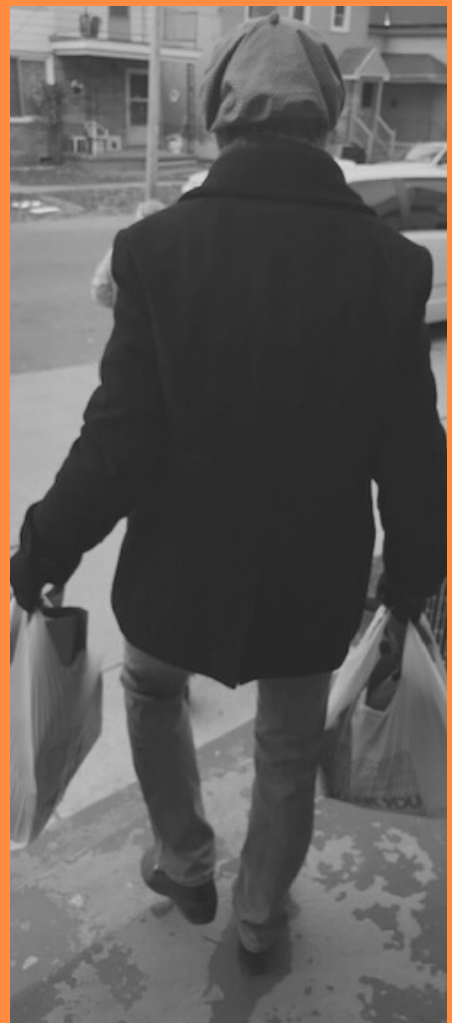




# FOOD SECURITY COUNCIL

*A collective effort of neighbors supporting neighbors to strengthen food resources.*

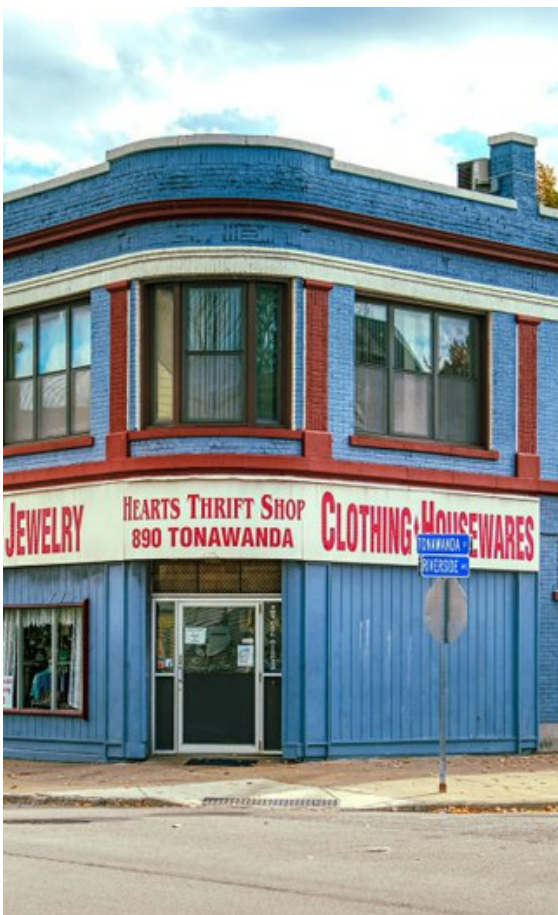




## ABOUT THE NEED

Many providers offer housing and financial services West of Main Street, but some neighborhoods where the need for these services is high may be underserved. There are 46 providers west of Main Street in Buffalo providing either financial or housing services. These are concentrated near the city's downtown and along Main Street, but are less common in some parts of the city with a greater need for these services. Only 17% of providers provide food support West of Main st.

In 14207 there is one FeedMore Certified Food Pantry, Hearts for the Homeless. In 14207 there is one food service location that provides hot meals to go to the community, Asamblea de Iglesias Cristianas 213 Ontario St. These two organizations are lead by missions of faith and supported by faith communities throughout WNY and beyond. COVID-19 has challenged the communities within 14207 and additional support is required. the West Side Promise Neighborhood is seeking to help.



## MISSION, VISION, AND GOALS

The West Side Promise Neighborhood Initiative is a diverse group of community members that are committed to improving the lives of children and their families living on Buffalo's West Side.

WSPN is dedicated to improving outcomes in four strategic zip codes that compose the neighborhood historically known as the "West Side". Those zip codes include 14201, 14213, 14207, and 14222. 14207 zip code is furthest North from City Hall and many resources. Our model simple, let our neighbors lead the way and help when asked. Supporting change means creating organic partnership at all levels in the short term with long term commitment.

# THE PARTNERS

Neighbors are leading conversation with the assistance of the local government and stakeholders.

01

## SUNY BUFFALO STATE

WSPN Facilitator

02

## RICH PRODUCTS

WSPN CORE Member

03

## CITY OF BUFFALO & COUNTY OF ERIE

Partners in government

04

## RIVERSIDE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Partners in business.

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## FRIENDS OF NIGHT PEOPLE

WSPN Associate Member

06

## HEARTRS FOR THE HOMELESS

WSPN Associate Member

07

## ASAMBLEA DE IGLESIAS CRISTINAS 213ONTARIO ST.

WSPN Associate Member

08

## FEED MORE BUFFALO

Partners in planning.

# OBJECTIVES AND PLANS

The objective of the Food Security Council is to concentrate resources, expertise, and community into collective efforts to improve the state of food security of 14207.

The Food Security Council seeks to strengthen relationships and deepen partnerships to empower neighbors to feed their neighbors. We aspire to embody best practice, we remain committed to learning, and strive to adapt an equity focused lens in food security work. We seek to engage the potential of our neighbors to drive creative change in food security. Our neighbors lead the way now and in our collective vision for the future.



## EFFORT: HOLIDAY BOX



We envision a community where families and individuals are strong, children are healthy, and every youth succeeds in schools and achieves lifelong success.  
- West Side Promise Neighborhood

**ACCORDING TO THE USDA'S LATEST HOUSEHOLD FOOD INSECURITY IN THE UNITED STATES REPORT, MORE THAN 35 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES STRUGGLED WITH HUNGER IN 2019.**

The intent of the Holiday box is to help with critical need stress associated with the lack of grocery options during the holiday season and to feed neighbors who have limited ability to physically access food. Providing an entire meal pre-packaged for easy distribution in a food challenged area is needed to accommodate the pace of life for residents struggling with food security and transportation.

## NOV DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION LOCATIONS:

03

COVID-19 has challenged our communities. Due to the increased demand for food resources our committee provided 150 holiday box's to neighbors who access our WSPN supported food security points.

VOLUNTEERS:

15

INDIVIDUAL TURKEYS:

150

POUNDS OF PRODUCE:

750

NEIGHBORS FED:

428



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## DEC DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION LOCATIONS:

02

**COVID-19** has challenged our communities. Due to the increased demand for food resources, our committee provided 50-holiday boxes to neighbors who access our WSPN supported food security points.

VOLUNTEERS:

15

POUNDS OF PRODUCE:

1000

INDIVIDUALS HAMS:

100



## "KIDS DAY 2020"

### 50 Holiday Gifts for Children



**50 DONATED  
STUFFED  
ANIMALS/CUPS**



**50 DONATED  
HAND MADE  
DIPPED  
PRETZELS**



**50 HAND MADE  
HOT CHOCLATE  
ORNAMENTS**



**50 AGE  
APPROPRIATE  
READING BOOKS**

**EACH CHILD WHOSE PARENT VISITED OUR FOOD SECURITY SITE ON CHRISTMAS EVE RECEIVED A KIDS DAY GIFT BAG WITH AN AGE AND GENDER APPROPRIATE BOOK.**



# OUR NEIGHBORS STORIES

We are feeding families like:



**A DISPLACED  
FAMILY OF 5  
LIVING WITH  
RELATIVES**



**A SENIOR  
CITIZEN  
COUPLE WITH  
NO CAR AND  
NO INTERNET**



**A SINGLE MOM  
WITH FOUR  
CHILDREN ALL  
10 YEARS &  
YOUNGER**



**A GREAT  
GRANDMOTHR  
CARING FOR HER  
GREATDAUGHTER  
ALONE**

**"THE MOST NOTICEABLE SERVICE GAPS EXIST IN THE FOREST,  
BLACK ROCK, AND RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS."**

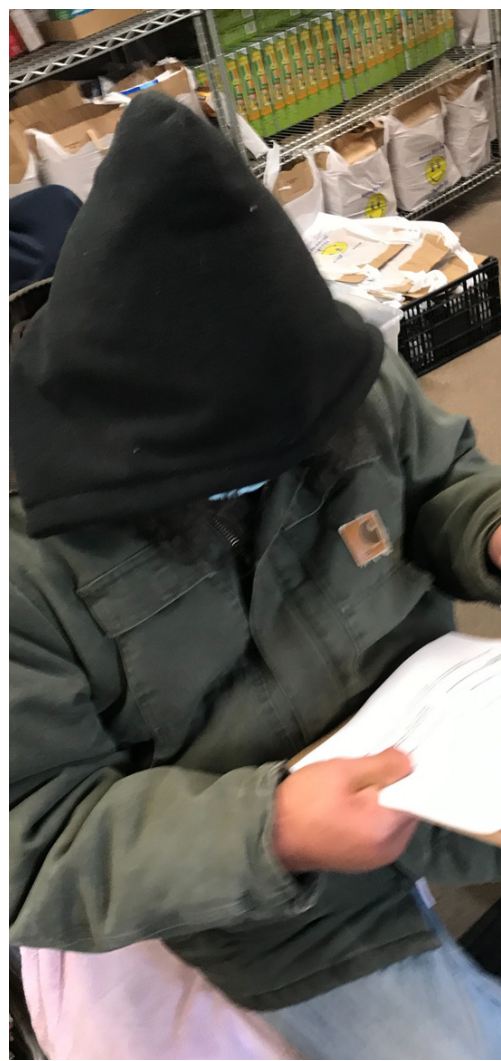
# TAPPING INTO COMMUNITY POTENTIAL & INNOVATION

The West Side Promise Neighborhood is a steward of community. Join us as we lift up our neighbors voices and perspectives in food security work.

Food Security Council meetings are every other Monday at 4:00pm via zoom, open to the community.

*"We go without."*

*- A head of household for a family of 5*



# CURRENT/FUTURE EFFORTS

- Empower neighbors
- Deepen relationships
- Strive to tell the story behind the data by including learnings or insights in our narrative
- Support the creation of a new food security location accessible in 14207
- Document community knowledge about food security
- Learn from neighbors about how they view their own food needs
- Support innovation around food access, specifically for families with children.

# FOOD FINDER FLYER: A EARLY SUCCESS

**At WSPN we believe in the power of collective action.** We also know that our neighbors have difficulty accessing information online. After community conversations indicated a gap, leaders called for the creation of a single resource, to share food security information. **We answered.**

Non profit partners provided information, government partners supported its creation, and business partners agreed to share- a resource we called the "Food Finder Flyer". Made with information for the upcoming two weeks and distributed as a one time effort during our holiday box project, the community called for the production of a regular flyer. **We answered.**

Meeting our neighbors, where they are. Engaging them together and in partnership. Delivering needed information and resource. Improving the quality of information available, specifically to our vulnerable neighbors. **That is our work.**



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# WSPN FOOD SECURITY COUNCIL 14207



"Nearly three-quarters of New Yorkers reported in July that their household had spent or was planning on spending their stimulus check in whole or in part on food-related expenses—more than any other expense category."

NYS Health Foundation, Sept 2020

# CROSS DONATIONS



**Hearts for the Homeless ---> AIC 213 Ontario st**

**Belle Center----> AIC 213 Ontario st**

**Friends of Night People-----> Belle Center ----> BMHA**

## 60 Kids Day Kits distributed

Containing:

- 1 juice box
  - 1 Craft Kit per child
  - 2 slices of pizza
- @213 Ontario st

## 250 meal kits distributed

Containing:

- 5 lbs. of chicken
  - 2 lbs. of rice
  - 2 cans of beans
  - 1 package of lettuce/salad dressing
  - 2 package of tortillas
- Across partner locations

**HEARTS FOR THE HOMELESS  
FRIENDS OF NIGHT PEOPLE  
AIC -213 ONTARIO ST CHURCH  
KAREN SOCIETY OF BUFFALO  
AIC-221 EAST ST CHURCH**



14207 Food Security Council

**JAN 25TH**

USDA FARM TO FAMILIES

BMHA Locations Distributed

Lakeview Senior Homes - 14201

Frank Sedita Seniors - 14222

Shaffer Village Projects - 14207

**BMHA  
AIC- HUDSON ST  
AIC- 213 ONTARIO ST  
BELLE CENTER**



# food pts 14207

## HEARTS FOR THE HOMELESS

Food Pantry  
890 Tonawanda St  
(716)877-3536-  
press3 for pantry.  
Mon 12:00pm-4pm  
Friday 10:00am- 2pm

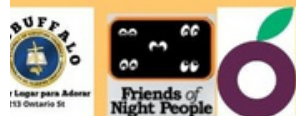
## ASAMBLEA DE IGLESIAS CRISTIANAS

Meals to go-  
213 Ontario st  
(716) 238-3789  
Tuesday/Thursday  
4;00pm- 6:00pm  
Please bring your  
own bag.

## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

**FEBRUARY 5TH AT  
1:30 PM AT THE  
DEPAUL  
APARTMENTS,  
238 ONTARIO  
STREET.**

Need Help? Get Answers.



*West Side Promise Neighborhood*