

Our Mission

CoLoKi Inc., owner and operator of the Freeport Trailer, provides an accessible, safe place for low-wage workers and immigrants. We provide basic needs and vital services in order to ease their daily struggle and make lasting improvements in their lives. We empower individuals while striving to foster positive integration into the community.

Our History

The Freeport Trailer was originally established, in 2002, by a group of passionate individuals and catholic charities. It was opened as a hiring site that would provide a safer place for day laborers to connect with contractors, instead of congregating at Home Depot. Eventually, the trailer closed in May of 2009.

In February 2010, Liz O'Shaughnessy founded the nonprofit organization, CoLoKi Inc., in order to reopen the trailer. The organization is funded by non-governmental grants from foundations and individual donations. It had originated as a hiring site for the community's day laborers but has grown to be much more. We now provide a hot meal every morning so that our area's low-wage workers, and those hoping to obtain work, are able to start their day with nutritious food. We have also developed many other programs that help to improve their lives.

Our Vision

We aspire to live in a world where every human being has an equal, inherent worth and right to dignity.

Our Programs

We organize and maintain a **Job Bank** in order to assist with employment and provide workers for local contractors and homeowners. Unfortunately, those most in need are often the ones who fall victim to the fairly common practice of not being paid for their labor. We provide assistance in recouping unpaid wages and other abuses through our **Wage Theft Program**.

We have an **English Language Program** to help the men to improve their English and literacy skills, further empowering them to help themselves. We have trained tutors who provide English language classes, literacy tutoring, and we also have Rosetta Stone software for students to utilize.

Our **Organic Community Garden** helps improve the quality of the food served and helps us on the road to becoming more self-sufficient and less reliant on donations of food. The garden is a labor of love that has paid back in spades. We have harvested



eggplant, onions, radishes, melons, beans, squash, zucchini, tomatoes, corn, mint, cilantro, and peppers. Some of the seeds have come from family in other countries so the men can have a taste of home (literally).



Our **Volunteer Cook Program** enables some of the men to take on a leadership role in the trailer. Their responsibilities include opening the trailer between 5:00-5:30 am and having hot, nutritious meals ready by 6:00 am. The meal consists of donations from Island Harvest as well as staples that we purchase on a weekly basis. The trailer serves approximately 300-400 meals per week (depending on the season).

We maintain an **I.D. Card Program** which provides photo identification cards to help give the men a sense of identity. The Freeport Trailer I.D. card also enables them to access services within the community.



Through our **Work Boot Program**, we have provided workers with steel toe, work boots to help them procure work without sacrificing their personal safety.

**Go to The Freeport Trailer for free,
quick and convenient pick-up of
workers with a variety of skill levels.**

**Monday-Saturday
6:00 a.m. – 12 Noon**



The trailer is located at the eastern end of **Bennington Avenue in Freeport, New York.**

From Sunrise Highway, head north on Liberty Avenue (Baron Auto Outlet is on the corner). Make a right onto Bennington Avenue. The site is located in the lot directly ahead. Look for the big, red trailer with the "Workers Available" sign.

For GPS, put in:
103 Bennington Avenue, Freeport, NY

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CoLoKi Inc., which stands for **Compassion**,
Love and **Kindness**, is a registered 501c3
nonprofit corporation. We help those living
in poverty to attain basic human needs,
provide tools for self-empowerment, and
offer a giant helping of dignity and
friendship!

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