

1st Meal Served

Soup Kitchen Stirs

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The Community Soup Kitchen Tuesday served its first lunch in its new Broadway location to 26 people.

The twice-weekly meal service began last November at the Salvation Army on Chapel Street and recently moved when the Salvation Army began a summer program that required the kitchen.

According to Diane Wellborn, coordinator of the hot soup program, some residents of the immediate downtown neighborhood may find it a big distance.

However, the new location will be convenient to residents of Howe and Dwight Street rooming houses who don't have kitchen privileges, she said.

Mrs. Wellborn and a crew of volunteers serve the free soup, beverages, bread and peanut butter and an occasional

dessert Tuesday and Saturday afternoons at 84 Broadway, in the dining facility of the Christ Church parish house.

Thanks to a \$500 boost from the April Walk Against Hunger proceeds, the soup kitchen will begin serving Thursdays if it can get enough volunteers.

The average sitting of about 30 hungry, convivial people costs about \$15.

Mrs. Wellborn has been supplementing the larder with organically-grown vegetables from a special plot in the Dixwell Q House community garden.

Unfortunately the okra, which makes a great Southern soup, has developed bugs.

"I don't know," Mrs. Wellborn said in a worried tone. "We may have to spray."

Donations of food, money and volunteer time to the soup kitchen can be made through Yale's Dwight Hall, telephone 436-1480.