

Yarmouth Community Corona Virus Task Force Report

May 20, 2020

Call Center. Margaret and Tom Downing

The Call Center continues to operate smoothly, shifts are covered, calls returned and actions logged in. Otherwise, nothing new to report.

Neighborhood Communicator—Carla Hunt

- #YarmouthGratitudeProject salutes mail carriers and delivery people this week. Acts of gratitude continue!
- 3100 flyers out for distribution. More to follow this week.
- Communicators are joining the Sharon and Gib's "Ask an Epidemiologist" zoom and moving to one weekly zoom call just for Communicators on Mondays.
- And we've added 2 new communicators!

YCAN and Task Force Finances —Jean Rafford

This Week's Totals:

Food Pantry	\$20,900
YCAN	10,660
 TOTAL	 \$31,560

Food Pantry— Nancy Gorden

The Yarmouth Community Food Pantry continues to serve a consistent number of families in the Yarmouth area. I was notified today that we will be out of meat probably by the end of the week. We will have to figure out how we are going to address that as I am unsure if there is a limit on meat purchased at the grocery stores and the local farms. Our Good Shepherd food boxes will be arriving this week. They were very well received last month as they had items that were not found in the grab and go bags. In addition, we are handing out the May Hannaford's gift cards.

Shop Gap Program—Karyn MacNeill

Again, this week brings not too much to report. During the week of Wednesday 5/13 to Tuesday 5/19, YCS helped four callers with food shopping/delivery needs. There were no new patrons for the Food Pantry, but we added one delivery to the YCAN-Food Pantry partnership.

As a reminder, our shopping and delivery will mainly be conducted from Wednesdays through Fridays, with one shopper available (not for public consumption) on weekends for our last minute and emergency needs.

Thank you for all your support during this unsettled time.

Yarmouth Sewing Warriors—Mary Calvin

The Sewing Warriors are getting hundreds of requests. I was beginning to run low on fabric, however, I received a large donation from a quilter. The very best news is she is willing to cut fabric for kits. I'm having a hard time keeping up with the demand. Kits are flying out of the cooler on Carla's porch.

Caroline is tracking the requests on a spreadsheet, monitoring the website and FB page. She is doing a great job.

We have picked up a few sewers from the article in the Forecaster. I would like to find ten more strong sewers. Please spread the word!

Aging in Place—Leigh Kirchner

I still need a couple of adults to be pen pals for high school students. Older adults are preferred but any age is ok. Probably women since these are high school girls.

And I welcome more cards and letters for our neighbors in assisted living/nursing homes. Can be delivered to me or mailed to:

Leigh Kirchner
78 Tenney St

School Support—Jennifer Charette

STUDENT ART SHOWCASE

Coronavirus inspired student artwork is now being showcased virtually on our task force Facebook page, Instagram, and school art blogs. Our deadline for submissions has been extended through 5/31/20 and K-12 students are asked to submit artwork electronically to our task force e-mail address: ycctf@ycan.info. Artwork can be anything from a sculpture, drawing, painting, photo, or digital creation. Images should be sent in pdf or jpg format. Artwork should include a message to lift spirits or inspire others, a call to action to help others, a thank you to those on the front lines, or a reminder of what we need to do to stay safe and make positive choices (in accordance with CDC guidelines).

Names of all participating students will be entered into a raffle for gift cards to Royal River Books, Island Treasure Toys, Peachy's, and Otto. Please contact Jennifercharrette@yahoo.com or ycctf@ycan.info for more information about this project. Please spread the word about this project with neighborhood communicators, friends, and neighbors. Thank you!

Epidemiology—Sharon McDonnell

Viral testing is now supposed to be available all over Maine with no restrictions. If you have reason to believe that you have had contact with someone infected within about 3-14 days, have persistent symptoms, or other reasons to think that you might have COVID-19, you can get tested. Cass and others on the Medical Committee are looking at where people can get them. We have had support from Pat Phillips DO locally who is willing to work with the Task Force or even groups in the community.

Antibody testing is also available.

Wednesday afternoon we will do an overview of Contact Tracing, Case Investigation, and Isolation/Quarantine support rather than our meeting.

We did an "Ask the Epidemiologist(s)" session last Thursday and it was lots of fun. I am currently deciding if we will plan these every other week rather than weekly.