



Drive-By Food Drive Recap:

We'd like to start this month's newsletter off by expressing our thanks to everyone involved for such a great Food Drive event on the 6th!!! It was a beautiful sunny day in Edison, and the event was quite a success! We were so heartened by the excellent turnout - there was a pretty steady stream of cars showing up with donations the whole time. We welcomed about 40 volunteers who worked hard collecting all the donations, which totaled approximately 12,950 lbs. of food! Monetary donations to FMC amounted to \$1730!

We could not have done it without the partnerships from the community who helped with promotions and/or sent volunteers - Middlesex County, Middlesex County Young Democrats, Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce, New Beginnings Food Pantry, Middlesex County Bar Association, Carpenters' Union, LGBT-MCDO, Middlesex County Association of School Business Officials, and Federal Business Systems. Thank you to the Edison Police Department who provided security and traffic flow. Thank you to Simon Malls, Menlo Park Mall for providing the space and promotion. A special shout-out goes to the Cheesecake Factory for providing our volunteers with cold drinks! Thank you to Freeholders Charlie Kenny and Charlie Tomaro for volunteering with us; thanks to Freeholder Shanti Narra, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Assemblywoman Nancy Pinkin, East Brunswick Mayor Brad Cohen, and Edison Council President Joyce Ship Freeman for stopping by and donating.

Our Middlesex County community truly came together that day to support our food insecure neighbors. We are so grateful to everyone who took time out of their day to come by and donate food at a time when the need is even greater.



East Brunswick's Battle of the Classes!

If you were unable to attend our Drive-By Food Drive on the 6th, never fear! There is still an opportunity for you to support MCFOODS this month. East Brunswick Public Schools and the East Brunswick Regional Chamber of Commerce are partnering with Brunswick Square Mall for the MCFOODS 2020 Battle of the Classes Food Drive! Every Saturday in June, from 10am to 4pm, near the Brunswick Square Mall Panera, the Classes of 2020, 2021, and 2022 will be participating in a friendly collection competition. You can help out by stopping by and dropping off non-perishable food items (such as *canned chicken, pasta, low sodium canned vegetables, etc., as well as baby and personal care items like shampoo and toothpaste, diapers and wipes. No glass please*). Choose the Class you'd like to support and help out your community! Questions about this ongoing event can be directed to admin@ebrcc.org. To learn

more about what MCFOODS Network does to support the food insecure in Middlesex County, visit their website [here](#).



June 27th: Drive-Up Food Distribution Event

In order to provide food to more Middlesex County residents in need, MCFOODS will be hosting a **Drive-Up Food Distribution Event** in partnership with the Community Food Bank of New Jersey (CFBNJ) and with contributions from Novo Nordisk.

On **Saturday, June 27th, from 9:30am to 1pm** (while supplies last), residents will be able to drive up through the distribution line and receive a box of fresh and packaged food, all while remaining contact-free. Food will be distributed to the first 1500 cars on a first-come first-served basis, one allocation per vehicle. Those receiving food will be required to provide proof of NJ residency (utility bill + driver's license or state-issued ID) AND to clean the trunk of the car before arriving. Social distancing will be observed.

Now is the time for events like this. The pandemic has made MCFOODS operations especially crucial - for example, food distribution increased 79% in March and 100% in April of this year, as compared to 2019. For more information about this Drive-Up Distribution event, click [here](#).

****We need volunteers to assist us in distributing food on the 27th. If you are interested in helping out, please click [here](#) to get more information and to sign up!****

MCFOODS Volunteers are Back!

After a furlough due to the COVID19 pandemic, the MCFOODS Distribution Center is excited to begin welcoming volunteers back! For the time being, volunteers are limited to 2 per time slot, as practicing social distancing is still necessary and incredibly important. Masks and gloves are to be worn during your shift. If you want to sign up for a time slot, helping to sort donations, bag items, and prepare packages for distribution, click [here](#).



FMC Online Shop!

We are excited to let you know about another way you can support FMC --- MERCH! We are now selling Feeding Middlesex County T-shirts and hats on our website! You can get your stylish FMC gear by visiting our Online Shop, [here](#). Go out and about in your new shirt and hat, and proudly represent an organization that

supports those in need in your community! Help us raise awareness while looking great!



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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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