

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Please note: Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of our lists. However, mistakes can occur. If your name has been misspelled, listed incorrectly or omitted, please accept our apology and contact Sarah Lippman at 203-621-0697 so we can correct our records.
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Thank you to St. Luke’s Parish

One of Person-to-Person’s most treasured partnerships is with St. Luke’s Parish in Darien, CT. This partnership extends far beyond sharing the campus. The partnership is built upon a shared commitment to actively transform our community through volunteerism and philanthropy. St. Luke’s volunteers have helped with food drives, dove boxes, toy drives, clothing sorts, as well as helping support a Unity Garden, where the produce grown is given to families directly in P2P’s food pantry. The Person-to-Person Board of Directors includes a member of St. Luke’s Vestry. Thanks to Tina Madon for serving as liaison in 2019, and Wendy Moore for starting this role in 2020.