

Feeding our neighbors, one plate at a time.



CLOSTER FOOD PANTRY

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2019

Happy Spring! Thanks for checking in to see what's coming up and how you can help local families in need.

SHOP RITE - FREE HOLIDAY MEAL PROMOTION

Shop Rite has announced its free holiday dinner promotion whereby ShopRite Price Plus members who spend \$400 between March 10 and April 20 earn a free holiday dinner. If you don't plan to use your dinner, please consider donating it to the Closter Food Pantry (CFP) for our special Easter/Passover distribution. While we welcome donations of any of the free offerings -- which include tofurky, lasagna, poultry and pork – we've found that our families' favorite is ham.

To donate a meal to a family in need, please place your bagged item in the black donation cart on the ground floor by the elevators in Boro Hall **early** in the day (and no later than 5:30 pm) on Tuesday April 16. Our volunteers will stop throughout the day to move the items to refrigeration. We'd love to acknowledge the generosity of our community, so if you

note your name on the donation or leave a slip in the bag, we will include you in our May issue.

We wish all a happy and peaceful holiday!

DID YOU EARN A FREE HOLIDAY DINNER

DONATE TO A FAMILY IN NEED

- Tuesday April 16th
- 7am – 5:30pm
- Closter Borough Hall (295 Closter Dock Road)
- Ground Floor
- Leave in the Closter Food Pantry donation cart and volunteers will transport it to refrigeration throughout the day
- Attach your name for recognition in our monthly e-newsletter

HILLSIDERS -- STOCKING THE SHELVES FOR SPRING

Just a heads up to parents, friends, and families of Closter's Hillside School – the students are conducting a food drive to benefit the CFP Monday, April 8 through Wednesday, April 10. Please remember to support the students' efforts.


**Stock Up For Spring
Food Drive**

**At Hillside School:
Monday April 8th to Wednesday April 10th**

You can help the Closter Food Pantry by participating in the food drive.

SOMETHINGS YOU CAN DONATE ARE:

-Instant/ boxed potatoes	-oatmeal
-canned chicken/tuna	-cookies
-ketchup, mustard, mayo	-oils
-drinks/coffee	-granola bars
-peanut butter and jellies	



PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

It's time to open the windows, let the fresh air in, and spring clean!

Have you considered donating cleaning items to the CFP? Despite being necessities, they are much needed by our families, as most are not covered by food stamps. We welcome donations of the following in honor of spring:

- Laundry detergent

- Dish detergent

- Household cleaners

- Sponges

FOOD DRIVES/FINANCIAL DONATIONS

If your family, employer, religious or other organization would like to **host a food drive** in the upcoming months, please contact us at fabofcloster@gmail.com for more information and to let us know when to expect your donations!

If you would like to **make a financial donation** to the Closter Food Pantry, please make your check out to "Food & Assistance Board of Closter" and mail it to 295 Closter Dock Road, Closter, NJ 07624.

SAVE THE DATE - 8th ANNUAL TOWNWIDE YARD SALE

Mark your calendars – **Closter's 8th Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale** will be **Saturday October 19, 2019**.

As with every year past, this event continues to strengthen our community ties as families host sales together or visit neighbors' sales and treasures pass from one neighbor to another. Think about being part of this great event in 2019! Additional details will be shared in future newsletters and registration will begin in September.

ARE YOU FREE TWO EVENINGS EACH MONTH?

We are looking for one volunteer who can be available on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings one week a month to pick up bread/rolls/pastries from Palermo's Bakery in River Vale (Wednesdays 6:55 pm) and bagels at Wally's in Closter (Thursdays 5 pm) and

then spend about an hour sorting and bagging the items for our families. This volunteer will need to have his/her own transportation and be able to lift a garbage bag of bagels weighing about 40-50 pounds. **Great volunteer opportunity for a parent/child team!** Please email fabofcloster@gmail.com if interested.

OUR SUPPORTERS AND VOLUNTEERS ROCK!

TENAKILL STUDENTS SHOW THEIR TRUE COLORS

Tremendous gratitude to creative Closter Tenakill Middle School (TMS) students, student council and advisors Ellen Monaghan and Amanda Cummings, for thinking of the CFP during School Spirit week in March. As is tradition for Spirit Week, each day has a different color theme and, in addition to dressing appropriately, students were encouraged to donate a food corresponding to the color of the day. Approximately 300 items or 20 full bags of groceries were collected in just one week. Awesomeness!



NVD SENIORS CHIP IN

Special thanks to 2019 **Project Graduation at Northern Valley Demarest High School** for donating a large bag containing a variety of snacks that were left over from the Harlem Wizard's game fundraiser. Our families will certainly enjoy these treats!



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

IHOP has nothing on our Lions! Some of our families enjoyed a special breakfast thanks to longtime **Closter** resident, **Tom Migliore**, who donated 12 tickets to the March Lions Club Pancake Breakfast. Thank you, Tom!

Lilah Shandel (Demarest) an NVD Junior has volunteered to set up and manage our social media accounts and presence. Thank you, Lilah! We welcome your younger perspective here! #lilahandcfp #whatateam Please follow us. You can find our social media handles on page 4.

Thanks to **Cathi Saunders (Demarest)** for donating a variety of furniture and household items including a twin bed, sheet sets, blankets, school supplies, leather chair, bookcases and end tables. The items are high quality and in beautiful condition, and we hope to find homes for them all!

Two of our families are sleeping better thanks to the **NVD Football Program's** donation of brand-new twin mattresses. Our high school team had hosted this recent fundraiser during which a few generous supporters had purchased extra mattresses to help local families in need. What a wonderful surprise - and they were delivered!

Who doesn't love Girl Scout cookies? We appreciate the anonymous donation of 13 boxes of Girl Scout cookies.

Additional contributions that help us to support local families in need:

- **Lawrence and Judith Wiener's** generous monetary donation in honor of their granddaughter Emily Lambert's 15th birthday.
- **Don and Nancy Winters'** monetary donation in Memory of Vi Caputo (retired Closter Health Office Administrator) who was a strong supporter of the CFP until she retired from the Closter Health Department at age 92. Thank you, Don and Nancy for your kind letter and for honoring Vi with your generosity.

KEEPING THE PANTRY IN ORDER

A big shout out to volunteers who sort, date, and shelve food donated by large food drives, as well as weekly donations.

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Grace Anguilla
Eden Glick
Nicole Jakab
Nysa Kothari
Tay Lee
Devon Puttanniah
Lukshmi Puttanniah
Stella Yako
Rebecca Yin

Haworth

Ella Hoehn

Norwood

Zoey Baumrind

Thank you all for continuing to support the Food & Assistance Board of Closter.

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IMPORTANT: *If you know anyone in Closter who may be in need and is hesitant to come forward or just might not know how, please email us fabofcloster@gmail.com or call (201) 784-0600, extension 429. All inquiries are received in complete confidence. The Closter Food Pantry (CFP) is located on the ground floor level of Borough Hall at 295 Closter Dock Road. On the second Thursday of every month we host "Open Door Night" where families receive the non-perishable food items they need. Our Open Door Night schedule for 2019 is posted on the CFP bulletin board next to the elevator. First-time visitors are welcome with a current form of photo identification and proof of residency.*

