

*Feeding our neighbors, one plate at a time.*



# CLOSTER FOOD PANTRY

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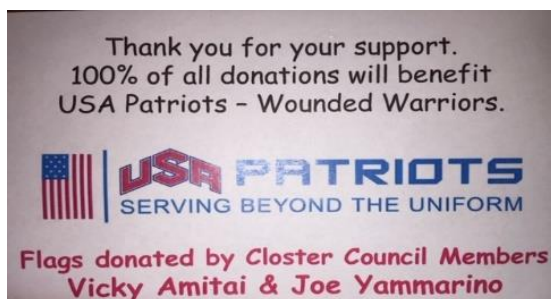
Happy Summer! We hope you are enjoying some sun, fun, and relaxation during these long, summer days.

## OUR SUPPORTERS AND VOLUNTEERS ROCK!

### NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

We couldn't do what we do without the generous support of our community. We are pleased to share with you the below profiles of sharing and caring.

Just in time to celebrate Flag Day on June 19, we shared with our families over a dozen 3'x5' American flags donated by Closter Council Members **Vicky Amitai and Joe Yammarino (Closter)**. The donations for the flags benefitted USA Patriots - Wounded Warriors.



Mornings are a bit brighter, thanks to **Nicole and Spencer Jakab (Closter)** for donating 60 boxes of cereal in honor of their son Danny's Mitzvah which was celebrated at **Temple Beth El (Closter)**.



The students of **Temple Beth El of Northern Valley's Religious School (Closter)** are encouraged to bring in a monetary donation weekly as part of their lesson to help those in need. We are very grateful that the students chose the CFP to receive a portion of the donations. Thank you, students, for thinking of others in this way, and know that our families had more to put on their tables, thanks to you!

We thank the congregants of **Temple Beth El (Closter)** for their donation of cereals and other household items.



Thank you to the parishoners of **St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (Closter)** for their generous donation of \$380 from collections, which enabled us to purchase needed foods and supplies.

An **anonymous donor** donated a large number of plastic food storage containers – enough for each of our families to receive a set. What a great idea – thank you!



## **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](mailto:fabofcloster@gmail.com) for more information and let us help you plan a successful event!

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.

## **PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED**

In the summer, donations often wane, although the needs of our families do not. We especially need the items below, but welcome any donations. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

- Beverages of any kind (a few suggestions are juice, Gatorade, seltzer, and iced tea mix)
- Canned meats (such as chicken, Spam, Vienna sausage)
- Condiments, spices, and seasonings
- Paper products (including toilet paper, paper towels, and tissues)

## **ARE YOU FREE TWO EVENINGS EACH MONTH?**

We are still looking for one volunteer who can be available on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings just one week a month to pick up bread/rolls/pastries from Palermo's Bakery in River Vale (Wednesdays 6:55pm) 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, especially those seeking community service hours!** Please email [fabofcloster@gmail.com](mailto:fabofcloster@gmail.com) if interested.

## SAVE THE DATE - 8th ANNUAL TOWNWIDE YARD SALE

Mark your calendars – Closter’s 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Town-Wide Yard Sale will be **Saturday Oct. 19, 2019** (optional rain date **Sunday, Oct. 20**).

This event continues to strengthen our community ties as families host sales together or visit neighbors’ sales and treasures pass from one home to another. Think about being part of this great event in 2019! Registration forms will be available online in Sept.

### KEEPING THE PANTRY IN ORDER

A big shout out to volunteers who sort, date, and shelve food donations.

#### Closter

Carissa Hollenga  
Nicole Jakab  
Sabrina Kramer

#### Old Tappan

Angela Schuster

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

#### WHERE WE FIT INTO THE EQUATION

There are 865,900 people in New Jersey struggling with hunger. Of this number, 260,340 are children.

Charitable programs alone are unable to fully support those struggling with hunger. A combination of charity and government assistance programs, such as SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as food stamps) is necessary to help bridge the gap to provide support.

On average, SNAP households received approximately \$253 monthly in fiscal year 2018. The average SNAP benefit per person was about \$126 per month, or approximately \$1.40 per person per meal.

SNAP benefits can be used to purchase bread, cereals, fruits and vegetables, meats, dairy products and more. However, the benefits do not cover medicines and dietary supplements; foods and beverages that are hot at the point of sale; and non-food items such as cleaning and paper products and soaps and toiletry articles.

We thank you for helping the Food & Assistance Board of Closter to bridge the gap.

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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](mailto: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.*