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Want to Know More about Serving on P2P's Board of Directors?

Service on the Board of Directors of Person to Person provides the right person with the opportunity to influence the direction of this growing agency, build relationships with a diverse group of community leaders, utilize your skills, and make a meaningful impact on the lives of thousands of Fairfield County residents who seek our assistance.

OUR MISSION

Person to Person supports families and individuals as they move toward stability with healthy food, clothing, housing assistance, and a path to economic opportunity.

OUR VISION

Thriving, hunger-free homes.

WHO WE SERVE

P2P currently serves approximately 28,000 individuals in lower Fairfield County, including the towns of Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk, Stamford, Weston, Westport, and Wilton.

Each person we have the opportunity to serve has a unique story. Whether it's a single mother struggling to work enough hours to provide for herself and her children, an elderly man living alone on disability, or a young family looking for guidance to navigate housing expenses in Fairfield County, each person has a unique reason for calling on P2P and we are here to serve them all, no questions asked.

PERSON TO PERSON PROVIDES ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF LOWER FAIRFIELD COUNTY, INCLUDING:

- **FOOD ASSISTANCE**
- **CLOTHING AND CARE PROGRAMS**
- **FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER®**
- **EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**
- **CAMPERSHIPS**
- **SCHOLARSHIPS**
- **SEASONAL PROGRAMS**

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Food assistance

Providing healthy, nutritious food is a key cornerstone of P2P's mission. Food insecurity, as well as health insecurity, are growing problems 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.

Three Food Pantries

P2P's three 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 was founded on facilitating a highly personal experience, to ensure a level of dignity and respect for each person we serve.

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.

P2P on Wheels

Launched in 2018, P2P on Wheels (aka: Phil the Truck) revolutionized the concept of "getting food where it needs to be", bringing our food pantry and casework teams right in Stamford residents' own neighborhoods. In the first year after the launch of P2P on Wheels, P2P distributed 25% more food to Stamford residents. P2P partners with local Stamford agencies, allowing us to reach families, seniors, immigrants, and new Americans, and those on the edge of homelessness.

P2P On Wheels offers Stamford residents the opportunity to select free grocery items – including fresh produce, dairy items, meat and poultry, shelf-stable goods – to prepare three meals a day for seven days for every member of the family. All pantry shopping visits are by appointment following an initial meeting with a P2P Caseworker.

Door2Door Home Delivery

Our Door2Door home delivery program was launched in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, when many of our existing and new clients were unable to leave home to obtain groceries. Groceries are pre-packed at our food pantries and delivered to clients' homes by trained P2P volunteers.

Holiday Meal Programs

P2P offers a variety of holiday meal programs, including Thanksgiving Turkeys and Meals.

CLOTHING & CARE PROGRAMS

Clothing Center

P2P operates a clothing center at its Darien site, with new and gently used clothing and shoes for men, women, and children available at no-cost.

Clothing is available by appointment at the Darien site to all who request it. No residency requirements.

Annual Coat Give-Away to the Public

Baby Basics and New Family Support

An initiative of OPUS for Person to Person, and in partnership with Stamford Hospital and Norwalk Hospital social work teams, P2P provides layettes and new car seats to parents of infants born at Stamford Hospital and Norwalk Hospital.

Financial Opportunity Center®

P2P is Connecticut's newest Financial Opportunity Center® (FOC). FOCs are career and financial coaching service centers that help families living on a low to moderate income build sustaining careers and achieve financial success. The cornerstone of LISC's FOC model is providing services in an integrated way – rather than as stand-alone services – with a long-term commitment to helping clients reach their goals. The program provides three integrated service pillars: employment services, one-on-one financial coaching, and income support services. P2P was selected to become the 6th FOC in CT-serving the Stamford community.

Emergency Financial Assistance

Person to Person caseworkers assess immediate need and help clients plan for the future while providing financial assistance for rent, utilities, childcare, skills training, some medical expenses, security deposits and eviction prevention.

Casework Support

Person to Person offers trained, bilingual caseworkers to meet with and support clients.

Emergency Financial Assistance

Person to Person caseworkers speak with clients one-on-one to assess immediate needs and help clients plan for the future while providing financial assistance for rent, utilities, childcare, skills training, some medical expenses, security deposits and eviction prevention.

Emergency Financial Assistance is available to residents of Norwalk, Stamford, Darien, New Canaan, Weston, Westport and Wilton.

Camperships

Through the P2P Campership Program, Stamford school children have the opportunity to attend local summer day camps where they can build life skills, make friends, and have fun. Camp offers peace of mind for working parents and reduces childcare concerns, while keeping children safe and engaged.

All children considered for Camperships live in low-income households in Stamford and are referred through their schools. Typically, P2P Camperships serve approximately 15% of the total number of children who qualify for free or reduced meal programs, a primary criterion for consideration.

Scholarships

The Person to Person Scholarship Program, established in 1968, provides financial assistance for high school graduates from low-income households who are already enrolled in college.

Students with financial need, residing in Norwalk, Stamford and the surrounding towns, receive primary consideration.

SEASONAL PROGRAMS

Turkey Giveaway

Each year, P2P gives away turkey dinners to families in Stamford, Norwalk and Darien.

Dove Program

This program provides a full day of food during the holidays for seniors and families, fulfilled through partnerships with local community groups and churches.

Holiday Toy Store

P2P's Holiday Toy Store brings joy to thousands of local children and families each year. Prior to the pandemic, families could 'shop' for age-appropriate toys and books displayed in our 'shop'. Post-pandemic, P2P provides holiday gift bundles for each family based on the number of children and ages.

HISTORY

Following the assassination of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on April 4, 1968, the rector of Saint Luke's Parish in Darien, Connecticut – The Rev. Dr. Robert Nelson Back, who has attended seminary with Dr. King – met with parish member Jean Sherman to discuss how caring people in Darien could express their concern about and respond to the assassination as well as growing civil rights issues. In a letter dated April 18, 1968, Dr. Back announced the formation of Person to Person and named Jean its first director.