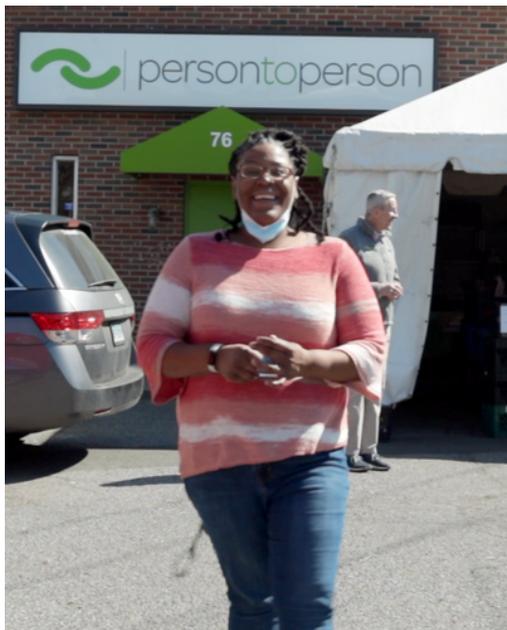


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A Newsletter from Person to Person: Fall 2022



A Message from Nancy and Mike

Dear Friends,

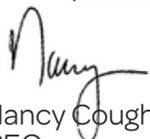
We hope you love receiving "Hand in Hand", the Person to Person print newsletter, as much as we love putting it together.

As we write this letter and select the stories to include, it reminds us of the wonderful clients we have met over the last few months, the amazing work of our volunteers, staff, partners, and board, and the generosity of our donors.

It also reminds us that we are all here for people – for the people we meet, the people we help, and the people that we connect with. Whether it's meeting and helping a young mother who arrived at our front door in need of food for her family or the student who received a P2P scholarship to help achieve their dream to be the first in their family to attend college. Or connecting with a new volunteer who ends up thanking P2P for the opportunity. It's all about the people.

We'd love to hear your stories of connection with P2P. Share your stories at marketing@p2pHelps.org or stop by one of our sites.

Warmly,


Nancy Coughlin
CEO


Mike Riccardi
P2P Board President

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You go into P2P,
and there are
blessings
everywhere.
It just gives you
hope, and it gives
you hope in
humanity.

Angel, P2P Client
(pictured, top left)

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Person to Person (P2P) is a non-profit agency with a vision for educated, financially-stable, and hunger-free homes for all. P2P serves 28,000 residents in Fairfield County annually with essential resources to help them overcome daily challenges and put them on a path toward economic stability, including: three food pantries (Darien, Norwalk, Stamford), clothing center, caseworker assistance, emergency financial assistance, scholarships/ mentorships, camperships, infant layettes, and holiday programs. p2pHelps.org

New Program!

A Path to Stability

P2P is excited to announce that it is now an official Financial Opportunity Center (FOC)*. P2P's FOC serves Stamford residents seeking to improve their income and employment opportunities. Trained P2P caseworkers will work one-on-one with individuals on three core services: employment services/workforce readiness, financial education and coaching, and access to income supports.

**A Member of the Financial Opportunity Center Network – An Initiative of LISC*

Community Fundraisers

Thanks to the team of Andrew Brown and Troy Insurance president & P2P board member Allison Gagliardi for organizing this year's 4th Annual Shredding Day in the Stamford neighborhood of Shippan. This year's event added a delectable bake sale, curated by Andrew.

Thanks also to event partner On-Site Shredding for providing their shredding services, and to both Kimmy Cakes and Hat Attack for providing raffle items. The event generated an amazing \$4,500--all to support P2P's mission.

Pictured: P2P Board Member Allison Gagliardi, Evelyn Anastos, Shredding Day/Bake Sale Organizer Andrew Brown, Kim Brown



Community Postal Food Drive



P2P participated in the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger (Postal) Food Drive on Saturday, May 14, 2022, after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic.

The success of the drive was made possible thanks to the outpouring of food donations from the community and the army of P2P volunteers--from prepping bags and stickers, collecting food on the day of the drive, and sorting through the 53,310 lbs of food after the drive. And most importantly, a huge thank you to the local letter carriers for promoting the event and then picking up all the donations (no easy task!).

Pictured: Members of Wilton's Service League of Boys (SLOBS) helped a letter carrier unload food donations at the Wilton Post Office

P2P on Wheels Expands to Norwalk!

P2P on Wheels is on the move! Not only did it get a fresh, new look to reflect P2P's new logo, it expanded to Norwalk!

The mobile food pantry now visits seven locations in Stamford, Monday-Friday, and two locations in Norwalk, on Saturday.

Pictured: Ernesto Uquillas, Stamford Site Associate, with the updated truck.

Program News Clothing Center



We are happy to report that the P2P Clothing Center has officially returned to its Darien location following a temporary move to the SoNo Community Center.

The Clothing Center is a vital source of new and gently-used clothing for thousands in our community. Last year the Clothing Center distributed more than 26,000 bags of clothing.

- APPOINTMENTS: Call 203-655-0048
- DONATIONS: Donations may be made at P2P, 1864 Post Road, Darien, CT Mon-Fri, 9am - 1pm. Any questions, call 203-655-0048
- VOLUNTEERS: Come on your own or with a group for a 'social sort'! Email sarahdemark@p2pHelps.org

Pictured: A happy P2P client leaving the newly re-opened clothing center



P2P provided camperships for 316 local children this summer, thanks to your generous support of OPUS for P2P's 'Blooms for Campers' campaign. Your donations made it possible for these children to have an enriching summer experience and their parents to have peace of mind while at work.

Partners in Produce Farm Fresh



A shout out to the farmers and farmers markets for sharing their bounty with our food pantries, including:

Local Farmers Markets: Darien, New Canaan, Rowayton, and Stamford

Local Farms: Ambler Farm in Wilton, Essential Earth Farm, Fairgate Farm in Stamford, Horseshoe Farm in Ridgefield, Lachat Farm in Weston, Millstone Farm in Wilton, Stoneledge Farm in Leeds, NY, Viv's Veggies at Chestnut Farm in Weston, and Warrup's Farm in Redding.

Pictured: Darien site associate David Garcia shows off a bounty of fresh produce delivered by Food Rescue volunteers from the Darien Farmers Market.



Volunteers The Heart of P2P

Volunteers are the engine that drives everything we do. Whether you join us for one hour, one day or once a week, we'd love to have you! Contact Sarah Demark at sarahdemark@p2pHelps.org to learn more. Opportunities include:

- Clothing Center (Darien)
- Food Pantry (Darien & Norwalk)
- Home Delivery Drivers for Door2Door
- Mobile Pantry (Stamford)
- Warehouse Support (Stamford)
- Main Office Reception (Darien)
- Van Drivers to Pick Up Local Donations

Pictured: Volunteers from the National Charity League-Canaan Parish Chapter helped sort and organize in the clothing center



P2P Events Oh What A Night ...

P2P held its 'A Night Under the Stars' benefit at The Rooftop at The Village in Stamford's Harbor Point on April 21, 2022.

The sold-out event was a celebration of community, bringing together local business leaders, dignitaries, and P2P supporters to raise awareness and funds for P2P's mission.

Thanks to the Honorable Caroline Simmons, Mayor of Stamford, who served as the event's Honorary Chair, and Allison Gagliardi and Julianna Spain who served as Co-Chairs, the event committee, volunteers, sponsors, and attendees for making it a great event!

Pictured: Top--Jennifer Hyman, Gary Feldman, Former P2P Board Member Michael Hyman; Bottom--Adam and Mary Ansaldi, P2P Board President Mike Riccardi, Tracey Riccardi (Photo credit: ChiChi Urbina, Fairfield County LOOK)



Transforming Lives P2P's Impact in Fairfield County

Thanks to an incredible team of staff, volunteers, partners, and donors, P2P is fulfilling its mission to provide essential resources for thousands in our community. Together we are working toward our vision for educated, financially stable, and hunger-free homes. Here is a snapshot of our impact in fiscal year 2022 (July 2021–June 2022).



Distributed enough food for more than **TWO MILLION MEALS**



Provided 1,124 turkeys and holiday meals during Thanksgiving



Granted \$1 MILLION in critical & rent-related financial relief



Provided financial help for nearly 1,500 families through our caseworkers



Empowered 100 college students with financial scholarships



Awarded more than 300 summer campships for local children



Provided 25,162 bags of free clothing for more than 1,000 households



Baby Basics distributed new car seats & layettes to local families



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Darien, CT 06820

GET INVOLVED!

Volunteer | Donate | Partner
Learn more at p2pHelps.org



You can have an immediate and meaningful impact as part of the P2P community. Join us today: Volunteer | Donate | Partner

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