



**COMMUNITY CENTER  
OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER**

## **2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Community Center of Northern Westchester seeks to improve the well-being and self sufficiency of neighbors in need in Northern Westchester by providing food, clothing, programs, and other resources. We are committed to treating all with dignity and respect. We encourage broad involvement and participation by residents and organizations in the communities we serve.





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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thanks to your extraordinary support, the Community Center of Northern Westchester has once again been able to make a real difference in the lives of so many who seek our help. We helped feed and clothe 2,000 families, taught important skills to improve economic opportunities and provided additional resources to help stabilize families during their time of need.



We are excited to say that this past year has been one of growth; growing our donor reach, growing our client services and growing our understanding of how to better serve our clients. In the spring of 2018 we conducted a survey of our clients, volunteers, local community agencies, staff and Board. From the results, we found there was a universal admiration and strong sense of appreciation and gratitude for the Center. We also gained knowledge that led us to make some exciting new changes in the current year and to start planning for others in the future.

Our clients shared with us that later hours once a week would increase their opportunities to access our services, therefore we now stay open on Thursday evenings. Also highlighted by some were the significant barriers to working outside of the home which led us to implement a new Sewing and Design program that teaches skills to create a profitable home based business.


Responding to our volunteer feedback we have clarified roles and responsibilities and will provide additional training to make the volunteer experience even more rewarding.

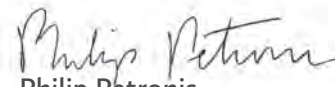
Based on our feedback from other local service providers we have improved our communication system with these agencies to better share our resources and programs and enhance our collective impact for those in need in our community.

Not only are we listening to our neighbors' needs, but we are pleased to be better meeting their needs by acting on their suggestions.

We are thankful that we can be an essential resource to so many families in our community, providing support and hope when they need it most, but we also realize that we couldn't do it without you.

Thank you for your continued engagement and commitment to helping your neighbors.

  
Clare Murray  
*Executive Director*

  
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## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the life-blood of the Center and make everything we do possible. We so appreciate the extraordinary commitment of over 500 dedicated volunteers annually who help to serve our neighbors in need.

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Community Partners provide financial support each year, increase awareness of Center services for those in need, and encourage support within their own communities for our drives and volunteer opportunities. Thank you to our Community Partners for their continued support!

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# REDUCED HUNGER

Feeding Westchester estimates that 1 in 5 Westchester residents are hungry or at risk of hunger. About 14,800 people receive emergency food assistance, county-wide, in any given week in Westchester and have to make hard decisions each month between paying bills, purchasing medicine, or buying food that can sustain their families. CCNW strives to provide enough food for these individuals and families to make it to the end of the month when their other resources have run out.

**1,714** families received food assistance

**37%** were children

**398,765** pounds of food distributed

**8,370** visits to our food pantry

**120** received nutrition education





## PROVIDED NECESSITIES



Our goal is to meet the basic needs of Westchester residents so that they can stabilize their lives and continue working toward self-sufficiency. Thanks to the generosity of the local community who donated over 100 tons of clothing to us, we are able to provide this essential support.

CCNW operates a free-of-charge Boutique where our neighbors in need can “shop” with dignity for clothes and accessories, including work clothing to find and keep jobs; school clothing; athletic attire and shoes so kids can feel confident in school and participate in sports; warm winter wear; and prom wear so high school students can attend their school prom in style.

**7,651** visits to our clothing Boutique

**1,646** winter coats distributed

**889** sets of bedding given

**5,771** pairs of shoes provided

**99** high schoolers received Prom attire



## HELPED CHILDREN

Over the last decade we have seen a steady increase in the number of children who need help. Our relationships with families through the years have taught us that the best way to help families in financial crisis regain their footing is to first meet the needs of their children, because that is always their primary and most immediate concern.

By supporting our youngest and most vulnerable, families report reduced stress and greater peace of mind knowing that their children's needs have been met.

**282** babies supported with monthly diapers and wipes

**1,050** children given new pajamas

**875** received new school supplies

**65** attended summer sleep away camps

**11** academic scholarships awarded





## IMPROVED OPPORTUNITIES



United Way's ALICE (*Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed*) Study reports that 40% of Westchester families are struggling to make ends meet. This 40% represents working families with income below the poverty line and ALICE families with incomes that are above the poverty line but still not earning enough to cover basic needs: housing, food, transportation, childcare and healthcare.

By offering focused skill development classes and job counseling, free of charge and with bi-lingual instruction, the Community Center helps families on their path to achieving economic self-sufficiency and improved quality of life.

**950** attended one or more of our programs or classes

**88** learned Basic Construction Skills

**144** participated in language classes

**28** developed Sewing & Design Skills

**53** attended entrepreneurship seminars

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Thank you to all our 2018 donors and supporters who made our work possible!

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# 2017-2018 FINANCIALS

## INCOME

	ENDING 6/30/2018	ENDING 6/30/2017
DONATED GOODS & SERVICES*	\$1,777,593.00	\$1,578,973.00
DONATIONS & GRANTS	\$397,611.00	\$412,685.00
SPECIAL EVENTS, OTHER	\$284,566.00	\$194,665.00
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$50,015.00	\$60,017.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,509,785.00</b>	<b>\$2,246,340.00</b>

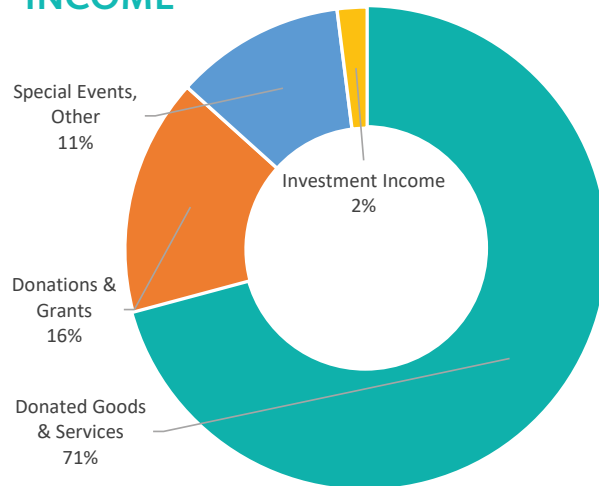
## EXPENSES

PROGRAMS & SERVICES	\$2,156,803.00	1,917,653.00
MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	\$125,751.00	\$139,013.00
FUND RAISING	\$78,747.00	\$58,378.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,361,301.00</b>	<b>\$2,115,044.00</b>
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES (DEPRECIATION EXPENSE)	\$21,105.00	\$20,692.00
CHANGE IN ASSETS	\$127,379.00	\$110,604.00

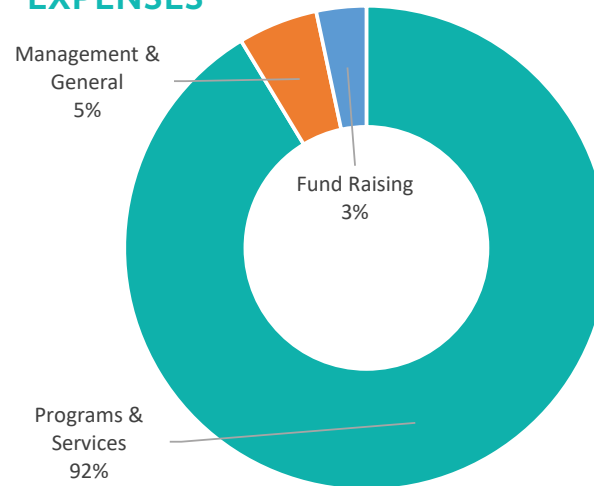
## BALANCE SHEET

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,543,875.00</b>	<b>\$1,432,462.00</b>
LIABILITIES	\$23,675.00	\$44,490.00
NET ASSETS**	\$1,520,200.00	\$1,387,972.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,543,875.00</b>	<b>\$1,432,462.00</b>

## INCOME



## EXPENSES



\* For accounting purposes, donated clothing is valued at \$11 per pound and donated food is valued at \$1 per pound.

\*\* Board designated and restricted reserve balances as of 06/30/2018: \$727,075. Unrestricted reserve balance as of 06/30/2018: \$780,389.

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