

Loaves and Fishes  
Hospitality House



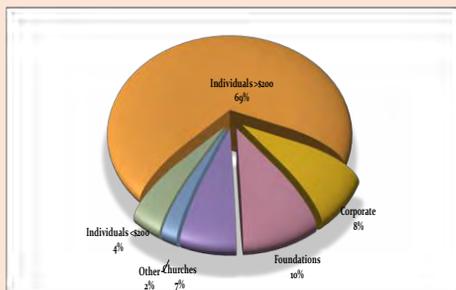
Annual Report 2016

TO **FEED** THE HUNGRY,  
**EMPOWER** THE  
WEAK, AND **NOURISH**  
THE SOUL



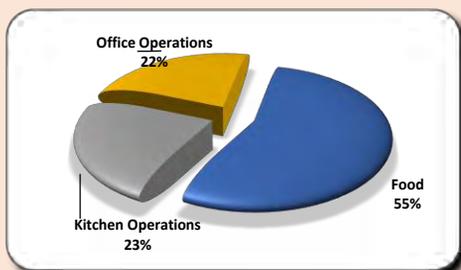
## 2016 Financial Highlights

- Operating expenses remain flat from 2015.
- Work on the 25 Bridge Street property included demolition of the Straub Plumbing Building, work to access and extend water and sewer lines and initial ground work.
- This work consumed \$56,947 from our project fund
- Donations towards operating expenses – and towards the construction of our new home – were robust throughout 2016.
- In addition to the cost of the work already completed, we have saved an additional \$269,000 towards the cost of constructing our new facility.



Operational Income Total: \$102,500

\*Excludes Town of New Milford donation of space and utilities at the Richmond Center or the income for the building campaign.



Operating Expense Total: \$26,240

\*\*Excludes expenses associated with the Danny Straub Community Outreach Center project.

## We Serve our Community Every Day

Our volunteers prepared and served 13,604 meals in 2016, an increase of. As always, we were open every day of the year. The reality of the need we serve is clear; 6.3% of New Milford residents - about 1800 people - and 13% of New Milford children live at or below the poverty level. Food insecurity continues to impact our community, and without Loaves and Fishes many of our friends and neighbors would be hungry.



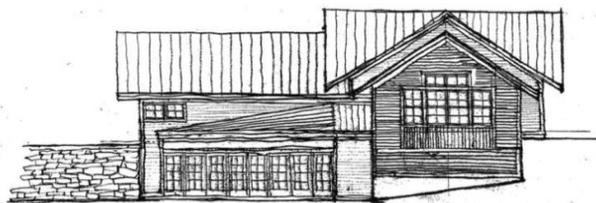
## Loaves and Fishes is Extending its Mission

The Town of New Milford needs space, and although we are not yet being evicted, after 26 years in the Richmond Center we find that we must eventually relocate to a permanent home or shut our doors.

To this end, we successfully completed a lengthy zoning process in July 2015, and have since acquired property upon which we will build the **Danny Straub Community Outreach Center**, to which Loaves and Fishes will eventually relocate. Our groundbreaking was held June 24, 2016.

Located near the center of town at 25 Bridge Street, the new facility will permit significantly expanded hours of operation and allow us to offer new services to our guests, including laundry and showers, a drop-in center that will be open daily – and, of course, our daily meal service.

To fund the construction project, we are pursuing a strategy of local fund raising and grant proposals.



The Danny Straub Community Outreach Center

## Help Us Continue to Serve This Community!

- Tell one new person about Loaves and Fishes this year.
- Let us know how Loaves and Fishes has touched your life.
- Consider volunteering at Loaves and Fishes and helping your friends and neighbors.
- Support our fund-raising efforts as we construct our new home at 25 Bridge Street in New Milford.

Thank you!

## Special Thanks to our Volunteers

Our staff is composed of 100% volunteers, who dedicate their time and energy to Loaves and Fishes every day. We have 23 teams from organizations across our community who prepare and serve meals to our guests. And thanks as well to our local farmers and their donations of fresh produce!

**“Volunteers are unpaid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless”**

- Biddy Roger -