



Monday, March 16th
Nutley, NJ 07110

Nutley Family Service Bureau: Response to COVID-19

Consistent with Nutley Family Service Bureau's history of responsiveness to community needs, we provide services and create workable solutions that allow continuity of operations while considering the health and safety of patrons, staff, and volunteers. Therefore, in this time of evolving public health situations, NFBS will be making the following modifications to our operations:

THE CENTER

Continuity of psychotherapy services will be maintained, including individual and group therapy for adults. Children's Social Skills Groups and the Mental Well-being Workshops *are suspended until further notice*. Remote psychotherapy sessions are being considered to provide optimal safety for our staff and clients. For updates please see <http://www.nutleyfamily.org>

THE PANTRY

The NFSB Food Pantry will continue grocery distribution according to the regularly scheduled dates. In accordance with guidance from state and local Departments of Health to minimize contained crowding, open air food distribution will take place outside the NFSB Annex at 169 Chestnut Street. For updates please see <http://www.nutleyfamily.org/food-pantry/>

Donations are gratefully accepted in the marked bins on the porch at the rear of the NFSB Annex at 169 Chestnut Street. Additionally, grocery gift cards for the purchase of staples are always welcome. For updates, please go to <http://www.nutleyfamily.org/food-pantry/>

If you or your family find yourselves in need of emergency support (especially at-risk populations including, vulnerable seniors and those with disabilities and underlying medical conditions) please contact the NFSB Main Office at: 973 667 1884.

THE SHOP:

Due to evolving public health issues, The Shop at Nutley Family Service Bureau has suspended operations until at least March 23rd, 2020. CURRENTLY, WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR THE THRIFT SHOP. This action will allow us to reallocate our volunteer resources to meet the immediate needs of the community and focus on necessary food distribution. Updates are available at <https://www.nutleyfamily.org/thrift-shop/>

UPDATES:

NUTLEY FAMILY SERVICE HELPING NUTLEY SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE FOOD

Nutley Family Service Bureau is partnering with the Nutley School District to ensure the continuity of meals for students during school closure. For students who typically receive free or reduced lunch at school, an open-air distribution of grab-and-go meals will be provided by Pomptonian Food Service and distributed from the Nutley Family Service Bureau Annex located at 169 Chestnut St, Nutley. Specifics will be provided by the Nutley School District. Refer to the district website for details <https://www.nutleyschools.org/covid-19>

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2020 SCOUTING FOR FOOD DRIVE POSTPONED:

The Scouting for Food Drive scheduled for March 21st has been postponed. Eileen Painter, Executive Director of NFSB, stated, "We are making every effort to maintain health and prevent the spread of infection, according to recommendations from state and local Departments of Health. Therefore, the decision was made to postpone the 2020 Scouting for Food Drive. The Scout leadership teams and our community partners understand our responsible decision in taking this action."

NFSB provides supplemental nutrition to over 200 local households. The Pantry receives up to 90% of its annual shelf stock from this community effort. At this time, we are emphasizing the need for local support in order that NFSB can continue to serve our neighbors in need. Particularly needed are donations of: cereal, peanut butter, canned chicken & tuna, rice, pasta, sauce, soups and beans. Healthy snacks for children such as granola bars and raisins are also in demand.

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NUTLEY FAMILY SERVICE BUREAU A NIGHT AT THE RACES RESCHEDULED:

In an abundance of caution, and in compliance with guidance from state and local Departments of Health, Nutley Family Service Bureau announces rescheduling of our popular fundraiser, *A Night at the Races*. The event will now take place on 10/24/2020 at Starlight Dance Center, including all the fabulous races, food, beverages, and fun. Details to follow for those who have already purchased tickets and sponsorships. For updates, please go to <https://www.nutleyfamily.org/a-night-at-the-races/>

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