



# December 2021

Soup Kitchen Hours

Breakfast: Sun.-Fri. 6:15-9:30am | Lunch: Fri.: 11am-12:30pm, Sun: 12:30-1:30pm

Food Pantry: Thurs. 10-11am | Clothing: Tues. 9:30-11am

Open on Christmas Day and New Years!

\*All are welcome\* | [Click here to apply to volunteer!](#)

Bakery Cafe Hours

Wednesday - Friday: 8am - 4pm | Saturday: 11am - 4pm

Closed for the holidays 12/22 - 1/5 (open for pre-order pickup 12/23)

[Cafe Menu + Ordering](#) | [Catering + Custom Cake Orders](#)

## Holiday Helpers in the Soup Kitchen



As we head into the holiday season, we've been extra grateful for support from our community members. Our Thanksgiving meal was a huge success, and with plenty of hands we were able to serve over 100 meals! Our guests have also been excited to receive warm clothing items from our friends at St. Cecilia's parish. We are so grateful for the many community groups organizing in-kind donation drives during this season! Our university volunteers are heading out on winter break this week until MLK Day, so now is a great time to get involved at the soup kitchen! If you aren't on our list yet, [click here to fill out our volunteer application](#).

## A Winter Makeover on Thornton Street



After a season packed full of bright red tomatoes, deep green collards, flowers every color of the rainbow, buzzing bees, kids climbing trees, hawks flying, neighborhood lunches, weekly deliveries to seniors, taste test tours, flower crown making, pumpkin painting and tons of hard work and sweat of many young farmers, the farm is officially put to rest! This fall we covered all of our rows with either a salt marsh hay or a live green clover crop - both methods to keep the soil insulated, held together, and biologically alive during the winter. Even as temperatures dropped in November, YouthBuild Boston braved the cold mornings to break down over 50 raised beds and will be busy this winter building 75 new garden beds for the neighborhood. This exciting community garden revamp is made possible through the Food Sovereignty Grant program of the [City of Boston Mayor's Office of Food Access](#) - we are so grateful to the city's team!

## Christmas Dinner, Holiday Desserts and More!



At Haley House Bakery Café, 2021 was an exciting year in the kitchen as our staff shared special dishes with each other and our community. For this month, we are excited to bring back some fan favorites as family-sized pre-order dishes for Christmas dinner! Pre-ordering will start 12/9 and run until 12/17. The pick up window is 12/23 from 12-4pm. Click [here](#) to see the full menu and place your order starting Thursday!

If you want to give the gift of Food With Purpose this season, check out our assorted holiday cookie boxes, pies (limited quantities), and other baked goods [here](#)! In the new year, we will be launching a special Haitian menu created by Chef Sisi, and hope you'll join us for some Saturday morning Tai Chi with Laury Lucien of 67 Degrees Brewing!



## Welcome to Take Back the Kitchen, Sister Re and Luisa!



We are so excited to welcome two new Take Back the Kitchen Chef Instructors to our team! Both Sister Raleigh (Sister Re) and Luisa Siniscalchi bring their own spice and flavor to each class they teach through their professional skills, lived experiences, and stories.

Sister Re (left) is a native Bostonian. She is a holistic expert and educator is a trained Nutrition Consultant, Chef, Food Literacy Educator, and Facilitator for the Oldways Diet Plans.

Luisa (right) is passionate about educating young people about proper nutrition. She holds a Doctorate in Public Health, a Masters in Public Health and a Bachelor of Science in Food and Nutrition.



### Community Calendar

- 12/8, 12/15, 12/22: Intermediate ESL Class [\(info and registration\)](#)
- 12/9-12/12: *Incels and Other Myths* at Boston Playwrights' Theatre [\(info and tickets\)](#)
- 12/10-12/19: Langston Hughes' Black Nativity [\(info and tickets\)](#)
- 12/19: Merrimack Valley Black and Brown Owned Holiday Market [\(info\)](#)
- Multiple Dates: SoWa Winter Festival [\(info and tickets\)](#)
- 12/19: Annual Allston Brighton Holiday Party and Toy Drive [\(info\)](#)
- Multiple Dates January-April 2022: Take Back the Kitchen Cooking Classes for Families [\(info\)](#)
- Multiple Dates January-April 2022: Take Back the Kitchen Cooking Classes for Older Adults [\(info\)](#)

### Community Job Board

- Multiple Positions // [Haley House](#)
- Multiple Positions // [Daily Table](#)
- Multiple Positions // [826 Boston](#)
- Multiple Positions // [Community Servings](#)
- Multiple Positions // [Pine Street Inn](#)
- Multiple Positions // [Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry](#)
- Contract Bilingual Culinary Educator // [Lovin' Spoonfuls](#)
- Multiple Positions // [Newmarket Business Association](#)
- Development Assistant // [GBH](#)

Save the Date! The 14th Annual Haley House Souper Bowl will be on February 20th, 2022!

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