



Feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless in the Danbury CT area since 1982

FALL 2025

HOW WE HELPED IN 2025

In the year ending 8/31/25, there were:

52,945 meals served
57,720 sandwiches made
145 people a day fed
25 guests a day enjoyed their meal inside
1465 guests received clothing
556 coats gifted
1810 showers taken
20,422 breakfasts served by Morning Glory

A huge thanks to everyone who showed up, made sandwiches, cooked food, handed out meals, distributed clothing, helped out at events, donated funds or items. We couldn't do it without you!!!'

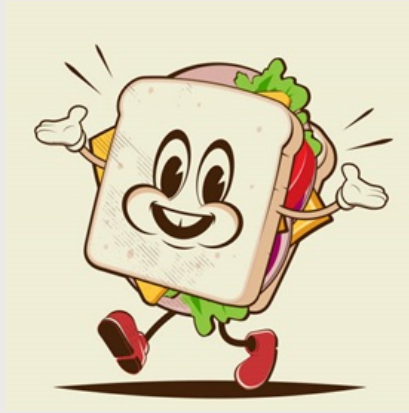
We have many ways to help out during the upcoming holiday season and beyond. Here are a few:

FILL SANTA'S SLED



Mr. and Mrs. Claus are thrilled to have so many volunteers lined up to assist them in their yearly Dorothy Day workshop to be held in mid-December. They are so busy, they are looking for help gathering new toys and new/gently used bikes. This is a perfect drive for a Girl Scout or other school or community group. For more details and drop-off information, please contact **Mary Korin**. Kitchen volunteers can bring any donations along with them on their shift and leave them in the side room.

FILL OUR LUNCH BAGS



Do you like making sandwiches or baking cookies? We have many open slots and would deeply appreciate your support in helping us feed our neighbors. In addition to the sandwiches, you can also sign up to donate bottled water, fresh fruit, individual bags of chips, granola bars, and baked goods.

Every day, Dorothy Day Hospitality House provides a warm meal and a bagged lunch — complete with a sandwich, snack, piece of fruit, and water — to every person who comes to our door. Help us continue by signing up **here**:

Any questions? contact: ddhhsandwiches@gmail.com

GOT ANY?



Have you been collecting those tooth brushes from your dentist in a drawer somewhere? What about those little bags from the airlines with socks, creams, toothbrushes, etc? We will take them and distribute them to our guests and put a smile on their faces. Drop them at DD between 1:00 - 2:00 each day.

BOOTS ANYONE?



ARC and Dorothy Day will be collecting and distributing shoes and boots for ARC's Danbury Support Center residents and others in need!

Shoe-fitting location:

You can be fitted for shoes at the former Dorothy Day shelter behind the kitchen on Wednesdays or Sundays between 3:00-4:30PM.



Drop-off donation location:

Dorothy Day Kitchen
Any day between 1:00PM-2:00PM

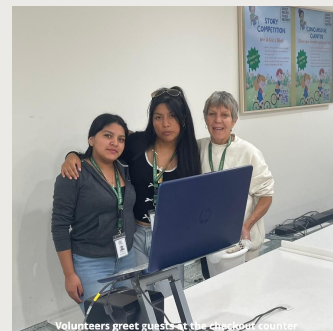
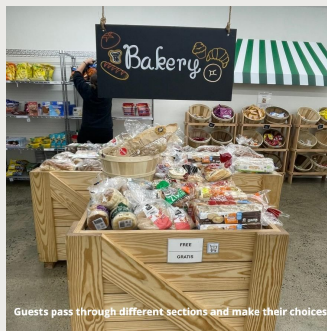


We can hold a shoe in your size if needed.

Dorothy Day specifically needs donations of work boots in sizes 8 to 10 1/2.

Also needed: Men's and Women's winter gloves, ski jackets and warm hats

MEET OUR PARTNERS



DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY

It may be surprising to learn that, according to the **United Way of CT**, 55% of Danbury residents are ALICE: Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. In general, food insecurity affects more than 11% in the greater Danbury area. To aid these families, there are a number of organizations that assist with meals, groceries and non food essentials. The largest organizations is one of our long-time partners, the Daily Bread Food Pantry.

Established in 1984, Daily Bread Food Pantry provides food free of charge to over 800 families, 6 days a week, from its super pantry close to the center of Danbury.

Giant freezers and refrigerators hold upwards of 12,000 pounds of food delivered twice a week by Connecticut Foodshare. Smaller donations from local stores like Stop n Shop, Trader Joes, The Bagelman, as well as proceeds from local food drives and fresh produce from local farms, make up the balance of food available for distribution. Occasionally, a donation comes in that is not right for their distribution model, and they will forward it over to us, so we can use it for our guests.

Hundreds of volunteers work in three shifts daily to move the donations from trucks to the market, greet the guests as they come in, check them in, provide guidance when needed, and check them out.

Clients are able to visit up to three times each month. They are allocated a certain amount of points based on family size to use as they wish. After check-in, they take a cart and shop from a selection of fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy, bread, frozen

meats and dry goods, choosing items that work best for their families.

In addition to the food pantry, they also run school supply drives, holiday meal distributions, educational clinics and other events.

A number of DD volunteers also do a shift or two at Daily Bread. If you are interested in participating, please **click here** for more information.

NEW CONTAINERS



Providing more than 100 meals a day requires a tremendous amount of packaging each year. Balancing cost with environmental concerns has long been a challenge for us. After much discussion, debate, and research, the board of Dorothy Day found a source for compostable products, and they are now being used for salads and main meals each day. Stronger and sturdier than the old styrofoam ones, they are a welcome addition to meal prep and service, and everyone seems happy with the change.

These PFAS-Free products are made from sugar cane byproducts, which are annually renewable. The containers are pressed in a high-heat, high-pressure process and are 100% compostable, heat-tolerant, and can be put in the microwave or the freezer.

MEET OUR GUESTS



The high holiday of Yom Kippur fell on our Soup Kitchen day. A perfect way to spend Yom Kippur, helping those in need, those less fortunate than ourselves.

The following are some profiles of people who were served. The names have been changed for privacy.

Gus is seventy years old. He holds his hand, clutching an area over his heart. “I had some heart surgery a little while back,” he said to me, “I don’t feel so good. It hurts“. Gus is a slight man, small and very thin. He was living in Bethel until his nephew threw him out. “Tonight’s my first night on the street,” he says. He looks worried. He tells me that he hasn’t eaten in two days. I believe him by the way he’s attacking the food that we gave him. As he is eating, he keeps saying “thank God, thank God, thank God for his food, thank God for you guys. “ he was really, really hungry.

I hope he finds his way. I don’t know how I can help him better than feed him. He seems desperate in a desperate situation, and I’m thinking that winter is coming. Plus, he seems old and frail. I’m not sure about the rest of his story. I can only hope for the best.

Megan is 27 years old and very attractive. She’s wearing a cowboy hat



Do you have good retail skills? We need a new manager for Dorothy Day's Clothing and Shower program, as long-time volunteer, Lynn Taborsak, is retiring. If you have 10-12 hours a week to sort and display donated clothing, please contact **Mary Korin**. Training will be provided.



For Future Newsletter submissions, email us **HERE** with "DD Newsletter Submission" in the Subject line

For information on volunteering in the kitchen, **CLICK HERE**

For information and to volunteer for Sandwich Making, **CLICK HERE** :

To volunteer for Shelter Showers and/or Clothing Distribution, **CLICK HERE**

To be added to the newsletter distribution list, **CLICK HERE**

For all other inquires, **CLICK HERE**

Our organization is run entirely by volunteers. We appreciate your patience as we make every effort to respond in a timely manner.

and a smile, her pink hair sticking out from under her hat. Megan has an easy way of going, is very friendly, and seems kind of happy. But happy only up to a point because she's living in the shelter. She is now homeless.

Magan's father had recently died. She was living with her mom, who immediately ran off with one of her father's friends and moved away, leaving Megan without a home. But there's more to it. She tells me that she has a crack habit and she used to shoot heroin. Her teeth are beginning to rot, and she knows it because she keeps her lips in a way that covers her teeth when she talks, but she knows that she has that "crack" look. She tells me, "I just don't think I can quit".

Now she is not quite as happy, and now a more serious young woman starts to open up to me. She says, "I have a lot of trauma. I was sex trafficked when I was 13." Sex trafficked. I couldn't wrap my mind around that at first. I just didn't know how to respond. But I continued and asked her what happened. I told, "if you're not comfortable, please don't say anything". But she continued to talk to me about it. "When I was 13, I had a 32-year-old boyfriend; he was in the military, and my parents knew about him. He fed me Percocets, y'know, made me unconscious and doped up. And then he brought in his friends in the military and charged them to have sex with me," she said flatly.

Folks, this was very hard for me to hear, much less understand. We're talking about a 13-year-old. There is really nothing more to say. I felt helpless. I wish I could help her more. I wish I could find a way for her not to be addicted to drugs. I wish I could give her a nice house to live in and some money, and a job.

But I can't do any of that. Instead, we all feed her. Because without us, she has no food.

CURRENT NEEDS

CLOTHING

Backpacks
Baseball-type hats
Belts [all sizes]
Men's dress shirts [15½, 16½, 17½]
Golf/Polo shirts
Hoodies
Long sleeve fleece pullovers
Long sleeve novelty tee shirts
Men's crew neck white tee shirts
Men's gently used jeans 32-40
Men's gently used casual pants [30-40]
Men's gently used shoes 8-10
Men's used work boots 8-10
Men's used washable winter jackets
Men's short sleeve novelty tee shirts
Sleeping bags
Sweat pants
Sweat shirts
Thermal underwear
Winter gloves for men and women
Winter hats for men and women
Women's shoes and boots 6-8
Women's winter jackets /coats
Women's long sleeve tops
Women's socks
Women's underwear [5,6,7]
Work gloves
Women's leggings [S,M,L,XL]

MISC.

shower curtain liners
Bath mats
Wash cloths
Disposable razors
Combs
Travel size toiletries
Deodorant
Bar soap
Toothbrushes

FOOD:

Bottled water
canned vegetables
coffee
sugar
grape jelly
canned chicken
individual bags of snacks
fruit

For a more detailed list, **CLICK HERE**
All donations can be dropped off at the
Dorothy Day kitchen between
1:00 and 2:00 pm

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