Program Highlights

Our Food Pantry, managed by John Falco, has successfully expanded to accommodate the increasing need for its services here in Saratoga County. Thanks to the Regional Food Bank of NENY and our many retail partners, farms, businesses and individuals, we are able to regularly offer fresh produce, bread, meats, pet food and hygiene items to our clients.

The after-school program has ended for the school year, but our Project Lift team, led by Colleen O’Connor Potter, continues to offer guidance, advocacy and supportive services to our students and their families throughout the summer.

Franklin Community Manor, our multi-unit apartment building, is undergoing a variety of improvements and upgrades, thanks to the generosity of several local-based grants. We are excited to get the work underway this summer!

Our Student Services program was able to provide 75 Project Lift students over 335 weeks of camp this summer, providing these children life-long memories and fun, educational experiences. Later this summer, be on the lookout for School Supply Drive information!

Have you visited the Franklin Free Store lately? Our new clothing racks help to hold and display more products. Thanks to your regular donations of clothing & household goods, we are able to offer next-to-new items to all who are in need.
Community Engagement

Thanks to you and the incredible generosity of our community, we have started the year off right!

- Benefit Events & Concerts
- Corporate Volunteer Groups
- Donation Drives
- Garden Volunteer Group
- High School Volunteers
- School Groups

“This we all really enjoyed our couple of hours volunteering at the Franklin Community Center.”

Volunteer work day with employees from National Grid

Though we are not able to share all of the businesses, groups and individuals who have helped us so far this year, we hope you enjoy a sample of some of the great ways FCC benefits from our community members!

Row 1: Yard work with SIS Cares student volunteers; Food Pantry Garden planting day; Local Girl Scouts Troops donating birthday bags; and month-long hygiene donation drive.
Row 2: SSCSD student volunteer with Project Lift program; Saratoga Youth Symphony benefit concert; and Salesforce volunteer work day.

Thank you Volunteers!

This April, we took an opportunity to appreciate the impact of volunteer service and celebrate the power of our volunteers. We hosted a well-attended Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at the Michael & Stacie Arpey Family Community Center at FCC on April 29th, complete with delicious food, drinks and fun door prizes.

Each of our programs benefit greatly from the many individuals who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in our communities. We are grateful for their enthusiasm, energy and dedication as they inspire us to continue to carry on the vital services and programs of Franklin Community Center. THANK YOU!

We also would like to pay tribute to an individual who has an extraordinary record of volunteer leadership and action here in Saratoga County and has dedicated much of his community service to the betterment of Franklin Community Center. We couldn't be happier for our dear friend and supporter, Cliff Van Wagner, this year's winner of the Joseph Dalton Community Service Award. FCC has a special place in Cliff's heart and we congratulate him on his tremendous achievement.
Meet Our New Board Members

This month, we are thrilled to include three new members to our board of directors. Joining the board for a three-year term are Gina Peca, Kristen Corcoran and Jason Lynch.

Gina Peca is a retired attorney who worked as a prosecutor in the New York City Family Courts. Additionally, Gina oversees the Catie Hoch Foundation, established in memory of her daughter, and assists families of children with cancer while in treatment. She has vast fundraising experience and will be a great asset to the board.

Kristen Corcoran is a Saratoga native and a Wellness Coach for Skidmore Health Promotion and a Registered Nurse at Skidmore Health Services. She has served on multiple boards, including the Saratoga Regional YMCA, Wellspring and the Wildwood School. In addition, she volunteers for her local high school PTSO.

Returning to the board after a yearlong hiatus is Jason Lynch, Sales Representative with DA Collins Companies. Jason strongly believes in community involvement and enjoys his volunteer role as president of the Leadership Saratoga Alumni Association Board. He has also been integral to the development and organization of a local-based Thanksgiving meal program that provides holiday dinners to area home-bound residents.

Franklin Community Center’s board is comprised of a dedicated team of civic, business and community leaders elected to provide strength, stability and self-reliance to the organization. The Executive Committee for the 2022-2023 year will consist of Zachary Manz as president, Alex Rotolo as vice president, Jeff Goliber as treasurer and Heather Straughter as secretary.

We are excited to welcome our new members and look forward to having them be a part of our organization!

Events

FRANKLIN & ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 9AM START
@ SARATOGA LAKE GOLF CLUB

This year, we have teamed up with the Saratoga Springs Rotary Club for our annual day of golfing, networking and fun! It was time to take our golf tournament fundraiser to the next level by combining a spectacular day of golf at local favorite, Saratoga Lake Golf Club, with the opportunity to support TWO very worthy causes!

Thank you to our generous sponsors and committee members for their support and creative ideas for making this year’s tournament one to remember!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND CLICK ON 2022 GOLF TOURNAMENT.

CLASS IS IN SESSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 6PM
@ ARPEY FAMILY COMMUNITY CENTER

Head "back to school" with Franklin's fall fundraiser! Inspired by the excitement of the first day of school and the various classes that help to make up the day, you’ll enjoy a host of experiences, starting with the culinary expertise of Hattie’s Restaurant and the Adelphi Hotel.

Your ticket will provide you access to the cocktail event of the season, complete with music, mingling and a silent auction with grand opportunities that you won’t want to miss! School was never this much fun!

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✔ Organize a donation drive to benefit our Food Pantry, Franklin Free Store or Project Lift
✔ Be a sponsor for one of our special events

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