



## A Note from George

Dear Bread for the  
City Family,

It was a busy  
summer here at  
Bread for the City.

We kicked off the 2019 season of Farmers Markets, one of the City's only free markets, in March and it's been amazing to see men, women, and children from all walks of life joining together to enjoy the literal fruits of our community, without the concern of where their next meal is coming from.

Each growing season, we offer free produce to anyone who needs it, on a monthly basis at our Northwest and Southeast centers. Hundreds of DC residents get to take home fresh vegetables and other supplies, and Bread for the City helps fulfill our mission of ensuring that none of our neighbors go without.

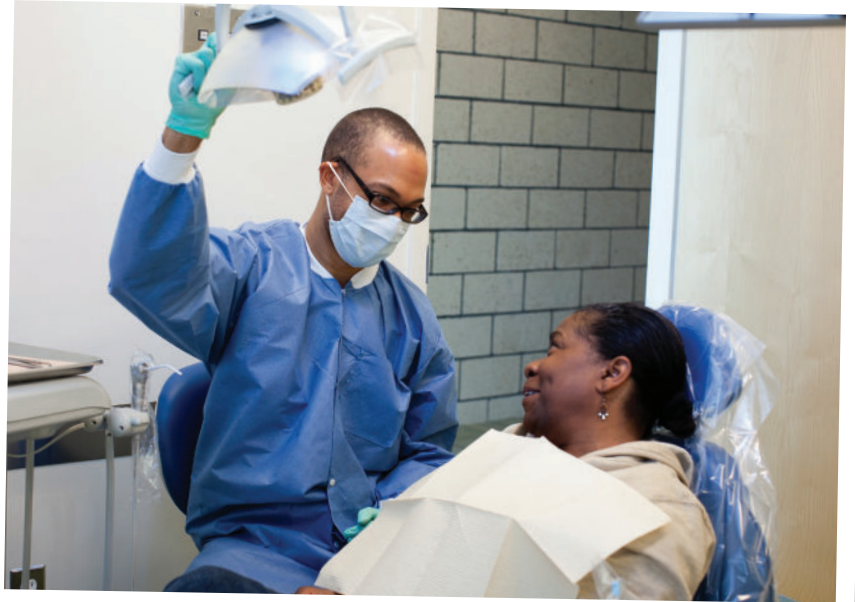
And for those looking for affordable housing, Bread for the City regularly offers our #Right2DC Housing Clinic at both of our locations. Not only have our neighbors learned more about the housing programs available to them, but some have been inspired to join our fight to preserve and increase the number of truly affordable housing units in DC.

**We're moving into fall having helped hundreds more people in our community. But with each new season comes new needs, and until we break the cycle of poverty in this region, we must continue all of our work with the same vigor and commitment.**

**Thank you for making it possible.**

Sincerely,

George A. Jones  
Chief Executive Officer



## YOUR SUPPORT IS HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS ACCESS HEALTH CARE!

***Bread for the City is bringing its primary care services to Southeast DC for the first time.***

No one should have to worry about not being able to go to the doctor if they get sick. However, many of our neighbors live without insurance or are enrolled in programs that limit access to quality care. And when someone is struggling with health concerns, it is hard to fight for improvements in any other area of their life.

**That is why, for 45 years, Bread for the City's medical clinic has provided quality healthcare for uninsured and under-insured men, women, and children in our community.** In fact, last year our clinic cared for more than 3,000 individual patients.

But our Northwest Center clinic is no longer enough. There is still a critical provider shortage in Washington, DC, especially in Southeast DC. People in this area have limited access to public transportation, childcare services, and paid time off work, making it even more imperative to have a medical provider they trust in their own neighborhood.

**That's why we're building. When our new Building on Good Hope opens in the coming months, it will include a medical clinic that will allow Bread for the City to provide primary care services to Southeast DC for the first time ever.**

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## HEALTH CARE (CONTINUED)

The new clinic will nearly **double** the number of patients we can serve and will provide:

- Examinations
- Job physicals
- Dental care
- Vision screenings
- Behavioral health care
- Lab tests
- Needle exchange services
- Wellness space for exercise classes
- And so much more!

We look forward to the day our clinic opens and we can help more people who are fighting cancer, living with diabetes, or dealing with daily but difficult challenges like broken dentures or lost glasses—so that they can continue on their journey to transcend poverty with dignity.

**The need for our services, particularly in Southeast DC, is far greater than our current capacity.**

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## AN EVENING OF GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD FOOD, AND GOOD HOPE

*Good Hope Gala a shining success!*

On May 11, more than 450 members of our Bread for the City family joined together for an evening of dinner, dancing, and celebration of the many ways we are serving our neighbors in need.

It was a night to remember! We danced, we ate, and attendees outbid each other on spectacular auction items, ranging from hitting the beach in the Outer Banks to hitting the slopes in Lake Tahoe. There truly was something for everyone, and we raised \$1,143,101 to support our programs!

Thank you to all of our Gala attendees and sponsors. We are already looking forward to next year's event!

### Save the Date

**May 9, 2020**  
**Marriott Wardman Park**

Bread for the City's 2020 Good Hope Gala Dinner and Live Auction

**Sponsorship opportunities available!**  
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## Get Your Purple Ready! Purple Thursday is October 24

Since 2010, on the third Thursday of October, people from all walks of life and from all over the country have worn purple to raise awareness of, and show support for, those affected by domestic violence. Bread for the City is not only proud to participate in this nationwide event, we believe we must participate.

In D.C. alone, 39 percent of women have experienced sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner. Unfortunately, racism, sexism, and unchecked, unconscious biases get in the way of believing survivors. Many of the women and families we serve are domestic violence survivors or are facing threatening situations in the home. They need our fullest support.

Bread for the City's Domestic Violence Legal Services Project helps women and men receive the help they need to flee domestic violence, find safety, and support themselves and their families. **On October 24 we will draw attention to this work and the people it helps. We hope you'll join in by wearing your purple!**

*Read more about our Domestic Violence Legal Services Project and how your support makes a difference on page 4.*

## “WE COULDN'T GET INTO A SHELTER.”

### Bread for the City's New Southeast Center Is Under Construction and Will Help More Community Members

Ms. Weathers knows what it is like to struggle. She has counted on Bread for the City for resources and support on and off for many years. At one point, she was on the street for eight months with her kids. “We couldn't get into the shelter,” she recalls. At night, her family didn't know where they would sleep. They persevered, moving to place to place, but despite her best efforts, Ms. Weathers couldn't secure stable housing until she was able to access legal support from Bread for the City. Now, Ms. Weathers is the president of our Client Advisory Council and a community leader at Bread for the City.

**With construction underway on our new Southeast Center on Good Hope Road, Bread for the City will soon be able to help more people like Ms. Weathers achieve stability amidst the stress of low-income living.**

### AN URGENT NEED

Due to significant space restraints, Bread for the City is unable to provide the full array of programs and services needed to achieve our vision of ending poverty in DC. We are able to operate our clothing program only three days per week and our diaper program twice weekly, even though the community would benefit greatly from having more frequent access. Our food and social services programs also operate 2.5 hours less per week than at our Northwest Center, again due to space constraints.

But most importantly, Bread for the City is unable to provide our comprehensive health care services at our Southeast Center, where there is a critical provider shortage.

### HOPE IS ON THE WAY

With our new Southeast Center on Good Hope Road being constructed right before our eyes, hope is on the way!

Construction began in May, and you can already see the 27,000-square-foot steel structure standing strong. We are well on our way to opening on schedule in early 2020.

That's good news for people like Ms. Weathers. “Thank God for Bread. Things are still hard for me, but every time I come to Bread, it's a blessing. There's so much love,” she says.



### LOOK WHAT WE HAVE IN STORE!



**27,650-square-foot facility!**



**Medical clinic!**



**Jobs center!**



**Food pantry!**

**And more!**

**When complete, our new Southeast Center will be able to serve 20,000 clients each year!**



*In July, steel beams were put up on our new Southeast Center! At our new center on Good Hope Road SE, we will welcome and care for thousands more men, women, and children.*

## Put #GivingTuesday on Your Calendar

# #GIVINGTUESDAY

On Thanksgiving, we eat. On Black Friday, we shop. On Cyber Monday, we search for deals online. When all that is over, it's **#GivingTuesday**, the one day each year when we're asked to show the collective strength of our generosity.

This year, **#GivingTuesday** is on **Tuesday, December 3**, and Bread for the City hopes that you will remember your neighbors in need. Whether you are able to give \$10 or \$10,000, your generosity is important to us—and your gifts make a life-changing difference to people right here in our community.

Thank you for your charitable support on **#GivingTuesday** and all year long. Go to [breadforthecity.org/givingtuesday](https://breadforthecity.org/givingtuesday) on December 3 to make a gift online!

# amazon.com<sup>®</sup> Wish List

Add a holiday gift to Bread for the City the next time you shop online!

Donate food, clothing, or other items from our Amazon Wish List. See our Wish List at [BreadfortheCity.org/wishlist](http://BreadfortheCity.org/wishlist).

## Here are some of our most-needed items this holiday season:

- ✓ Diapers
- ✓ Gift cards for grocery stores and pharmacies
- ✓ SmarTrip cards
- ✓ Children's books, especially in Spanish
- ✓ Plus-sized clothing for men and women
- ✓ Toiletries and other household items
- ✓ Cleaning supplies/laundry detergent



## IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR HOLIDAY HELPINGS!

The holidays may seem far away, but they will be here before you know it—which is why Bread for the City is gearing up now to make our 2019 Holiday Helpings a success.

Holiday Helpings is our annual campaign that makes sure our neighbors in need don't go without a holiday meal. Last year, with the help of more than 1,469 supporters, our Holiday Helpings campaign raised \$781,023, which was enough to provide holiday meal kits for 6,500 families in time for Thanksgiving, and another 2,500 meals by Christmas Eve—PLUS support our food pantries all year!

These meals mean so much to the people we help:

*"Without Holiday Helpings, I just wouldn't be able to purchase a turkey this year. And what's Thanksgiving without a turkey?"* —Lawand

*"We definitely need Holiday Helpings this year."* —Mary

*"This year, I'll go to my niece's house and cook with my granddaughter... if not for Holiday Helpings, we just wouldn't be able to do this."* —Bessie

For more information about our Holiday Helpings holiday tradition and how you can make this year's drive a success, go to [www.breadfortheCity.org/holidayhelpings](http://www.breadfortheCity.org/holidayhelpings)

## MORE THAN BREAD!

### How You're Helping Survivors of Domestic Violence

Every year, Bread for the City's attorneys help hundreds of DC residents who are seeking safety from abuse.

In these crisis situations, our Legal Clinic's **Domestic Violence Community Legal Services Project** gets right to work. Although each situation is complicated, our attorneys start with the shortest and clearest goal: ensuring the immediate safety of the individual and any family members.

**"Their resilience and courage are truly remarkable."**

If a Civil Protection Order is needed, we help get it filed. If a safe place to stay is necessary, we help find a friend or a relative who will open their doors, or we talk with one of our nonprofit partners that specialize in shelter for domestic violence survivors.

#### Our attorneys help them during these urgent times.

Our specialized legal team of in-house attorneys and pro-bono lawyers represent domestic violence survivors throughout their entire journey. It is a difficult time for our clients, but we are there to help—and we are continually impressed with the strength they show under tremendous stress.

According to Tracey Davis, Bread for the City's Managing Attorney, *"I know the strength my clients muster when they come to court to face their abusers. Their resilience and courage are truly remarkable. I'm inspired by them and their willingness to keep fighting. And I'm inspired by the goodness of my coworkers."*

**Bread for the City's Domestic Violence Community Legal Services Project is supported by the DC Bar Foundation and the Women's Bar Association Foundation. Our team takes on more than 200 domestic violence cases each year—and helps survivors realize the safe future they deserve.**

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