

COMMUNITY WORK SERVICES

May 2021 Newsletter

ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY INITIATIVE



Community Work Services (CWS) is proud to highlight our incredibly successful and impactful **COVID- 19 Food Distribution Program**. Working with Tracey Littchut, the Director of Faith-based Initiatives for the City of Boston and through funds provided by the Boston Resiliency Fund, CWS has delivered **over 700,000 pounds** of fresh produce, meat and milk to Boston residents facing the highest risk of **food insecurity**. While also **training Homeless Young Adults** through our **Culinary Arts program**, CWS provides about **210 boxes of food a day** to our network of local churches to **safely and intentionally give back** to the very community we all call home. CWS is also honored to deliver an additional **500 meals weekly** to shelters that house **survivors of domestic violence**.

EMPLOYER-PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

Mount Auburn Hospital of Beth Israel Lahey Health, is a Harvard Medical School Teaching hospital that has provided **equitable and compassionate** healthcare to Greater Boston residents since 1886. CWS is proud to **partner** with Mount Auburn Hospital as they continue to hire graduates from our Culinary Arts program in their Food and Nutrition Department! In the past several months CWS has **placed 3 graduates** at Mount Auburn Hospital!

Beth Israel Lahey Health 
Mount Auburn Hospital



PARTICIPANT SUCCESS STORY

Giovanni (Gio) Anaya is a 43-year-old lifelong resident of the Greater Boston area. Facing a variety of challenges in his youth, Giovanni found himself struggling to find a stable form of employment as a Returning Citizen. After joining CWS this past January, he was determined to better himself and eagerly enrolled in our **Culinary Arts Training Program**. Gio trained for 12 weeks, became **Safeserv certified** and **immediately found employment working at Mount Auburn Hospital** as a Cook in the Food and Nutrition Department. In an interview with Gio he expressed feelings of **genuine happiness in his role**. He felt that his CWS Case Manager **truly listened to his expectations** and found him a perfect fit. Giovanni also wanted to highlight his incredibly influential experience at CWS stating, **"Community Work Services is a place where he truly began to recognize the possibilities for himself. CWS does not care what you have done or what you look like, they just want to help you become the best version of yourself."** Gio, CWS, wants to thank you for your resilience and kind words! It is participants like you that make us the successful organization we are!