



## OUR GARDEN OF GIVERS

*Foundations that help IHSP meet the needs of our clients*

- bankHometown
- Cargill Council No. 64 K of C
- Carlyle Family Fund
- Centreville Bank Foundation
- Charter Oak Federal Credit Union
- Cranston Foundation
- Eversource
- Farm Credit East Cares CNY
- International Paper Foundation
- Jewett City Savings Bank Foundation
- New London Telephone Employees CSF
- Nutmeg Container
- Putnam Area Foundation
- Putnam Business Association
- Putnam Lions Club
- Putnam Lodge of Elks #574
- Putnam Rotary Club
- Schwab Charitable Foundation
- The Mitchell D. Phaiah Foundation
- The New Leaf Fund
- The Norwich Diocesan Bishop's Cradle Fund
- Town of Putnam
- Town Fair Tire Foundation
- United Fiduciary Institute
- WinWaste Innovations

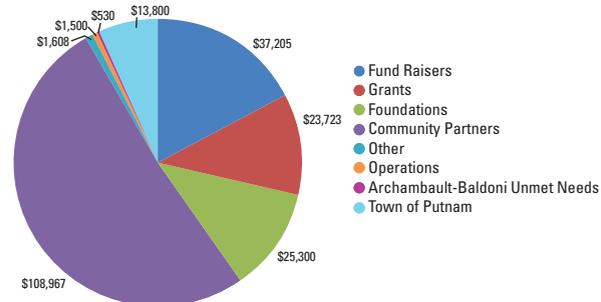


*Pomfret School Spring Clean up at the Daily Bread Vegetable Garden.*

*We also gratefully appreciate all of the individuals and businesses that support our organization throughout the year in so many ways too numerous to mention.*

## OUR FINANCIALS

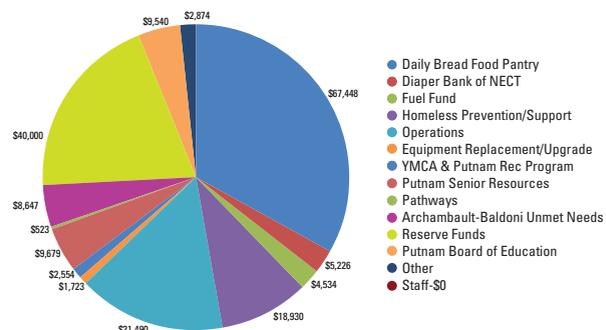
### 2022 INCOME \$212,633



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Fund Raisers	\$37,205
Grants	\$23,723
Foundations	\$25,300
Community Partners	\$108,967
Other	\$1,608
Operations	\$1,500
Archambault-Baldoni Unmet Needs	\$530
Town of Putnam	\$13,800

### 2022 EXPENSES \$203,168



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Daily Bread Food Pantry	\$67,448
Diaper Bank of NECT	\$5,226
Fuel Fund	\$4,534
Homeless Prevention/Support	\$18,930
Operations	\$31,490
Equipment Replacement/Upgrade	\$1,723
YMCA & Putnam Rec Program	\$2,554
Putnam Senior Resources	\$9,679
Pathways	\$523
Archambault-Baldoni Unmet Needs	\$8,647
Reserve Funds	\$40,000
Putnam Board of Education	\$9,540
Other	\$2,874
Staff	\$0

## OUR MISSION

Interfaith Human Services of Putnam REACHES out to Restore lives through Education and Empowerment of individuals, to Actively respond to the needs in our Community, to be Compassionate towards others, and to Help those around us who are in need or in transition by sponsoring, funding and facilitating programs and projects that address these needs in Northeastern Connecticut.

## OUR DIRECTORS

- Karen Osbrey, President
- Lori Carminati, Vice President
- Ann Kathi Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer
- Shawn Johnston, Immediate Past President
- Helen Ferland, Diaper Bank Coordinator
- Gary St. Jean, Volunteer Coordinator
- Emily Barnes
- Holly Ann Gilbert
- Eileen Piotroski
- Marge Guerin
- Patricia Harrington
- Bill Guillot
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## 2022 Annual Report



# IHSP



**Interfaith Human Services of Putnam**  
**An All Volunteer Organization.**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



## Economics 101...

Last year was an education in economics for many. Just when we thought we were back on track and the Covid Pandemic was behind us, IHSP started to encounter new, "cause and effect" situations and problems.

Many of our clients are on fixed incomes and

those incomes are stagnant. Rising gas prices and electric rates, high grocery prices, and general inflation have adversely affected many household economics. The rise in rents and interest rates plus the lack of adequate, affordable housing in Northeast Connecticut all contribute to these new economic situations. People who were "making ends meet" now find themselves in the red due to the effects of inflation.

IHSP has seen a significant increase in requests for services, including food, diapers, utilities and housing assistance. So much so that we have needed to add more service hours and volunteers to accommodate these families. We have also seen a rise in homeless clients seeking assistance. When those in need of assistance turn to us, we turn to the community. I am always amazed at the generosity of this place that I call home. This community is not only generous with their time, talent and treasures, but they are caring, empathetic, sympathetic and gracious. Because of you, IHSP continues to provide food, diapers, toiletries, clothing, rental and home energy assistance, homelessness prevention, employment support and even educational assistance.

Together we make a significant impact on our community.

Thank you,

Karen Osbrey, IHSP President

# Fighting Food Insecurity with Our Community Partners

## Squash Hunger returned in 2022!

This popular and successful food collection event was put on hiatus due to the pandemic. Thankfully, we were able to bring it back for 2022. Food Insecurity is real and thanks to our Squash Hunger participants, the 2022 IHSP Squash Hunger Challenges were a huge success. To mark Hunger Awareness Month, local business, industry and faith partners, collected much needed non-perishable food items for the IHSP Daily Bread Food Pantry. This year's categories included soup, mac & cheese, tomato products and canned chicken.



The 2022 Canned Chicken Winner was The Byrnes Agency and the Runner Up was Archambault Insurance Associates. The 2022 Soup Challenge Winner was Jewett City Savings Bank and the Runner Up was Charter Oak Federal Credit Union. The 2022 Mac & Cheese Winner was St. Mary Church & St. Therese Daughters of Isabella and the Runner Up was Living Faith United Methodist Church. The 2022 Tomato Products Winner was Linemaster and the Runner Up was U.S. Button Circle of Hope.

But all participants are winners in our estimation... including Bank Hometown, Centreville Bank, National Chromium, Gerardi Insurance Services, The Shop, Green Valley Crossing, Congregational Church of Putnam, and B'nai Shalom.

This year, we collected a total of 5,521 items. This kept our shelves stocked for many months and helped us fight food insecurity.

# BEHIND THE SCENES

It takes a lot of hands to make the items below happen. Besides direct, face-to-face client services at Daily Bread, our volunteers also spend their time helping people they may never meet. Did you know that we:

- ◆ Supply Putnam school children with Buddy Bags packed for weekend use?
- ◆ Provide snacks to children at the Hale YMCA Camp Cutler and Putnam Recreation Day Camp?
- ◆ Call, take a grocery order, pack and deliver groceries to over 70 senior, disabled, and medically compromised house-holds each month? This also serves as a wellness check for our most vulnerable clients.
- ◆ Supplement the USDA Summer Feeding Program in Putnam so adult caregivers can eat along with the children enrolled in the program?
- ◆ Provide coupons for fresh/frozen fruit and vegetables, juice and dairy products, as well as coupons for the Putnam Farmer's Market?
- ◆ Package all of the diapers distributed through the IHSP-Diaper Bank of NECT Program?
- ◆ Do local food pick ups five days a week as part of our Food Rescue Program through Feeding America?

## Our local and State Police Handcuff Hunger Once Again!

Trooper Shaun Tucker is the CT State Police Coordinator for Handcuff Hunger and he said the weekend's food drives were a great experience for all involved. Held the weekend before Thanksgiving, State and Local Police teamed up to Handcuff Hunger. CT State troopers manned Stop & Shop in Putnam and Better Valu in Canterbury. Troopers and Killingly Police covered Stop & Shop in Killingly.

The Putnam Police Department manned Price Chopper in Putnam. They collected non-perishable food items, turkeys, cash donations and gift cards, all to benefit local food pantries, including Daily Bread. This event is a major contributor to all area food pantries and their Thanksgiving Basket distribution.



# The Areas We Serve



## Daily Bread Food Pantry

- Putnam
- Pomfret
- Woodstock
- Eastford

## Diaper Bank of NECT

- All of Windham County with the exception of the Willimantic/Mansfield area

## NU2U Clothing Closet

- Anyone, Regardless of Residency

## Pathways 2 Success

- All of Windham County with the exception of the Willimantic/Mansfield area

## Fuel Assistance

- Putnam Residents Only

## Homelessness/Rental Assistance

- Putnam Residents Only

## Senior Resources

- Putnam Residents Only

# A TIME FOR CRANBERRIES

The preschool students at the Putnam Family Resource Center enjoyed the experience of taste testing some cranberries in different forms. They enjoyed cranberry juice and created their own snack of ladybugs on a log (craisins). Each child took home a special bag filled with cranberry bread, a book and coupons for fruit and vegetables. Each teacher shared The Cranberry Story with the class and the children learned where and how cranberries are grown and harvested. It was a great experience and the families loved their goody bags. The event was sponsored by Interfaith Human Services of Putnam as part of their nutrition education program, Nourishing Neighbors.

