



# Franklin Footnotes

"We Are Making A Difference" April 2016

## Saying Goodbye is Never Easy...

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Who is Ed Stano? Let us tell you...Ed is A LOT of things!

Ed Stano - a long term Lions Club of Greenfield member, a Supervisor and Zoning Board member for the Town of Greenfield, Loss Prevention Experts owner, a Merchant Marine, a Board of Director Member for Franklin, an active member of St. Joseph's Church in Greenfield, a great friend to many, a fisherman, a member of the Corinth Theatre Guild, a singer, and most importantly, a husband to the wonderful Elizabeth, a father of 4, father in-law of 4, a grandfather of 8. The aforementioned are the ones that we know about, but Ed is a lot more than that!

Franklin has been fortunate enough to have Ed as a part of our center since the very first day. Ed worked with Catholic Charities in 1983 when our building was being renovated, and then installed and maintained our alarm system until his retirement in 2016. He joined our Board of Directors in 1987, mainly due to his love of our after school prevention program, Project Lift. He was instrumental in securing funding from the Town of Greenfield to assist Project Lift at Greenfield Elementary School. Ed worked diligently for Franklin from then until his recent departure from the Board in January 2016. During that time he held many different executive positions, organized our twice yearly coin drops, even cooked and sold pretzels at the Saratoga Springs Race Track during their Open House. For the past 17 years Ed has attended our Annual Franklin Open Golf Tournament to get the signs put out (very early in the morning) and even comes back to help pick them up hours later! Ed is a wealth of information about Franklin and how our agency has morphed and evolved over the years. Lucky for us he is staying involved with the Center in a different capacity; he now volunteers weekly to pick up our Regional Food Bank orders to fill the food pantry and has put in more hours on a monthly basis as a volunteer than he did as a Board Member!

Ed's legacy with the Lions Club of Greenfield is also incredibly impressive. He became a charter member in 1985 and has filled many roles for the organization. He has served as the local President, Secretary, Treasurer, Zone Chairman, Lion Tamer, District Representative for Lions Club International Foundation, District Governor, Trustee for the NY State and Bermuda Lions Foundation, and he is currently a Centennial Coordinator for the upcoming 100 year celebration. The smile on his face while talking about his involvement with the Lions Club is contagious – he said he "found his Lion" shortly after joining the organization while delivering holiday baskets to those in need. Wow, what a powerful statement!

To sum this up, Ed is a friend and an inspiration to all. We are honored to have him as a part of our history and our future.

Dear Ed,

Thank you for all that you have done to guide Franklin and help our community. Your shoes will be hard ones to fill. We congratulate you on your well-deserved retirement and look forward to the new relationship we have. FYI – Your new cell number is on speed dial at the office and please mark your calendar for the golf tourney on June 4th and the Saratogian Parking Lot fundraiser is on July 30th!

### Food Pantry Hours:

**Monday - Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Thursday: 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

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Together, we are making a difference.

*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Eleanor Roosevelt*

## What's Happening

- **Our 18th Annual Franklin Open Golf Tournament is June 4th** at Windy Hills. Registration form is on page 3. Get yours in right away — space is limited!
- Mark your calendars!!! **June 14th Rai\$ing Dough fundraiser at West Side Grill** to support Franklin—20% of food/beverage/take out between **6pm—9pm**.
- **2nd Annual Guest Bartender Event at Harvey's is August 23rd from 6:30-8:30pm.**
- Our free store at **101 Washington** is now accepting spring clothing. Don't forget, Cudney's collects in-season clothing on our behalf on the first Saturday of every month.
- **Project Lift University is October 13th**, at Longfellows. More info on page 4.
- **Please help us keep our food pantry stocked** as we head into spring and summer. A list of most needed items is on the right.
- We have **volunteering opportunities** at our food pantry. We have twice the garden space as last year so we are looking forward to twice the harvest. If you like to garden we can use your help! Contact Julie for more information: Julie@franklincommunitycenter.org / 518.587.9826 x 224
- The Food Pantry will be kicking off a **Free Produce Day** on May 18th from 11:00-11:30am in Franklin's Community Room. It will run every other week. This program is open to anyone in need of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- We are promoting the **Nourish Your Neighbor**, A Healthy Food Drive Initiative. This initiative works to promote local change to make it easier for people living and working in the Capital Region to eat well. If you or your organization is interested in supporting the Healthy Food Drive Initiative please contact Julie for materials.

### Food Items Needed:

Chicken, Beef, Pork, Fish  
 Canned Tuna and Chicken  
 Cheese  
 Fresh Fruits and Vegetables  
 Peanut Butter and Jelly  
 Hearty Soups and Stews  
 Oatmeal  
 Canned Fruits  
 Hamburger/Chicken Helper  
 Pasta Sides and Rice Side

### Hygiene & Misc Items Needed:

Shampoo/Conditioner  
 Soap/Deodorant  
 Toothpaste/Toothbrush  
 Shaving Cream/Razors  
 Large size diapers  
 Laundry/Dish Soap  
 Dog/Cat Food  
 Can Openers  
**Please keep the children and families we serve in mind, especially as spring and summer breaks approach and more kids are at home.**

## Major Generosity

We would like to thank the following Major Sponsors who have signed on at a level of \$5,000 or higher to support us for the year 2016. We are so lucky to have them behind Franklin Community Center and our mission!

Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust	Brookfield Renewable Energy
Christopher Dailey Foundation	D.A. Collins Companies
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Kincaid Network Solutions	Jim LaVigne & Mary Gavin
Saratoga Casino and Raceway	Saratoga Springs Lions Club
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*"Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them."*  
Dalai Lama

# The Franklin Open

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7:30 am Saturday, June 4, 2016

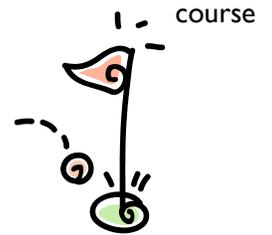
**\$80 Entry Fee - per person**

Franklin Community Center will host its **18th annual golf tournament** benefit at Windy Hills Golf Course, located at 219 Windy Hills Road in Greenwich, NY. The **Franklin Open** is a big event for us, and we're planning to make our 18th year another great one! All of the proceeds from The **Franklin Open** go directly back into providing programs and services to community members in need. Not a golfer? Sign up to be part of the "**Franklin Fantoms**"! Your \$25 entry fee will entitle you to a tournament t-shirt and your name will be listed in our upcoming newsletter. We are still looking for **sponsors** and **prize donors**. For information on our sponsorship opportunities please contact Franklin Community Center at 587-9826. The first 80 officially registered participants will **enjoy** 18 holes of golf with side refreshments, followed by prizes and lunch.

All players should arrive for a 7:30 a.m. sign-in with rules and an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start to follow. Please fill out the registration form below for your team of four players and mail it with credit card information, check or money order to:

Franklin Community Center, 10 Franklin Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

**Or register online at [www.FranklinCommunityCenter.org](http://www.FranklinCommunityCenter.org)** (put GT in notes section)



### Registration Form

Name	Address	Phone	Email	T-shirt size*	Check if registering as a <i>Franklin Fantom</i>
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\* Please indicate t-shirt size if you are registering as a **Franklin Fantom**. T-shirts will be sold for \$10.00 at the tournament, if you would like to pre-order please indicate your size. (Limited quantity available)

#### Billing Information:

I have enclosed a check or money order in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my card: MC / Visa / Discover accepted

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name appearing on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address for card: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount to be charged on card: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Please note registration forms are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. You are officially registered when we have all information and fees for your entire team.**



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**Help Lift a Child's Spirit**

- Consider donating funds toward a summer camp scholarship
- Purchase individually wrapped snacks for program
- Donate a gift certificate to offset cost of a family party
- Help fund Project Lift by attending our fundraiser in October



**In Project Lift News:**

**From the Coordinator...** We would like to announce that the expansion of our after-school program **Project Lift** this past fall has been a great success. Our program is now operating in three additional Elementary Schools; Caroline Street, Dorothy Nolan and Lake Avenue. With continuing help from our community donors, volunteers and major funding sources we have been able to make a positive impact in the lives of multiple children and their families. We would like to recognize the **Ronald McDonald House of Charities of the Capital Region** for their contribution of \$4,000 which allowed us to **provide healthy snacks** for all participants this school year. With spring soon approaching we are preparing for the Project Lift Youth Art Show family event as well as Family Fun Day. These are just two of the multiple family events we put on throughout the year to promote healthy family relationships and exposure to resources. It is our goal to **make a difference** in the lives of many by enriching them with positive life experiences.

- We'd like to extend our thanks to the **Christopher Dailey Foundation** and the **Saratoga Springs Rotary Club** for providing summer camp scholarships. We are continually looking for funding to support summer camp adventures. Please contact Lindsay ([Lindsay@franklincommunitycenter.org](mailto:Lindsay@franklincommunitycenter.org)) if you are interested in helping.
- Our sixth annual **"Project Lift University"** fundraiser is scheduled for **October 13th at Longfellows**. It is a unique fundraiser essential to raising funds to support Project Lift, our free, after-school prevention program. Mark your calendars, please. It's going to be a blast!

