

**Yarmouth Community Corona Virus Task Force  
Weekly Report  
June 24, 2020**

**Call Center. Margaret and Tom Downing**

The Call Center has moved to Summer staffing. Tom and Margaret are staffing the Call center until the Fall when we'll reassess. If there's a spike in calls, we'll reactivate our volunteers.

**Neighborhood Communicators— Carla Hunt**

- This week we begin twice weekly email communication with the group and twice monthly zoom calls.
- Dale Shields joins me as co-coordinator and will take on one email weekly and one zoom call monthly.
- Several communicators are forming a team to develop a data base of testing centers in the greater Yarmouth area. Currently developing a process for gathering the data with Sharon McDonnell and Katherine Nenninger, a doctor completing her residency at Maine Med.

**Food Pantry— Nancy Gorden**

The food pantry continues to distribute grab and go bags. The system that was established early on is working smoothly with a small group of very hard-working and dedicated volunteers. We have received so many donations outside of the back door through the wonderful Neighborhood Communicators 'network. I will now try to make sure that pantry needs are communicated to Carla every Friday so that she can pass that information along to the Communicators. As we continue to rescue food from Hannaford's, this week we will team up with Lunch Crunch and supply them with whatever bread and muffins that we can. It was wonderful to once again have enough meat to hand out. We continue to purchase produce and now eggs from Laughing Stock Farm, and this past week we got the first delivery of produce from the Community Garden. That effort is headed up by a very dedicated young girl who has just graduated from YHS. This is her second year of completely taking over that process. She will be missed when she goes off to college!

The FP will be closed on July 3rd for the holiday weekend. With that in mind, we will be offering the regular Friday patrons to either come the following Tuesday or take 2 bags this Friday, which ever works best for them.

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

As of June 23

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| Total Donations made to Food Pantry         | \$25,757.00 |   |
| Total Donations made to YCAN for Task Force | \$12,290.00 |   |
| Task Force Expenses                         | \$ 3,291.14 | (mask materials, videos, taxi, oximeters, second group of flyers) |
| Task Force Balance                          | \$ 8,998.86 |   |

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

We have completed our first two deliveries from the Hannaford Pharmacy! This week we also saw the smallest signups (zero) for the ShopGap shopping/delivery side of the operation and put an email out to those who are on our list. Between the other work at YCS, YCS staff have picked up some of the shopping efforts and will try to find partners within our community to help for this upcoming week. Six deliveries have been conducted over the timeframe from Wednesday, June 17 to Tuesday, June 23.

Neighbors seemed more irritated by delays and the unknown availability of shoppers. All deliveries were made and no one had to wait more than 24 hours. Phase 2 of ShopGap may need to be implemented sooner rather than later – and possibly with a “summer” schedule. Please reach out to Karyn by email or phone if you have any suggestions and want them to be heard! YCS staff will be working on a change over the next week or so, depending on what happens with volunteer schedules.

### **Sewing Warriors—Mary Calvin**

The Sewing Warriors are still making masks but on summer mode. Carla delivered 1450 masks made by LL Beans and donated by Maine Med. We have given out 1000 of them to organizations in Portland.

### **Mission Statement— Cass, Betsy Kelly, Leslie Hyde**

We are sending along two versions of the mission statement for you to decide what you want. We studied several other mission statements to get context, including all Yarmouth organizations, the original YCCTF statement and Freeport Community Services.

Here are the versions:

- (1) THE YCCTF coordinates volunteers, town officials, and professionals, collaborating with existing local and regional agencies to communicate reliable information and address pandemic-related psychosocial, medical and food insecurity and other needs in the Yarmouth area.
- (2) The YCCTF is a grassroots organizations coordinating with volunteers, town officials, professionals and exiting Yarmouth resources in response to the pandemic. The Task Force offers reliable medical, psychosocial and food needs to aid the residents of Yarmouth.