

# **Yarmouth Community Corona Virus Task Force Report June 3, 2020**

## **Call Center. Margaret and Tom Downing**

The Call Center transitioned to library staff retrieving calls as of June 1st, texting Tom Downing with contact info. Tom then relays that information to the volunteer to respond. The Call Center has responded to two calls in that format, one during shift, one after hours. Volunteers seem comfortable with the change.

## **Emotional Support — Leslie Hyde**

I've just spent time at the Library. Heidi Grimm asked me to speak with the employees as they embrace the idea of reopening. The goal was to assess where everyone is after 9 weeks of being apart, engage in team building and share concerns about life at home and expectations around how to open and uncertainties about the future. It felt useful to all (including me). They have asked me to come back periodically to check in.

As I was leaving, Heidi suggested I offer this service to other businesses around town. Many folks have unexpressed or even unconscious concerns about returning to work and it feels valuable to explore those. This is not a right vs. wrong exercise, this is a bonding and mental health preparedness exercise.

## **YCAN and Task Force Finances —Jean Rafford**

This Weeks Totals:

Food Pantry	\$22,510
YCAN	12,240
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,750</b>

## **Food Pantry— Nancy Gorden**

We continue to distribute grab and go bags. Because our meat supply is all but gone and have been so blessed to have Freeport Food Pantry give us some of their reserve, we will restart our food rescue from Hannaford's. I am working on getting volunteers who can help with this task. We continue to get donations of eggs In the near future we will be paying for the eggs but are just happy to find a source who can support our needs. We now are handing out our June Hannaford's gift cards.

We continue to receive monetary donations and are very thankful for each of those. If anyone wants to donate food, we need jelly and rice.

## **Shop Gap Program and YCS—Karyn MacNeill**

The ShopGap program is in a groove and numbers have been quite manageable. During the week of Wednesday, May 27 through Tuesday, June 2, ShopGap provided help to 5 residents through the food shopping and delivery program.

Over the last week, we also have received requests for help during quarantining periods (moving back to Maine). YCS staff have reached out to these neighbors to arrange their services, if and when needed.

One family was added to the Food Pantry list of patrons and arrangements made for one family to receive an upcoming delivery.

YCS staff is now back in the office, but not yet open to visitors/guests. We are frantically working toward finalizing safe procedures for summer camp programming and community special events, working with the Sewing Warriors to find masks that are well fit for children/campers, and updating staff trainings related to increased safety protocols. Updates to Executive Orders continue to cause immediate decisions and changes made to services and programs offered within Yarmouth, like recreational and athletic facility openings/extended closures.

YCS staff is happy to continue helping our residents as we move back to Maine reopening, progress through the State's re-opening policies and recommendations, and hopefully provide a wonderful, fun, and safe summer.

### **Epidemiology—Sharon McDonnell**

This week I will be on a meeting with Maine DHHS and trying to take some next steps with the CAP agencies. Things that I might bring up

a. I would like Yarmouth to continue to "sister" with other communities. Much of that collaboration has been with mask making but it has also included sharing signs, sharing other materials and in-kind resources. I might even make a case that we would contribute to our minority communities as they are severely and disproportionately affected by the virus compared to the size of their population.

On this topic I would like to engage with Carla and others to help raise funds for a big order of masks (maybe 2000) to donate in support of the cause. I do not know if the Task Force as a group would like to support such an effort to raise funds and perhaps even chip in. We can discuss.

b. I took signs and a few masks to Estabrooks and Epic Hair Salon and people were so excited and grateful. With the new Executive Order for masks in slow reopening it would be great to help them as they are on the front lines.

Opportunity Alliance is the Cumberland County CAP agency and I suggest that we tell them what we are capable of doing to support Isolation and Quarantine in our town (and perhaps its nearby neighbors) and provide core services. I will be checking with how to best do that but we can discuss.

Theoretically-- if there were not so many cases and "fires" we should see zip code level data this week.