

ASHEVILLE POVERTY INITIATIVE IMPACT REPORT 2019



RELATIONSHIPS TRANSFORMATION JUSTICE

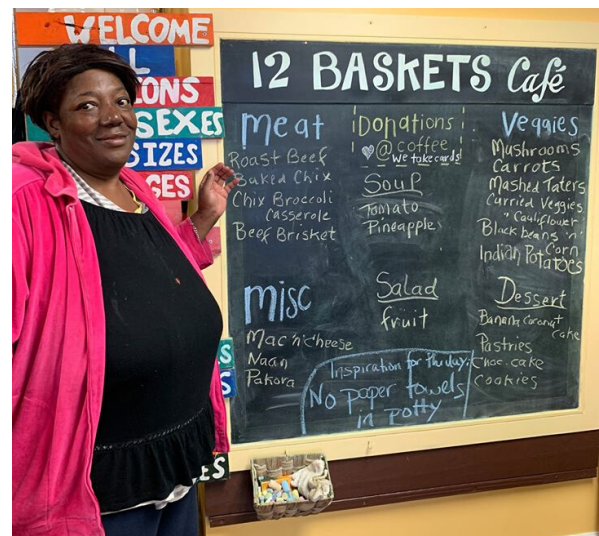


MISSION STATEMENT

Asheville Poverty Initiative aims to eradicate poverty in partnership with those on the margins and develop opportunities for education and advocacy. These opportunities will foster mutual relationships across socioeconomic boundaries. Simply by sitting and eating with someone you might never otherwise bump into: Stereotypes are dismantled. Fear is reduced. Hope is empowered.

12 BASKETS CAFE

- A by-donation lunch served to the community 5 days a week.
- An estimated 100-130 people served a day.
- 750-1,000 pounds of food rescued a week.
- As-needed hot meals to other non-profits and community celebrations throughout Asheville.
- Provided space for community partner outreach and education during the cafe including Buncombe County Health and Human Services, Homeward Bound, and Sunrise Peer Support.
- Provided space for social service case management meetings in a welcoming and accessible community lunch atmosphere



30+

Hotel size pans of rescued food served each day



100-130

People served per day



1,000

Pounds of food estimated to be served each week

REALITIES OF POVERTY PROGRAMMING

- Paid stipends totaling \$1,394 to 7 Poverty Scholars, friends of API who live in poverty and share their experiences and wisdom through leading educational programs. Programs include group discussions and guided walks to places in downtown Asheville frequented by poor and homeless people.
- Led cooperative learning opportunities with more than 30 groups engaging an estimated 400 participants from elementary and high schools, colleges and universities, and youth and adult groups with Poverty Scholars taking an active role in teaching.



VOLUNTEERS

- More than **70 regular**, weekly volunteers served at 12 Baskets Cafe and picked up rescued food.
- **More than 400 people** volunteered for API at some time during 2019.
- **35 groups** from schools, churches, colleges, universities, non-profits, and other community groups volunteered at the Café during 2019. Volunteers contributed **over 20,000 hours** to Asheville Poverty Initiative during 2019.

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS FOR RESCUED FOOD AND SERVICES

Bean Werks Coffee & Tea
 Brooks-Howell Home
 Earth Fare Market
 Givens Estates
 India Garden Restaurant
 Mela Indian Restaurant
 Morrison Healthcare/Mission
 Whole Foods

Danny's Dumpster Composting
 Pizza Hut (Leister Hwy)
 Haywood Street Congregation
 OWL Bakery
 Ruth's Chris Steakhouse
 Smokey Park Supper Club
 Sunny Point Café
 Rainbow School

Care Partners
 Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen
 Eden Out
 Food Experience
 Gypsy Queen Cuisine
 Root Cause Farm
 Patchwork Gardens
 No Evil Foods

*(We try to maintain an accurate list of organizations that donate food to 12 Baskets Café. If your organization has donated and is not on this list, please contact us so that we can update our records)



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12 Baskets Cafe: A Program of Asheville Poverty Initiative



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