

FOCUS

44 Years...doing together
what we cannot do alone
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Breakfast Program
providing a hot breakfast
to the region's
homeless & low-income
for 28 years



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Dear Friends,

In a season that makes us yearn for peace, security and goodwill we recognize that it is hard to come by unless we continue to look underneath the glitter and see the faces of those who are hungry, and hear the cries muffled by the holiday music. Ultimately, our own peace is connected to the peace of our neighbor.











Over the last three years we have witnessed an unprecedented increase in demand for emergency food here in the Capital Region. Families that previously found ways to support themselves are now pressed down by the crushing impact of job loss, unemployment, and insufficient income.

Our work in the FOCUS Interfaith Food Pantry will provide over 325 families groceries and Holiday Baskets during the month of December; the and Breakfast Program (now a year-round operation) will average over 140 men, women and children each morning. Our work is cut out for us -

*yet the good news of our faith traditions keeps us strong in hope—
when we share, there is enough.*

In fact, in God's economy, when we share, things tend to multiply.

**Among all the genuine requests coming to you this season,
we ask your help to meet unprecedented hunger needs, specifically:**

-   \$ 20 to make enough oatmeal for one morning
-  \$ 27 to have enough juice for one morning 
- \$ 55 for fresh bananas, apples and oranges for 5 families 
-  \$ 65 to provide milk for 30 pantry families 
- \$110 to make hot cheese omelets for 150 people
-  \$500 for fresh produce for 75 pantry families 
-  \$1,000 – to keep the breakfast program open for one week

Thank you very much for your continuing support of the work we do together in FOCUS. We are honored by your contributions and work hard to be good stewards, using your dollars carefully to develop compassionate programs that provide food as well as advocacy that promotes long term solutions to hunger, including economic justice.

With Peace and Goodwill to All,

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I want to help feed Albany families and end hunger with my End-of-the-Year-Gift

- \$20 Oatmeal \$27 Juice \$55 fresh bananas \$65 Milk
 \$110 Omelets for 150 people \$500 fresh produce for 75 families Other
- If you send us a check, use the enclosed envelope and make check payable to FOCUS

Name _____

Address _____

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If you desire to make your gift in honor of/In memory of/In celebration of...a particular person or event, simply check the box and give us the information. We will list the person or event you are acknowledging in an upcoming issue of the FOCUS newsletter.

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