

FEEDING MIDDLESEX COUNTY



PARTNERING TO END HUNGER

Dear {FIRST_NAME|Friend},

We hope this newsletter finds you well, amidst everything that the coronavirus pandemic has brought upon us all. We welcome a new month and a new season, hoping for nice weather, sunshine, and rejuvenation, as we continue to navigate the uncertainty and instability that comes with continued self-quarantine and social distancing; let us all continue working hard to maintain our health and safety. We are heartened by all the ways we are seeing people reach out, support one another, and foster a true sense of community during this wholly difficult time.

With that sentiment in mind, allow us to begin this newsletter by extending our sincerest gratitude for all those who have supported Feeding Middlesex County and MCFOODS Network, especially in the last month. As you know, this health crisis has placed an even greater strain upon many in our communities, who are already battling food insecurity. The need for supplies, food, and donations increased exponentially; we reached out to you for help, and you have answered the call. The MCFOODS warehouse saw empty shelves and we are so grateful that you all are continuing to do what you can to help us Fill The Shelves. There is no small part to play in the fight against food security, especially now. If you are unable to donate at this time, we invite you to help us spread the word. And as always, we invite you to keep in touch with us on social media!



A Special Thank You

We'd like to give a special thank you to an organization who has donated to FMC - the Dawoodi Bohra Muslim Community of New Jersey. On April 8th, they observed a holy day, known colloquially as Shab-e-Barat. This holiday normally comes with great reverence and celebration but given the circumstances, this group is unable to congregate in their usual fashion. In lieu of celebrating Shab-e-Barat together, members of the Dawoodi Bohra Muslim Community of New Jersey have gathered together funds to make a substantial donation to our organization, expressing the importance they place in providing meals to those currently in need in Middlesex County. Their efforts are so appreciated!

We Need Your Input

To our valued partners,

Thank you for being part of the Feeding Middlesex County family and for believing in our mission to support local community organizations feeding the hungry.

While your food and one-time monetary donations have fed your neighbors and are most appreciated, a monthly contribution will allow FMC to provide consistent support to those most in need—a number which unfortunately grows each day. Your input on how we can attract more monthly donors during this unprecedented times is crucially needed.

If you have 2 minutes, please fill out this survey so we can learn more about how we can keep our donors engaged and up-to-date with our current efforts. Click the link below:

<https://tinyurl.com/fmcdonorsurvey>

Do You Need a Mask?



After cancelling Feeding Middlesex County's Walk to End Hunger, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, we wanted to create a project to replace the funds that would have been collected at that event. This is more relevant given the increased amounts of food being distributed by the county food bank during this emergency.

Three ambitious sewists, Jeannine Lonski, Dana Winston and Margaret Pemberton of East Brunswick, came to the rescue. They are sewing stylish masks to meet the current demand. These three, who wanted to make a difference, have now grown to a dozen sewists. A Facebook group was created, known as Mask Makers of MC, and more than 600 masks were distributed in the last three weeks. Requests for masks have been steady, and the group gives priority to healthcare providers or first responders. Other requests are fulfilled in a second tier.

If you would like a mask or masks, please email your request to feedingmiddlesexcounty@gmail.com and include your name, mailing address and the number of masks needed. There are numerous patterns and we attempt to send appropriate designs. There is no charge for the masks or the shipping/handling. The sewists have donated the fabric, thread, elastic, other supplies, and mostly their time and talent.

We ask that you make a donation to Feeding Middlesex County at the website: feedingmiddlesexcounty.org and choose either credit card or PayPal for your donation.

Yes, you can fight hunger in Middlesex County and protect yourself at the same time!



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Feeding Middlesex County (FMC) financially supports organizations that feed the hungry. We are a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

We raise funds to purchase food and equipment to assist qualifying agencies in procuring, storing, preserving and transporting food and other necessary items to our food insecure neighbors.



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