St. John's Bread & Life
Brooklyn & Queens, New York
CDFI: Low Income Investment Fund

The Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF) provides a wide range of products and services in low-income communities including the support of non-profit service providers that serve extremely poor and vulnerable communities, such as soup kitchens. Many of these organizations were in the process of planning for the additional needs during the holiday season before Superstorm Sandy. After the storm, these groups were inundated with requests for food, clothes, supplies, and services. One such group, St. John's Bread & Life, a previous NMTC allocation recipient from LIIF, serves meals, operates a food pantry, and provides health and social services in Brooklyn and Queens. One of St. John's ongoing programs is a mobile soup kitchen that extends its reach to other areas of the city. With demand for food running high in the days after Superstorm Sandy, St. John's sent out its mobile soup kitchen and began serving thousands of meals in and around Coney Island. In addition, St. John's delivered thousands of blankets to people in housing developments who lost heat and to displaced people who sought refuge in condemned buildings without power or gas. LIIF is providing funding to St. John's to support its quick and critical relief efforts.