



Your *generosity* gives
HOPE

YOUR GENEROSITY BROUGHT COMMUNITY BACK INSIDE



Your *kindness* helped welcome our guests back inside to receive both nourishment and community.

Shared conversation, laughs, and music now fill the Face to Face dining room again. The pandemic closed our dining room doors for over 16 months. During that time, our spacious parking lot was converted into a food distribution site where your support helped to continue providing guests with freshly prepared grab-and-go meals, nutritious pantry items and organic produce. Our guests nutritional needs were being met however they missed the community of friends, staff, and volunteers. Now the tables are equipped with plexiglass dividers, allowing guests to enjoy their meal and interact with others in a safe, socially distanced manner.

A long-time guest, Helen, became homeless during the winter. Our social worker helped Helen get new housing in West Philadelphia. Now living across the city, she travels over an hour on public transportation so she can come to Face to Face. "I come here for the people. Reopening the dining room allows us to sit down, eat a delicious lunch, and connect with others. It means I don't have to stand in line in the heat, cold or rain."



LEGAL CENTER PUTS ADVOCACY IN ACTION

With your support, our legal center advocates for our guests who are faced with daunting legal challenges.

A distraught mother inherited a car after the sudden death of her son. As the car had sentimental value, she purchased a car warranty to protect it. When the car broke down, our guest became frustrated when she learned that the warranty did not cover the cost of the repairs. A Face to Face Legal Center attorney reviewed the complex warranty agreement and confirmed that the repair was not covered. Nonetheless, the Legal Center attorney was able to negotiate with the warranty company to refund the entire premium our guest paid for the warranty (\$790.00). Your compassion brought a resolution and comfort to this grieving mother.

“THERE ARE 24 HOURS IN A DAY. YOU CAN COMPLAIN OR YOU CAN HAVE GRATITUDE. WHATEVER GIFTS YOU WERE GIVEN, USE THEM.”

Mary



Working Toward a Brighter Future

Your *support* empowers families

We are excited that our education partner in the lower level of our building, Mercy Neighborhood Ministries, has all three preschool classrooms open for in person learning. As part of our Educational Equity program, our dedicated Family Liaison is getting to know the needs of the students and their families. Throughout the year, she will conduct monthly educational workshops, provide them weekly with fresh organic produce and connect them to our legal, health and social services as needed. She will also guide them through the process of selecting a high-quality kindergarten program and assist them with the admissions and scholarship applications. This collaborative relationship will provide the necessary scaffolding and access to quality education to stabilize the families and break the cycle of intergenerational poverty. Your support provides choice and empowerment for the students and their families.



GARDEN TO TABLE

Your *dedication* serves up fresh meals

Thanks to the efforts of many committed volunteers, our garden produced a bountiful harvest of over ten different types of vegetables and herbs. The tomato crop was so plentiful that our chefs made fresh, homemade tomato sauce. The wide range of produce was incorporated into our meals allowing our guests to enjoy a true farm to table dining experience.



COVID-19 in Northwest Philadelphia

Your *help* makes Germantown healthier



Germantown and our surrounding Northwest neighborhoods have higher rates of COVID-19 vaccinations than many other low-income African American areas of Philadelphia. Our large-scale vaccine clinics in Spring 2021 and ongoing weekly vaccine and testing services, combined with our efforts to educate our guests about the benefits of vaccinations, have contributed positively to these encouraging results.



SAVE *the* DATE

Turkey Trot

November 25, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Forbidden Drive along the Wissahickon Creek

Register at www.facetofacegermantown.org

Spring Auction

April 23, 2022

Chestnut Hill College

Wish List

WINTER COATS (ESPECIALLY MEN'S)

*NO CHILDREN'S COATS NEEDED

MEN'S & WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR (NEW)

MEN'S UNDERSHIRTS

DEODORANT

SOAP (REG. SIZE)

BODY LOTION

SHAMPOO (6OZ OR LARGER)

CONDITIONER (6OZ OR LARGER)

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer Scheduling is now online.

Visit our website to explore our volunteer opportunities.



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