Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in Franklin Community Center and our programs. It was a busy year at the Center and we have highlighted some of our accomplishments over the past 12 months within this annual edition.

We are thankful to have the opportunity to let you know what we have been up to and to give you an idea of what is to come in 2020 and beyond.

This year we will hold our final (and best) Franklin Open Golf Tournament as our one and only major fundraiser. We will take the year to re-invent our fundraising plan in order to successfully support all of our programs AND to make it easier for our supporters, sponsors and volunteers to engage.

We are also in the quiet (shh, don’t tell anyone) phase of an Expansion Campaign. Frankly, we have run out of space and need to make sure that Franklin is in a good position to run our programs now and in the future. We promise to bring all of our information to you as soon as we have raised our goal of 50% of our $2.5 million dollar budget; we are at over $1 million currently so stay tuned—we anticipate it will be announced soon!

We hope you find this newsletter full of the information you want to know. If you have any other questions or just want to learn more about Franklin, let us know. Our staff is happy to answer questions and there is nothing more they like to talk about than Franklin!

Happy New Year and Best Wishes,

Jason Lynch, President – Board of Directors

Read All About It…

Our Philosophy is to “Send people out the door with whatever they came in looking for.”

Please become a Friend of the Center In 2020.

To donate, fill out the response card located on page 3 or on our website.

Donate via mail, telephone, or online and know you are helping us continue to make a difference in our community.

Our Present Programs include but, are not limited to:

- Safe and affordable housing
- Food pantry
- Project Lift, after-school prevention program
- Free clothing and household items distribution center
- Furniture distribution program
- Holiday assistance
- Advocacy and referral information
- Summer camp scholarships
- School supply assistance
- And more.....
Key Accomplishments for 2019

- Our pantry was visited 3,772 times by local residents in need of food during 2019.
- In partnership with the Saratoga-Wilton Elks, Wilton Food Pantry and St. Clements Food Pantry, we provided over 10,000 meals to homebound seniors.
- Plant a Row for the Hungry brought in 338 lbs of produce.
- Pitney Meadows Community Farm donated over 3,500 lbs of produce from their Giving Garden.
- The community donated over 59,500 lbs of food to the pantry and farmers from Saratoga Farmers Market donated a total of 1,542 lbs of produce.
- With the help of NY Regional Food Bank we were able to provide over 84,600 lbs of produce, dairy and protein products to our customers.
- Over 100 volunteers served over 5,000 hours in the food pantry.
- Our free store at 101 Washington Street served, on average, 500 individuals a month with clothing and household items and we matched 133 households with donated furniture.
- We provided 256 children with school supplies, 120 children with Halloween costumes and gave Christmas gifts to over 600 local children.
- Our Project Lift after-school program served 203 Project Lifter totaling 158 families.
- We had 197 high school and college volunteers complete a total of 3,685 hours volunteering at Project Lift.
- Project Lift provided 222 weeks of summer camp scholarships for local children utilizing grants from Saratoga County Children’s Committee, Saratoga Regional YMCA, Saratoga Springs Rotary Club, The Christopher Dailey Foundation and others.
- Project Lift participated, once again, in the Saratoga Springs City School District’s summer school program.
- Project Lift is in it’s 2nd year working with 6th grade students in Maple Avenue Middle School.
- TJ’s Turkeys provided Holiday Meal Baskets, at Thanksgiving and Christmas, to 125 families.
- Community members filled 4,205 volunteering opportunities for the Center during 2019.

Additions to the Franklin Family

Franklin Community Center is pleased to announce the addition of their newest members, Mary Gavin, Jeff Goliber, Sue Rogan and Alex Rotolo to their Board of Directors. Their expertise and talents will be incredibly beneficial to the Center.

Mary serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Gavin and LaVigne, Incorporated. She is a current member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association, the Executive Committee of the Committee on Healthcare Financing, School of Business Advisory Committee at Siena College and a Saratoga Sponsor A Scholar mentor coordinator.

Jeff is the Assistant Vice President and Retirement Officer with Arrow Financial Corporation, the holding company for Saratoga National Bank and Glens Falls National Bank & Trust Company. Jeff has managed a brokerage house, worked with high net worth clients as an investment professional and currently as an Officer of the Bank.

Sue currently serves as a Vice President of Commercial Lending for The Adirondack Trust Company in Saratoga Springs. She has served on the Board of Directors for Shelters of Saratoga, including the role of Treasurer and as a Religious Education Catechist for St. Clement’s Church.

Alex serves as the Chief Financial Officer of Finch Paper Holdings based in Glens Falls. Previous to his role as CFO, Alex served as the President of Finch Waste Co. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Economic Development Corporation of Warren County New York.
Program Update

Project Lift News by Colleen O’Connor Potter (colleen@franklincommunitycenter.org)

We are so proud of our Saratoga High School juniors and seniors who comprise the majority of our volunteers at Project Lift each year. In addition to their classes, jobs, clubs and other activities, many of these students work beyond their required hours and stay with the program the full school year. We rely on these students to help with our cooperative games, our art projects and lessons each day. During the 2018-19 school year, 128 volunteers donated 3,685 hours to working with Project Lift. When surveyed, the volunteers indicated they would recommend the experience to others and they appreciated the opportunity to be a role model to the elementary students. Thank you to all our volunteers for joining us!

Food Pantry News by Julie Slovic (Julie@franklincommunitycenter.org)

The food pantry is hustling and bustling ALL the time! Luckily we have a team of over 100 volunteers, that do everything to help keep us running with kindness and a smile. That includes food pick-ups and delivery, gardening, sorting/inspecting/shelving thousands of pounds of food, data entry and, of course, working with our patrons during their visit (there is a ton more but you get the picture)! With donations pouring in from our generous community, NENY Regional Food Bank and many businesses and community groups we are able to distribute healthy and nutritious food-packages to those who are in need. Please see page 4 for a list of some terrific community partners—we can’t thank them enough.

The pantry will be “Going Green” in January which means we are asking our pantry patrons to bring bags with them when they come for food. Thanks to the generosity of Cudney’s Cleaners, Jenks Family Insurance Agency and Travelers Insurance we have a good supply of reusable bags that we can provide when needed.

We also received a donation from The American Dairy Association North East of a 3 door display cooler. This new cooler runs more efficiently and has glass doors, allowing the volunteers to see what’s available at all times, which will save both time and money.

It’s a great time to be a part of the Pantry and we are always looking for new volunteers!

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What To Watch for

- **22nd (FINAL) Annual Franklin Open Golf Tournament** - Scheduled for Friday, June 19th at Brookhaven Golf Course in Porter Corners—registration to come in spring newsletter & on our website, join us for our farewell tourney—it is sure to be our biggest yet!

- Stay tuned for **Expansion Updates**—they will come soon...

- Our brand new website **(THANK YOU MANNIX MARKETING)** will debut soon—be on the lookout!!!

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**Thank You’s**

- To the local businesses who support our Coin Boxes—Allerdice (on Walworth), Esperanto’s, Kane Fine Wine and Spirits, Purdy’s Discount Wine and Liquor, and Saratoga Strike Zone.

- To Bread Basket, Featherbed Lanes Farm, Freihofer’s Bakery, Fresh Market, Healthy Living, Panera, Pitney Meadows Community Farm, Price Chopper, Saratoga Farmers Market, Thomas’s Poultry Farm and Spot Coffee for donating over 31,000 lbs of food to the pantry.

- To The Chocolate Spoon for their Project Cupcake, which provides birthday cupcakes for our Project Lifters.

- To our friends at WSWHE BOCES Culinary Program for cooking and donating ALL of the food for our 30 Project Lift family events!

- To our Grace In Action partners who stepped up to help renovate one of our Manor apartments.

- We have so many others we would like to thank, and we will, make sure to check out our next Franklin Footnotes Edition for more...

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Don’t forget you can also visit our website at www.franklincommunitycenter.org and make your donation online, click the DONATE button at the bottom of our homepage.

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