

ENTRAIDE
FRANÇAISE
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HUMANITY AND HOPE

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT TO FRENCH-AMERICAN FAMILIES WHO ARE SUDDENLY FACING SERIOUS ECONOMIC OR DOMESTIC PROBLEMS.

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Our best wishes for 2014 go to those who are able to improve their lives thanks to our help.

We would like to point out that 25% of families we help are eligible for food stamps.

We want to acknowledge and thank you for your ongoing support, which is critical to our efforts.



Struggling for food in New York

Here are a few facts about food stamps to remind us of those less fortunate this holiday season:

- *Commonly known as “food stamps”, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, provides a monthly food stipend for low-income working people, seniors, and the disabled.*
- *In October 2013, about three million New Yorkers, or about 15% of the New York state population, were SNAP beneficiaries.*
- *SNAP participants receive a Common Benefit Identification Card CBIC to purchase food at stores authorized by the USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service*
- *25% of the families we help, are eligible for this program.*

Sources: Food Action and Research Center, New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, U.S. Census Bureau, USDA Food and Nutrition Service

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Gala of the Entraide Française at the Consulate General of France



The Entraide Française held its annual gala on October 8th, 2013 at the French Consulate. Following a cocktail reception, a gourmet dinner brought together the members, benefactors, and volunteers of the charity organization, in the presence of the Consul General of France, Bertrand Lortholary. Speaking to the attendees, the Consul emphasized the importance of the efforts of the Entraide toward French and French-American families and individuals in need in the Tri-State Area. He praised the charity's recent initiatives, especially the home assistance program for the elderly and the living allowance for young talents entitled "We help you, you help us". Noemie Gasparini, a rising violonist who benefited from this aid, played a piece by Ernest Chausson to the delight of the attendees before the evening culminated with a live auction led by Antoine Treuille. We are already working on preparations for the 2014 gala and look forward to welcoming back our committed members and friends as well as fresh faces to carry on the mission of the Entraide.