

**Yarmouth Community Corona Virus Task Force**  
**(bi)Weekly Report**  
**July 15, 2020**

**Call Center. Margaret and Tom Downing**

Tom Downing continues to staff the Center and handles any calls but there have been very few.

**Neighborhood Communicators— Carla Hunt**

The team of communicators have wrapped up their first round of data collection on covid test sites. This information has already been put to good use by residents looking for information. Feedback from testing experiences have served to validate the information gathered.

Dale Shields is working with Whit Ford to ensure that this information is on the YCAN site. Through Sharon, we are working on ways to integrate what we are gathering with what the state is publishing. It also, of course, goes out to communicators.

Other questions from the community center on mask wearing and school openings.

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

Since Art, the YCAN treasurer, is busy with the elections today I am not able to verify the updated amounts. Since our last report on July 1, as far as I know, the Food Pantry has received a \$100 donation and the Task Force has received a \$100 donation. I do not know of any expenses paid out.

Food Pantry Total Donations as of July 15 - \$26,057.00

Task Force Total Donations as of July 15 - \$12,390.00 (\$3,291.14 in expenses, balance of 9,098.86)

(It is a First Grade Daisy group from Yarmouth that made donations this month from their annual cookie sales...\$100 to the Food Pantry, \$100 to the Task Force, and \$100 to Lunch Crunch. What a great group!!)

**Food Pantry— Nancy Gorden**

The food pantry continues to serve a relatively stable number of families. The renewal of rescuing food from Hannaford's here in Yarmouth has been very helpful. The Neighborhood Communicators have done a wonderful job keeping our coffers full of shelf stable items and personal care items. We continue to purchase eggs from Laughing Stock Farms and the produce from the Yarmouth Community Garden has been so welcomed. The pantry continues to be run by a small but very dedicated group of volunteers. At this time we are not looking for any more folks to work during our openings. Thank you all for all of your assistance in keeping our food pantry open and well stocked!

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

Since Wednesday, July 1, Shop Gap has helped connect 10 Neighbors in need of food shopping/delivery.

Since then, we've added one new helper to shop and deliver foods and so far she has taken on 3 of those 10 orders. We could certainly use another couple people to not tire out the "basic crew."

Today, we will put the request out for helpers – but only to those who are signed up currently. At this time, we need five shopping trips per week, at the most.

Over the next two weeks, YCS will be planning on how this program can be altered in order to best accommodate our Neighbors and Shoppers as we move into the fall season.

## **Sewing Warriors - Mary Calvin**

The Sewing Warriors have masks to give. Please let me know if you know of anyone in need.

## **Mission Statement**

Betsy Kelly:

### **Mission**

..... to identify and address evolving needs from Covid 19 in our community. (Or region?)

### **Vision**

..... to coordinate our community (region) of local volunteers, professionals, and existing agencies in communicating reliable information, and meeting psychosocial, medical and food insecurity and other needs as they arise.

### **Values**

..... respect, compassion, helping one another, high standards of integrity etc etc.  
( Needs more work here)

Cass:

The YCCTF is a consensus-based, grassroots organization coordinating volunteers and professionals, collaborating with existing regional agencies and volunteer groups, communicating reliable information, and addressing CoVid-related psychosocial, medical, food insecurity and other needs as they arise in our region.