



# the future fund

Securing a future where Stamford residents have ready access to resources to meet their critical needs where they live and work



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# MEETING STAMFORD RESIDENTS WHERE THEY LIVE



As many as 40% of Stamford residents – 21,000 people – struggle to afford basic essentials such as food and housing.

Stamford is now the state's second largest city, in the top ten most expensive places to live in the US, and with the second largest wealth gap in the country. Food insecurity is on the rise, almost doubling since 2021 from 10% to 17%.

For many, wage increases have not kept pace with the high cost of living in Fairfield County. A minimum wage worker must work the equivalent of two full time jobs just to afford Stamford rents. Long-time Stamford residents are facing ever-larger hurdles to remaining here, in their hometown, where they live, work and are raising their families.

**Today, P2P is meeting a dramatic rise in demand for food assistance by doubling the amount of nutritious food we are providing to Stamford residents. And the need is only growing.**





## P2P HELPS 28,000 STAMFORD RESIDENTS ACHIEVE ECONOMIC STABILITY THROUGH THE FOLLOWING SUPPORTS:

- Free, nutritious groceries to prepare **2.5M healthy meals annually**
  - Two self-select food pantries designed to resemble small grocery stores serving **2,250 families each month**
  - *P2P on Wheels*, our mobile food pantry that visits seven Stamford neighborhoods each week
  - Door2Door home delivery to homebound residents
- Our newly launched Financial Opportunity Center®, building economic security through financial supports, one-on-one financial coaching, and access to workforce training opportunities
- Housing solutions that include rent, utilities, and security deposits
- Wrap-around support from a team of bilingual caseworkers, including information and referrals, clothing, diapers, toys, and summer camperships for working families

## WHY A FUTURE FUND?



## OUR SOLUTION

The challenges facing low-income Stamford residents are great, but not insurmountable. For over 50 years, Person to Person has been the leading non-profit provider of food and wrap-around services to help Stamford residents build economic security. We offer the only full time food pantries serving Stamford.

Our innovative mobile food pantry, *P2P on Wheels*, brings fresh, healthy food directly to our clients, where they live and work. Complete with refrigeration and freezers, the mobile pantry overcomes the barrier of transportation and offers a nimble response to the community's need for assistance. The mobile pantry is equipped with a private, Wi-Fi-enabled office space and is staffed with a trained caseworker to offer culturally-competent, bilingual support with wrap-around resources beyond access to food.

Demand for food assistance has doubled since 2019, and continues to rise. In response, P2P seeks to add a second mobile food pantry, thus immediately doubling our food distribution taking place in Stamford neighborhoods, from 900 families per month to 1,800 families. The second mobile food pantry will allow P2P to offer **three full-time, nutritious food programs to Stamford residents**, all with multilingual wrap-around services, offering a comprehensive and efficient solution to the growing demand for food assistance in Stamford. By leveraging our current warehouse, infrastructure, and human resources, we can double our mobile pantry capacity with low incremental marginal cost.





## HOW CAN YOU SECURE THE FUTURE FOR STAMFORD RESIDENTS?

We invite you to support the **P2P Future Fund** to bring our services closer to those we serve.

Your gift will help to purchase, equip, and operate a second mobile food pantry allowing P2P to immediately double its food distribution in Stamford. Utilizing the existing P2P Warehouse and a wide network of food providers and volunteers, the second mobile food pantry will allow us to leverage resources to bring healthy food and casework support to an additional 2,000 households per year.

## SOME OF THE WAYS P2P FUTURE FUND SUPPORT WILL CREATE OPPORTUNITY:

**\$240K**

**Purchases a 24-foot mobile pantry complete with refrigeration, freezers, and casework office space** A second mobile food pantry will provide free, healthy groceries and wrap-around services to an additional 900 Stamford families each month in a dignified, self-select model.

**\$100K**

**Stocks the mobile food pantry with fresh produce and healthy food for one year** P2P leverages our food purchasing power to secure \$5 worth of food with every \$1 donated.

**\$50K**

**Secures the warehouse for one year** Our Stamford warehouse allows us to purchase in bulk, house two mobile food pantry trucks, and stage multiple daily distributions.

**\$25K**

**Purchases fruits and vegetables** Proper nutrition allows children to succeed academically, socially, and physically.

**\$10K**

**Staffs the mobile food pantry for one month** Bilingual mobile food pantry staff include a driver, caseworker, and a team of trained volunteers.



## NEXT STEPS



We hope you will join P2P at this critical time to help bring strength, stability, and opportunity to ALL in our community. Thank you!

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