

# Emergency Food Grant Program



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## **LDRNY MISSION STATEMENT**

*To respond directly and encourage and facilitate response from others to the needs of persons and their families affected both directly and indirectly by tragedy or disaster.*

Since the attacks on the World Trade Center, New York City's existing hunger problem has only grown worse. After 9/11, waiting lines grew longer at food pantries and soup kitchens, resources were diminished and more families with children began to seek out a meal. Those who had never before needed assistance, suddenly found themselves at a loss to feed their families.

Lutheran Disaster Response of New York responded to this increase in demand by creating the LDRNY Emergency Food Program Grant. LDRNY's offer of assistance was made in response to a report compiled by the New York City Coalition Against Hunger that found food pantries and meal programs in the five boroughs not keeping up with demand. Many of those seeking free meals are people who lost their job or a portion of their income as a result of the attack.

According to the report, "Hunger Among Hidden Victims," which surveyed 247 agencies, New York City's soup kitchens and food pantries fed 45 percent more people in 2002 than the previous year. In the year following Sept. 11, 2001, 73 percent of the agencies fed more children. The report also said that an estimated 350,000 persons were turned away from food programs; more than 100,000 were children and the elderly.

By granting emergency funding, LDRNY has allowed soup kitchens and food pantries throughout the New York metropolitan area to keep up with the ever-growing demands for food. For example, several of the programs seeking a grant were experiencing a 40 percent increase in food requests. One program in particular, Fordham Lutheran Food Pantry in the Bronx, has been struggling with increase in demand of well more than 100% since 9/11. LDRNY has given out more than \$220,000 in funding to food pantries and soup kitchens in New York City, Long Island and Westchester County.

In addition, each year at the holidays, LDRNY distributes turkey vouchers and food bags to those in need.

For more information regarding the LDRNY Emergency Senior Food Grant Program or to contribute, contact Jennifer Singer, LDRNY Senior Coordinator [Jennifer@LDRNY.org](mailto:Jennifer@LDRNY.org).

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## ***When hunger hits home***



Joe, a consistent and generous contributor to the Master's Helping Hand Food Pantry in New Rochelle, a suburb of New York City, lost his job after Sept. 11. After struggling to find work, this once thriving businessman found himself turning to the food pantry — that he once supported — for a meal. The face of the hungry has rapidly changed in the New York area, as many more people have had to rely upon outside assistance to feed their families and pay their bills. With support from LDRNY, many food pantries in the area are able to restock their shelves and help the unemployed and underemployed hidden victims of Sept. 11.

### **Food Pantries & Soup Kitchens Run By Lutheran Churches**

***Bethany Lutheran Church***, 48th Ave and 91st. Place, Elmhurst

***All Saints Lutheran Church***, 164-02 Goethals Ave., Jamaica

***St. Peter's***, 437 East 140th St., Bronx

***Transfiguration***, 763 Prospect Ave., Bronx

***Mt. Paran***, 1665 Broadway, Brooklyn

***Risen Christ***, 250 Blake Ave., Brooklyn

***St. John's House***, 1182-84 Washington Ave., Bronx

***Covenant Lutheran Church***, 68-59 60th Lane, Ridgewood

***Resurrection Lutheran Church***, 189-20 114th Road, St. Albans

***New Hope/Project LIFE***, 1183 Franklin Ave., Bronx

***Newman Memorial***, 257 Macon St., Brooklyn

***Salam Arabic Lutheran Church***, 345 Ovington Ave., Brooklyn

***Trinity Lutheran Church***, 309 St. Paul's Ave., Staten Island

***Muhlenberg Residence***, 510 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn

***All Saints Lutheran Church***, 585 E. 163rd St., Bronx

***Advent Lutheran Church***, 2504 Broadway and 93rd St., Manhattan

***St. Stephen's Meals (Epiphany)***, 302 East 206th St., Bronx

***Lutheran Church of St. Mathews***, 202 Sherman Ave., Manhattan

***Allen Memorial AME Church***, 944 Rogers Ave., Brooklyn

***Trinity Lutheran Church***, 164-168 W. 100<sup>th</sup> St., Manhattan