



South End Children's Cafe



Our response to COVID-19 doubled our impact. Since Albany City Schools closed in March 2020, we have supported our community with:



63,318

dinner and grocery deliveries by volunteers

140

families served each week

8,000

visits by neighbors to our two community cupboards (opened in September 2020)

The Capital Region community is invested in our mission. Here's how our neighbors support about our work:

[Albany High Swim Team Hosts Food Drive for SECC \(Jan. 2021\)](#)

[Love Helps SECC Meet Weekly Food Donation Goal \(Jan. 2021\)](#)

[Local Laborers' 190 Donates Essential Items to SECC \(Dec. 2020\)](#)

[Bethlehem Seniors Honor District Mission with Donation to SECC \(May 2020\)](#)

[Donations Keep SECC Feeding Families \(May 2020\)](#)

[A Big Effort by a Small Program \(Mar. 2020\)](#)

[Teachers Serve Up Homework Help, Food, and Fun at SECC \(Dec. 2017\)](#)

COVID-19 changed our methods, but our mission stayed the same. Here's what our program participants say about our COVID-19 response:

"[The cafe] makes food available in the house weekly. Thank you for giving us a helping hand."

"I'm [on disability]. This food helps me feed my family...I appreciate all that [the cafe] does to get us through each week."

"This year has been really hard on my family. I've been out of work since March 2020. The food we receive every week helps us. We don't know what we would do without [everything SECC] has done for us this year."

"[SECC] keeps food on the table when times are tough."