

## **CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AT THANKSGIVING**

Thanks to the generosity of the Food and Beverage Association of America, this was the 15th year that this special dinner was served. Chef Wayne Whinna, Director of Food and Beverage at The Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers, took charge of the culinary efforts for the fifth year. Chef Wayne and his volunteers cooked over 150 turkeys 20 lbs. each plus all the trimmings. For the 15th consecutive year, Gladys Mouton DiStefano, President of the Food and Beverage Association and Director of Food and Beverage at the Helmsley Park Lane Hotel, organized the dinner and coordinated donations. Members and friends of The Food and Beverage Association donate all the food, decorations and table settings for the dinner, and serve the food.

Among the children and families celebrating at the dinner were homeless families who live at CAS' Pelham Fritz Apartments (a homeless shelter for families) across the street from the Dunlevy Milbank Center; formerly homeless families who return for this special celebration; and hundreds of other families from the Harlem community served by the Dunlevy Milbank Center all year. Music and entertainment followed the meal.

*The Children's Aid Society was founded in 1853. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest non-sectarian agencies, serving over 150,000 of New York's neediest children and their families with a network of services that includes community schools, neighborhood centers, camps, adoption and foster care services, teen pregnancy prevention, education, health and recreation. For additional information please call 212-949-4938 or visit [www.childrensaidsociety.org](http://www.childrensaidsociety.org).*

