



Franklin Footnotes

“We Are Making A Difference” August 2020

The Center Says Goodbye (for now) To Three Key Members

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Heather Straughter

Three members of the Board of Directors termed off the board this year and we haven't been able to send them off in the way we had planned. Karen D'Andrea, Andrew (Andy) Ferrara and Marne Onderdonk, have done AMAZING things for our agency. They have collectively served over 30 years on our Board, participated on countless committees and have always championed our efforts in the community. Karen, Andy and Marne helped us to develop and achieve our food pantry expansion campaign six years ago, and got us started on our current facilities expansion campaign.

The number of children they each have “adopted” for the holidays, events they have both sponsored and attended, the backpacks brimming with school supplies and the food pantry donations they have all routinely dropped off over the years speaks to the commitment they each have to this community.

We are honored they chose Franklin as the beneficiary of their time and talents and will be forever grateful to the hard-work and countless hours they dedicated to Franklin. Lucky for us, they have remained in our circle of supporters.

Karen, Andy and Marne—from the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your support, guidance and dedication to serving your community. We look forward to seeing each one of you as soon as possible to say this in-person!

Some kind notes to share!

"Just a little note to say thank you for helping me in this time of need. I never thought I would be in a position like this...however, I am so blessed and grateful to have this wonderful place to go for help and provide food. You made me feel respected and not ashamed for asking for help. God bless you all for being there."

"My husband and I want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the generous service you provide the community. We have never needed such a service previously, and in fact, did not know much about this resource. The groceries you provided to us were a real gift, which brought us help and relief. But more than even the groceries we were touched by your kindness, your gentle words and smiles."

Franklin welcomes four new members to the Board of Directors. We are thrilled to announce that Beverly Bisnett-Jenks, Schylar Houck, Lizzie Shlegel and Heather Straughter have joined Franklin's Board. This new group brings a wealth of nonprofit knowledge and skills to our existing Board and it is the perfect time for them to come on board.

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Together, we are making a difference

What's Happened & What's Happening!



- In response to the COVID-19 health crisis, we have changed our operating procedures to ensure the safety of our clients, donors and staff with the goal of providing food, as needed, as long as necessary.
- Franklin staff have replaced volunteers in our food pantry.
- Residents are able to utilize the pantry **as often as needed**, the 1 x monthly visit regulation has been waived.
- Food packages are ordered by phone and are picked up with at a designated location & time to ensure no physical contact is made.
- Donors have been filling our drop box with much needed items (and we are so thrilled). Donations are also contactless.
- We have been seeing, on average, about 30% of our pantry visits are new to Franklin, and many have never utilized a food pantry prior.
- Our Free Store / 101 Washington Street is **OPEN FOR BUSINESS** by appointment only. Call our office at 518.587.9826 to make an appointment to donate or shop. More information can be found on our website: www.franklincommunitycenter.org.
- Project Lift has been providing a modified program to our current families and has been successful keeping in contact with families, ensuring basic needs and educational needs (while school was in session) are met.
- **OUR 22ND GOLF TOURNAMENT WILL NOT BE OUR FINAL TOURNAMENT!** After 20+ years of hosting a successful golf tournament we cannot let a socially distant one be our grand finale! See next page for details.
- We will be collecting school supplies—check our website or call 518.587.9826 for more information on what is needed and how we are collecting.

Food Pantry Update - Welcome John

John Falco has joined the team at Franklin Community Center as the new Food Pantry & Facilities Manager. His background in the food service industry is impressive and spans nearly 40 years. He started in his parents' Mechanicville grocery store and has since worked at various restaurants and as co-owner of Faldoni's Delicatessen and Catering in Mechanicville. John came to Franklin as a volunteer in the pantry and now serves as the Food Pantry & Facilities Manager. John is available for any food pantry questions and can be reached by phone at 518.587.9826 x 224 or by email at John@franklincommunitycenter.org.

Project Lift Update Colleen O'Connor Potter, Project Lift Program Coordinator

Our Project Lift staff continues to find creative ways to stay in touch with our students and their families during the summer. In June, we held a "drive by goodbye" for each school that allowed us to give our year-end awards and gifts to our Lifters. Then, in July, over one hundred donors quickly answered our request to provide "Christmas in July" to our Lift families. We are happy to report that 149 Lifters and their siblings received summer clothes, shoes, toys and activities to boost their spirits. We would like to thank Saratoga Children's Committee and all of our generous donors for their assistance. We are so grateful to our wonderful community for your support of Project Lift!

22nd Annual Franklin Open Golf Tournament

BIG NEWS—this will NOT be our last tourney!

Franklin Community Center will host its **22nd Golf Tournament** benefit at Brookhaven Golf Course, located at 333 Alpine Meadows Road in Porter Corners, NY.

Tournament is \$400 per foursome and will include golf and food on course. **We will be selling 50/50 tickets & T-shirts ahead of time only.** Please indicate below if you would like to purchase some. Make sure to **include all email addresses and phone numbers with registration**; we need to ensure we can reach all golfers should we need to make changes.

Currently, golf courses are restricted to one person per cart unless golfers live together—please let us know if you can share a cart! We have **60 carts available and will register first come first serve with a waiting list** should cart limitation change. Not all teams will have access to carts for each golfer ****** We may not be able to accommodate as many golfers as years past^{**}

All players should arrive for an 8:30 a.m. sign-in with a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start to follow. Instructions will be emailed out prior to the tournament to all teams.

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

	Golfer 1: \$100	Golfer 2: \$100	Golfer 3: \$100	Golfer 4: \$100
Name				
Address				
Phone				
Email				
50/50 raffle \$1- 1 \$5—Arm length	\$	\$	\$	\$
T-shirt & 2 mulligans \$15	\$15 Size:	\$15 Size:	\$15 Size:	\$15 Size:

I will not be golfing this year but would like to support the tournament through a donation of \$_____

I would like to order #_____ of 2020 Franklin Open Golf t-shirts @ \$15 each. Size(s)_____

Please use billing information below or contact Jaime@franklincommunitycenter.org / 518.587.9826 x 227

Billing Information:

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: _____

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



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