



February 2023 News

Breakfast Attendance Way Up!

Sunrise Cafe reopened for inside dining in 2022 after only serving carryout for more than two years due to Covid-19. Attendance was down for several months from pre-Covid levels, though the need was as great as ever. But the word has gotten out that Sunrise is open and Chef Duff is preparing a delicious breakfast. Our dining room is now as busy as ever. In December we hit a record of serving 200 breakfasts one morning, and a total of 3,196 in January.

Meet Terrence Cannon

Terrence is Sunrise Cafe's newest employee, beginning work in December. His main responsibility is providing security in the dining room, to ensure that our guests, staff and volunteers are able to serve and enjoy breakfast in a safe and welcoming environment. Terrence says that he is "blessed to be at Sunrise and to give people hope". Prior to coming to Sunrise, Terrence was a Case Manager at Emergency Shelter Management Services, also known as the Grand Avenue Shelter. Working at the shelter, Terrence met many current Sunrise guests, so is personally familiar with their situation.



Sunrise Cafe Partner - Maturity Works

MaturityWorks is a training program that helps people, age 55 and older, increase their job skills through paid community service in local non-profit organizations. *MaturityWorks* matches eligible older job seekers with local nonprofits and public agencies so they can increase skills and build self-confidence, while earning a modest income.

Sunrise Cafe is fortunate to have four workers from the Maturity Works program. Gilberto Santana and Carmen Soto enjoy working with Chef Duff in the kitchen. They both have extensive experience working in restaurants and food trucks, and are happy to be able to continue work in food service.

Alice Hastings and Wayne Brown work primarily in the dining area. Alice enjoys her work at



Sunrise because she “loves people and being around people” and being at Sunrise gives her the opportunity “to experience it all”. Wayne enjoys working with people and the chance to “make everyone’s day better, especially when they are down and out”.

PAWS is Back at Sunrise Cafe

The New Haven PAWS Project will be returning to Sunrise Cafe this Thursday, February 9th from 7:00-9:00 AM. The New Haven PAWS Project will offer foot washing services and will have socks, shoe and hygiene kits to give away. We hope to see you there! For more information, please check out their website at <https://paws.sites.yale.edu> or follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NHPAWSProject>.

The Yale PAWS Project (Poverty Alleviation through Washing Soles) seeks to provide footwear and podiatric care to those experiencing homelessness and extreme poverty in New Haven.

The PAWS Project engages the greater Yale community in events centered around foot health, including foot washing services and shoe, sock, and hygiene kit giveaways.

PAWS volunteers returned to Sunrise Cafe in December after a three year absence due to Covid-19. "PAWS is excited to be back in business and returning to Sunrise Cafe". More events are planned for 2023.

Sunrise Cafe recognizes the need of the homeless for new socks, especially in the winter, and



keeps a supply for those in need. We also have new donated underwear and toiletries. Our guests frequently ask for these items and are grateful that we can help.

Sunrise Cafe Volunteer Coordinator



Danielys is a sophomore at Yale University majoring in the History of Science, Medicine, and Public Health. She is a first-generation student born in the Dominican Republic and raised in The Bronx, New York. Danielys is passionate about addressing health and housing inequities through volunteerism and the study of systemic racism in the United States. In her down time, Danielys enjoys photography and bicycling.

Danielys is supporting Sunrise as a Dwight Hall Volunteer Coordinator. She oversees groups of Yale students who volunteer every Wednesday. If you or a group are interested please contact us [HERE](#)