



Franklin Footnotes

"We Are Making A Difference" April 2018

The Food Pantry...volunteers are essential

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Franklin's Food Pantry is a successful program serving the food insecure in our community. In 2017, the staff and volunteers ensured that 3,131 community members received groceries to provide more than 129,492 meals. This represents an increase of 23% in the number of individuals served per month over 2016 figures.

Julie Slovic, Food Pantry Administrator, says "volunteers are the backbone of the pantry." She reveals that serving a growing number of customers is only possible with a large contingent of dedicated volunteers. To operate the Food Pantry, Julie reports that there are over 100 volunteers serving well over 400 hours of service a month. These individuals also support the high quality programming such as the Blue Door Chef Special (a bag of six simple ingredients that encourages healthy, family meals), healthy food options, and Franklin's Produce Days. Also essential to the running of the pantry are volunteers who help with food pick-up and delivery from the Regional Food Bank, and 10 business partners; in 2017 they delivered 100,000 lbs of food!

Julie states, "Our volunteers inspire me daily! It can be stressful when folks are in need of our services. Our volunteers help ease that discomfort through their actions and offer a supportive environment that maintains their dignity. They unselfishly give their time to ease the burden of others in our community and their impact is tremendous. Our volunteers expression of kindness and compassion is evident in the gratitude expressed by our customers, and we are grateful for their service." One customer states, "The FCC Food Pantry is a true blessing which manifests the best in giving and caring to those in the community, for it offers both nourishment and smiles to all who come." Another person said, "I am grateful for this Food Pantry. The people are the nicest. They are very helpful. All you have to do is ask. I'm so happy to come to your pantry."

Jenny Fogue has been volunteering in the pantry for about a year. She says that, "It is just really nice to be able to help out in whatever way I'm needed that goes toward benefiting our community. I was fortunate to be put in touch with Franklin Community Center and have found a great home for volunteering. It's amazing what volunteering just a couple of days a week can do for you and the people you come in contact with. It's certainly been a bright spot in my week. I've always found happiness in helping others and I knew volunteering would head me in the right direction and it has."

To learn more about the pantry or to volunteer, contact Julie Slovic at 518-587-9826 ext 224. Starting in April, volunteer gardeners are needed to work in the garden or volunteers can plant a row in their own garden and donate their harvest to the Food Pantry.

Food Pantry Hours:

Monday - Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Thursday: 2:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

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Together, we are making a difference.

“Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.” Martin Luther

What’s Happening

- Our **20th Annual Franklin Open Golf Tournament** is June 8th at Brookhaven. Registration form is on page 3. Get yours in right away—space is limited!
- Franklin’s **Guest Bartender Event** will be held at Bailey’s Café on August 21st—check our website and Facebook page for additional information.
- **Project Lift University** is scheduled for September 27th at Longfellows Inn—check out page 4 for more information.
- Project Lift is collecting **donations of snacks** that can be given out to the children after school. Donations can be dropped off at our main office.
- Interested in helping a child experience **summer camp**? Contact Lindsay for more information: Lindsay@franklincommunitycenter.org / 518.587.9826 x 225
- 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.
- The Food Pantry will be hosting **Free Produce Day** 2 x monthly beginning April 4th and running through October. Please visit our website for dates and times.
- 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
- Won’t you consider helping us **“GROW”** our **Plant a Row for the Hungry** program? Consider planting an extra row in **your garden** and donating it to our Food Pantry. It’s easy to participate: contact Julie (contact info above) to register and pick up materials. Purchase your plants at our partner **Dehn’s Flowers and Greenhouse** at a **20% discount**.

Food Items Needed:

Chicken, Beef, Pork, Fish
 Canned Tuna and Chicken
 Cheese
 Milk cards
 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
 Laundry/Dish Soap
 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 this past year. We are lucky to have them behind Franklin Community Center and our mission!

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“The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do.” Steve Jobs

The Franklin Open

The Franklin Open

9:00 am Friday June 8, 2018

\$100 Entry Fee - per person

"Happiness is a long walk with a putter." Greg Norman

Franklin Community Center will host its **20th annual golf tournament** benefit at Brookhaven Golf Course, located at 333 Alpine Meadows Road in Porter Corners NY. The **Franklin Open** is a big event for us, and we're planning to make our 20th 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 Fantom 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 96 officially registered participants will **enjoy** 18 holes of golf with course side refreshments, followed by prizes and lunch.

All players should arrive for an 8:00 a.m. sign-in with rules and a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start to follow. Please fill out the registration form below for your team of four players and mail 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 (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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- 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 September



In Project Lift News:

From the Coordinator...All schools held Winterfest and Family Fun Day this winter, two of the many family events Project Lift puts on each year to strengthen and promote healthy family relationships. During these events, families enjoy spending time together and participating in fun activities including playing board games and art activities. We are looking forward to sharing our student Art Show at each of the schools that will highlight all of the work we have done this year on themes such as self-esteem, making good choices and friendship. Our year finishes in June with our Project Lift Picnic for all Lift students and their families.

-We would like to extend our thanks to the Christopher Dailey Foundation and the Saratoga Springs Rotary Club for the generous support this year providing summer camp scholarships. We are continually looking for funding to support summer camp adventures for Lift students. Please contact Lindsay (Lindsay@franklincommunitycenter.org) if you are interested in helping.

- Mark your calendars! Our Project Lift University fundraiser is scheduled for September 27th at Longfellows. It is a unique fundraiser essential to raising funds to support Project Lift. We hope to see you there!

