

Feeding our neighbors, one plate at a time.



CLOSTER FOOD PANTRY

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
JUNE 2019

We hope you had a wonderful May and enjoyed celebrating our veterans during the beautiful Memorial Day Weekend. Thank you for checking in on the Closter Food Pantry.

CLOSTER USPS DELIVERS MORE THAN MAIL

Our postal carriers don't just deliver mail – they deliver food! During its Stamp Out Hunger campaign, **Closter USPS** collected a wide variety of food that stocked our shelves and supported our families.

Our sincere gratitude goes to the carriers, the Closter residents who supported the campaign, and to **Emily Lambert (Closter)**, **Noa Mikay (Closter)**, and **Jacqui Gorfin (Cresskill)** who sorted and shelved the food.



KW TOWN LIFE'S REDDay RENEW, ENERGIZE, DONATE

In May, **KW Town Life's (Tenafly)** real estate agents collected food at Shop Rite, Englewood to benefit the CFP during their community day, known as REDDay. The agents collected some of the products that we most needed at the time, including cereal, instant potatoes, and snacks. A big shout out to the shoppers who took the time to purchase items, the agents, and to **Morgan Beals** of KW Town Life, who organized this event.



STOP&SHOP "FOOD FOR FRIENDS" BENEFITS CFP IN A BIG WAY

Stop&Shop (Closter) ran their Food for Friends campaign at registers in December 2018, and we are thrilled to announce the pantry recently received a \$656 check from donations made during the campaign. CFP will use the funds to purchase most needed items

items for our families. We thank the shoppers and cashiers and also applaud the Stop&Shop organization who has a rich history of supporting local communities.

Last year, with the help of its customers, associates, and vendors, Stop&Shop donated more than \$31 million in cash and products to their communities.



PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

We welcome your donations, especially the items noted below which are most needed at this time:

- Laundry detergent
- Coffee
- Juice/juice boxes
- Olive oil
- Toothpaste

FOOD DRIVES/FINANCIAL DONATIONS

If your family, employer, religious or other organization would like to **host a food drive** in the upcoming months, please contact us at fabofcloster@gmail.com for more information and let us help you plan a successful event!

If you would like to **make a financial donation** to the Closter Food Pantry, please make your check out to “Food & Assistance Board of Closter” and mail it to 295 Closter Dock Road, Closter, NJ 07624.

ARE YOU FREE TWO EVENINGS EACH MONTH?

We are still looking for one volunteer who can be available on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings just one week a month to pick up bread/rolls/pastries from Palermo's Bakery in River Vale (Wednesdays 6:55pm) and bagels at Wally's in Closter (Thursdays 5 pm) and then spend about an hour sorting and bagging the items for our families. This volunteer will need to have his/her own transportation and be able to lift a garbage bag of bagels weighing about 40-50 pounds. **Great volunteer opportunity for a**

parent/child team, especially those seeking community service hours! Please email fabofcloster@gmail.com if interested.

SAVE THE DATE - 8th ANNUAL TOWNWIDE YARD SALE

Mark your calendars – **Closter's 8th Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale** will be **Saturday Oct. 19, 2019 (rain date Sunday, Oct. 20).**

As with every year past, this event continues to strengthen our community ties as families host sales together or visit neighbors' sales and treasures pass from one home to another. Think about being part of this great event in 2019! Additional details are forthcoming.

OUR SUPPORTERS AND VOLUNTEERS ROCK!

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

We owe a great big thank you to **Coldwell Banker (Closter)** for very generous monetary donation resulting from collections during their Community Day in early May. The money will be used to purchase most needed items for our families.

Thank you to **Alexandra Parrino (Cresskill)** who generously donated 45 cans of yams and fruit. We don't expect they will be on the shelves for long!

We congratulate, and thank, **Mr. and Mrs. Miteshkumar Patel (New Milford)** for their generous donation in celebration of their marriage.

Some of the donations we receive truly can't help but bring a smile to our faces. Such is the case of the Ziploc bags we received – one week containing five \$1 bills and the next week with six \$1 bills. Whoever you are, **anonymous donor(s)**, we THANK YOU for your donation and for brightening our days.



KEEPING THE PANTRY IN ORDER

A big shout out to volunteers who sort, date, and shelve food donated by large food drives, as well as weekly donations.

Closter

Eden Glick
Danny Jakab
Nicole Jakab
Emily Lambert
Miriam Lambert
Annette Vasiloff

Cresskill

Jacqui Gorfin

Demarest

Noa Mikay

Old Tappan

Angela Schuster

Thank you all for continuing to support the Food & Assistance Board of Closter.

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IMPORTANT: *If you know anyone in Closter who may be in need and is hesitant to come forward or just might not know how, please email us fabofcloster@gmail.com or call (201) 784-0600, extension 429. All inquiries are received in complete confidence. The Closter Food Pantry (CFP) is located on the ground floor level of Borough Hall at 295 Closter Dock Road. On the second Thursday of every month we host "Open Door Night" where families receive the non-perishable food items they need. Our Open Door Night schedule for 2019 is posted on the CFP bulletin board next to the elevator. First-time visitors are welcome with a current form of photo identification and proof of residency.*