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Bridgeport Rescue Mission Posts Emergency Appeal for \$40K to Replace Walk-In Cooler

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Bridgeport Rescue Mission needs to raise \$40,000 immediately in order to replace their aged walk-in cooler which finally failed beyond repair after several attempts to fix it.

The \$40,000 needed will pay for

- a new cooler as well as
- concrete foundation, and
- associated installation costs

In addition they've had to rent a refrigerated truck at an additional cost of \$1,500 per week in order to

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continue to provide their programs, which include serving more than 550,000 meals per year to the hungry in our area.

— *an announcement from the Bridgeport Rescue Mission and ImpactVine.org*

The walk-in cooler enables the organization to have food on hand to cook and serve prepared meals to men in their New Life addiction recovery program, low-income and working poor families who come to their dining room for three meals a day, and also prepare meals for distribution from two of the organization's mobile kitchens, which serve individuals and families in need in Bridgeport and South Norwalk.

According to Donna Romano, of Bridgeport Rescue Mission, "It also enables us to keep donated dairy, fruits and vegetables and other items fresh so that we can offer them during our daily food pantry where individuals and families in need can shop for fresh produce which we offer to the community in need free of charge."

Please visit the [Bridgeport Rescue Mission's appeal Web page](#) on the ImpactVine website for more information or to donate.

To learn more about Bridgeport Rescue Mission's goal of providing meals, clothing, shelter and recovery services for people experiencing poverty, addiction and homelessness, please visit [the organization's website](#).

[The Impact Vine](#) was launched by [The Community Fund of Darien](#) in May, 2017 to make it easier to give back. To solve local problems. To raise funds for nonprofits' projects. To volunteer. And to make it easier to connect with the community.

The Community Fund of Darien is an independent, results-oriented, volunteer-driven nonprofit dedicated to securing the local safety net by funding critical local needs and developing new initiatives for unmet needs in Darien, Stamford and Norwalk.

For information about [Neighbor to Neighbor](#).

Editor's note: As of Friday night, only 3 percent of the money had come in: \$1,083 out of the \$40,000 being requested, with 13 days to go until the campaign ends. You can give just about any amount [here](#).