

### **April 2022: Dine with FMC!**

#### **TOMORROW: Monroe Drive-By Food Drive**

Join us tomorrow, Saturday April 30 in Monroe Township from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Park and Ride at 337 Applegarth Road.

Drive up and volunteers will unload your donated food.

Please bring canned and packaged goods only, no glass containers. Besides food, we accept personal products such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and diapers.



Thank you for your participation and generosity. See you there!

# Join us for one of our FAVORITE annual events...

Feeding Middlesex County is partnering with REPLENISH to present the **2022 Dine Below the Line** event with participation of the Collaborative Center for Community
Engagement at Rutgers University.

A cooking competition among three Middlesex County food pantries will be featured:

- Alice's Cup, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Spotswood | Guest Chef Father Marshall Shelly, Pastor
- First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, Metuchen | Guest Chef Dan from Pearl St. Cafe
- Sharon Baptist Church Food Pantry, New Brunswick | Guest Chef Brian Karluk from Steakhouse 85

The in-person event (beginning at 6pm) provides guests a sampling from each of the chefs. Registration is required and seating is limited. <u>Click here to register</u>

The virtual event (beginning at 7pm) can be accessed <a href="here">here</a>. Sharon Gordon takes on

hosting duties.

Both in-person and virtually, the chefs will present their dishes and there is a panel of judges including Chef Carolina Moratti (host of Cooking Outside the Box), Jerome Mangroo (restaurant professional) and the Middlesex County Commissioners who support REPLENISH, the county food bank. In addition, those in person and virtual viewers will be able to vote for their favorite chef dish.

Join us at Dine Below the Line, whether in person or virtually. This is a fun and educational event, showing us how to be creative utilizing food pantry type ingredients. Visit <u>feedingmiddlesexcounty.org</u> for more information.



#### ACME = Best



The definition of the word **acme** is the point at which something is best or perfect or most successful. ACME Supermarkets via the ACME Foundation certainly lived up to the definition of its name. ACME created the ACME Nourishing Neighbors Breakfast funding with the recipient

being Feeding Middlesex County. A total of \$4,882.06 was donated through participation by ACME's Middlesex County supermarket locations: Middlesex Borough, Milltown Borough and Old Bridge Township.

This funding will help Feeding Middlesex County purchase food supplies directed toward the children who are home during the summer months, not receiving free or subsidized meals, as they do when they're in school.

Thank you to the managers and staff at these locations. And gratitude to Dana Ward, ACME Community Relations, at the ACME Foundation.

#### Matzoh! Matzoh! Matzoh!

If it's April, you can be sure that foods donated to REPLENISH, the county food bank, will include lots and lots of matzoh. Whether Streit's, Manischewitz, Yehuda or Horowitz Margareten, those colorful boxes of matzoh will be on the shelves.



For those who may not be familiar with matzoh, it is crisp, unleavened

bread, very much like a cracker. Jews eat matzoh during the holiday of Passover to acknowledge the exodus from Egypt to the desert when there was not time to let the bread rise.

The food pantry volunteers are sometimes reluctant to bring the matzoh back to their facilities because their clients are not sure how to use matzoh. REPLENISH staff distributes matzoh recipes but always welcome new and creative recipes. If you have a special matzoh recipe, please share it with us. You email your recipe to Feeding Middlesex County (feedingmiddlesexcounty@gmail.com) or tag us on social media (@FeedingMC1 on Facebook & Twitter). We will share your recipes with the 150 food pantries and social service organizations that utilize the county food bank.

#### Mark Your Calendar: Event Reminders

Who's ready for summer?!

#### Middlesex County's Plays in the Park

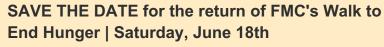
June 22- July 2 | Something Rotten!

July 13 – July 23 | Spongebob Squarepants the Musical

August 3 – 13 | A Chorus Line

the Stephen J. Capestro Theater, 1 Pine Drive, Edison (Roosevelt Park)

Stop by our table, make a donation, say 'hi!'



10am – 2pm | Park and Ride

Raritan Bay Park, entrance in South Amboy

A fun-filled morning with warm-up activities, kid event tables, friends and neighbors who are fighting to end hunger in Middlesex County



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#### How Else Can You Make a Difference?

- 1. Visit our Take Action page to see how you can get involved -->Make an Impact
- 2. Volunteer at an Upcoming Event --> Sign Up NOW
- 3. Donate while you Shop on Amazon --> Connect with Amazon Smile
- 4. Raise Funds for FMC --> Set up a Facebook Fundraiser





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