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Interreligious Food Consortium



FOOD FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND THE NEW YEAR



Dear Friends of the IFC,

Fall/Winter 2022

This card is filled with appreciation and gratitude for the many wonderful supporters of the **Interreligious Food Consortium** this past year. We send it on behalf of the many small and under-resourced food pantries we serve in the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County.

Your support comes in many ways whether it be a financial donation or purchasing bowls at our annual **Empty Bowls event**, or a grant award or matching gift, or a non-perishable food donation or by holding food drives such as those conducted by the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Bishop Grimes High School, the Notre Dame Club and Bond, Schoeneck & King to name a few, or as a Board member, volunteer or person holding us in your thoughts and prayers.

To date:

- We have received **31,506 pounds** of food, a 7% increase from 2021 and given out **39,414 pounds** of food, a 13% increase from 2021. The difference is made up with purchases.
- There are **no costs or specific reporting requirements** from those pantries we serve to receive food from the IFC but, based on general information we have collected, **we estimate we serve over 1500 individuals** of all ages and backgrounds every month.
- By April we saw the end of referrals from the Onondaga County Health Dept for households in Covid quarantine but not before we made emergency home deliveries to 30 more households.
- We have facilitated or supported the **opening of several new pantries** in either a church or senior housing setting in addition to those we already serve monthly, as well as responding to requests from social workers and other emergency service providers.

Quite simply, our continued existence is made possible by your generous support, and we take seriously our commitment to **good stewardship** of all the resources provided us. We may be small in stature compared to others in the emergency food network, but our impact is meaningful to those that rely on us every month. Please visit our website, www.ifccny.org for the most up to date information, ways to help, food needs, etc.

We will continue to supply the families in our community with food they need. If you would like to make a contribution by sending a donation to our office at 731 James St. (Checks made out to IFC), or by visiting our website www.ifccny.org. The IFC is a registered 501C3 tax exempt organization. Contributions are tax deductible.

We thank you and extend our sincere wishes for a healthy and happy holiday season.

Blessings of Peace,
Kate Artessa
Executive Director



Director Kate's grandkids, Aubrey and Stella, helping at IFC