### **GATEWAY**

## Neighborhood Collaborative Grant Status Report as of February 3, 2021



## What is the Gateway Neighborhood Collaborative (GNC)?

The GNC initiative aims to promote the development of a resident-led and community-supported redevelopment framework of the Gateway neighborhood with the strategy to incorporate a community-based, multi-agency approach to housing, economic development, crime prevention, and neighborhood restoration.

## GNC and P.A.R.T.N.E.R. –4th Quarter (2020) and 1st (2021) Activities

### GATEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD COLLABORATIVE REPORTING

• Wells Fargo Regional Foundation FEBRUARY Interim Reporting due 2/15/2021.

#### **DECEMBER 2020: FOOD PANTRY SUPPORT**

**Event Focus:** P.A.R.T.N.E.R. utilized funds to sponsor the Bread of Life Food pantry with the direct distribution of food (shelf and produce) and personal care items using emergency relief funding distributed to us, by our grant funder, Wells Fargo Regional Foundation. This effort is in response to support the food pantries within the Gateway Neighborhood and increase food security. Our goal is to sponsor the Bread of Life Food Pantry for the next 5 months. During this time, the GNC will be continue to maximize its resources to help build the pantry capacity for continued sponsorship and volunteer training.

**Event Distribution Dates:** December 16<sup>th</sup> and December 19th

**Event Details:** Distributed 100 bags of food including:

Food Item	Qty
5LB Rice	100
5LB Bean	200
Mash Potatoes	100
Tomato Sauce	300
Oatmeal	100
Mac and Cheese	100
Canned Corn or Mix Veggies	100
	1000 items donated

TOTAL DONATION THROUGH DECEMBER 2020: 4000 UNITS OF FOOD ITEMS!











## **DECEMBER 2020: FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER OUTREACH CAMPAIGN**

**Event Focus:** In an effort to help support the food pantries while creating community engagement opportunities, P.A.R.T.N.E.R. and the Bread of Life Food Pantry are actively recruiting volunteers.

## **Event Details:**

- Flyer Campaign and Volunteer FAQ's enclosed
- Registration: <a href="https://www.P.A.R.T.N.E.R.nj.org/how-to-help/volunteer.html">https://www.P.A.R.T.N.E.R.nj.org/how-to-help/volunteer.html</a>
- 12 volunteers registered and counting



# **WHO WE ARE**

Bread of Life is Our Lady of Fatima Parish's food pantry located at 348 Smith Street Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

## Hours of Distribution:

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Saturday following 3rd Wednesday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## SIGN UP at

partnernj.org/how-to-help/volunteer Contact info@partnernj.org Call: (732) 442-0384/(609) 271-5680

## **BENEFITS**

Meet new people with different outlooks or experiences.

- \* Try something new.
- Do something rewarding with your spare time.
- See new places or experience a different way of living.
- \* Try a new type of work that you might want to pursue as full-time iob.
- \* Expand on your interests and hobbies

## REQUIREMENT

Every volunteer experience is a little different. Here are some things you might do as a volunteer:

- 1. Sorting, packing, lifting
- Assisting at distribution site.
- 3. Volunteering to help food drives, or flyering the neighborhood.



# vol•un•teer

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agent of change

## **VOLUNTEER FAQS**

Thank you for your interest in volunteering.

Below you will find answers to our most commonly asked questions.

We hope this will give you the information you need — and help you decide to volunteer with us!

## **HOW OLD DO I HAVE TO BE TO VOLUNTEER?**

Volunteers must be at least 12 years of age.

Volunteers under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, teacher or other supervisor.

#### WHAT SHOULD I WEAR WHEN VOLUNTEERING IF VOLUNTEERING WITH US?

You must wear closed-toe shoes. We also recommend dressing in comfortable clothes appropriate to the season.

### WHAT TIME SHOULD I ARRIVE?

Please plan on showing up 10 minutes before your scheduled volunteer event.

#### WHAT IF I NEED TO CANCEL?

If you need to cancel your volunteer commitment, please try to give us a 24 hour notice. Most of our events depend on having a minimum number of volunteers to be successful. If you cannot make it, we may need to find a replacement.

## **CAN I GET MY HOURS DOCUMENTED?**

Volunteer hours can be documented if you need them for your school, confirmation class, etc. Be sure to bring any required Volunteer Hour documents along with you on your volunteer day. Our Volunteer Coordinator will be happy to sign as proof of your time.

#### **HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO STAY?**

Plan on staying for the entire volunteer shift for which you have signed up. To successfully complete our projects, we plan on the assigned volunteers staying the entire time.

## JANUARY 2021: NRTC PLANNING GRANT PROCESS PHASE 2 Calendar of Event

Stakeholder and Community	a. Business owners, 2/9
Engagement Meeting Schedule	b. Property owners, Mid-February via ZOOM
	c. Public officials, 1-1 and focus groups
	d. Steering Committee, Week of 2/12 via ZOOM
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## ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT

GNC Program Director, Victor Tavarez effective 2/1/2021 for P.A.R.T.N.ER.

To ensure the effective transition for the role and responsibility in managing the renewal of the GNC plan, a comprehensive transition has been implemented (see attached).

- GNC Transition Plan
- Mr. Tavarez's resume

Mr. Tavarez has been part of the GNC Steering Committee since 2018 with the area expertise in community engagement, workforce development, and program planning. We are confident in Mr. Tavarez leadership skills to continue the upward momentum and build from the achieved milestones in the Gateway Neighborhood.

## Message from Lisett Lebron

I personally want to thank the P.A.R.T.N.E.R. Board for all the support provided to me. This has been one of the most rewarding experiences and has helped me to achieve meaningful impact in and outside the Gateway Neighborhood for P.A.R.T.N.E.R. I am grateful for the Housing and P.A.R.T.N.E.R. staff, community P.A.R.T.N.E.R.s, and board members.

In my new role, I look to strengthen the relationship of community P.A.R.T.N.E.R.s, like P.A.R.T.N.E.R. and the City of Perth Amboy to achieve a higher purpose and accomplish many more wonderful things within the community. Thank you, Board Chair, Dorothy Carty-Daniel, and board members. I wish you continued success.

# **JANUARY 2021:** PHASED IMPLEMENTATION OF COVID-19 VACCINATION AND PRIORITIZATION WITH PHONE SCRIPT, CALL LOG

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that, when supplies of COVID-19 vaccine are limited, vaccination should be offered in a phased approach.

- Phase 1a includes healthcare personnel and long-term care facility residents.
- Phase 1b includes persons ≥75 years of age and frontline essential workers.
- Phase 1c includes persons 65-74 years of age, persons 16-64 years of age with high-risk medical conditions, and other essential workers.

Reference: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/phased-implementation.html">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/phased-implementation.html</a>

**Event Focus:** The Housing Authority of Perth Amboy (HAPA), the City of Perth Amboy, and the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center (JRMC) are working together to support the CDC phased implementation of COVID-19 vaccination and prioritization among recommended populations by contacting Public Housing and Housing Choice Vouchers recipients to help with the registration of the vaccination with the JRMC. Enclosed is the guided phone script with residents identified in the phases and documentation guidelines set forth in the call note log.

Supporting documents created to assist our residents with the registration for the COVID-19 vaccination at the JRMC. (See attached)

### **Event Details**

- Week of 1/25/2021: Outbound calls with Hansen residents.
- Total registered: 46 (and counting)
- Documents
  - HAPA Memo to Hansen Residents
  - o Guided Phone Script
  - Call Log