



## Chris Brothers give \$20,213 to Ray of Hope Soup Kitchen

Dieppe based Chris Brothers / Bonté Foods announced a donation of \$20,213 to the United Way/Ray of Hope Soup Kitchen. In addition to a \$10,000 annual pledge by the company, the company has also matched employee's contributions for an additional contribution of \$10,213!

In 2017, the company announced a commitment of \$50,000 donation over five years, as well as other support initiatives including employee contributions.

Shelly Reardon, Human Resources & Safety Manager for Chris Brothers / Bonté Foods and project manager for the support project says the company and their employees are committed to contribute to an organization that has done so much to help people in the community. "We continue to have a strong team effort," says Reardon adding "and very pleased that we can help this organization help others."

Nay Saadé, Resource Development Director at United Way is incredibly proud to have the support of Chris Brothers and all of their employees. "After only 2 years of having Chris Brothers on board as a corporate partner, it is incredible to see how much they have been able to raise and increase their contribution. We are so thankful to have the support of their dedicated employees and be part of their commitment to our community," says Nay Saadé.

Barbara Ann O'Brien is the Executive Vice President of Bonté Foods. "We are striving to have a positive impact in the community by helping the Ray of Hope Soup Kitchen. Everyone here wants to make a difference, we want to give back."

The Ray of Hope Soup Kitchen is an inner-city meal provider and serves up to 100 people a day- many of whom are working and trying to make ends meet.

With the support and leadership of Father Peter McKee the Knights of Columbus founded the Ray of Hope Needy Kitchen in 1984. It was one of the first soup kitchens in Southeastern NB. Both the Knights and Father Peter recognized a need to help the homeless and financially challenged in Moncton by providing them with a hot, nutritious, and most importantly "FREE" meal. Operating out of the basement of St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, the Kitchen serves anyone who comes through the door. Over the years, the kitchen has served well over 750,000 meals.

Dieppe based Chris Brothers and Bonté Foods are owned by Trucorp Investments. The owners are Michael Whittaker of Moncton and Bill Hay of Truro NS. Bonté Foods has emerged as the regions premier deli meat processor and is the recipient of several recent awards. They employ over 110 people at their Dieppe based facility.

### ***About Chris Brothers***

Chris Brothers' is owned by Dieppe based Bonté Foods. Chris Brother's quality deli luncheon meats are found all over Greater Moncton and all over Atlantic Canada. All Bonté Foods meats are gluten free. Bonté Foods is Atlantic Canada's largest deli meat producer, and employs over 110 individuals in its Dieppe Facility. Products include roast chicken, roast turkey, pastrami, smoked meat, roast beef, pepperoni, salami, beef brisket and many more. Chris Brothers have an all-natural no preservative line of deli meats called **Nature's Deli**. Bonté Foods has emerged as the regions premier deli meat processor and is the recipient of several recent awards including:

- > \* NB Exporter of the Year (from Opportunities New Brunswick)
- > \* GMCC Excellence in Business,
- > \* GMCC People's Choice Award
- > \* and Expansion Dieppe's Business Excellence Award.

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