

Dear Friend of the Jonnycake Center of Westerly,

Meet Jim, Nancy, and Karen, and learn how the generous community, and support from the Jonnycake Center of Westerly has turned their lives around:

“After being homeless for a few months I was staying at a homeless shelter, no job or car, only the clothes on my back, and without a penny to my name. I applied and was accepted into the Westerly Regional Real Jobs program at The Jonnycake Center of Westerly that provides paid training in Digital and Computer Literacy. As a result of the training, the program administrator, Elizabeth, found me a great job that not only provided me with a steady income, but also included a place to live. I also was able to afford to purchase a car. Because of the wonderful Thrift Store at the Jonnycake center, I now have both a full closet and overflowing dresser of great clothes I purchased there, many for one dollar apiece.



My sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Jonnycake Center and to Elizabeth. I will never forget what you did for me. I have my life back. After all that the Jonnycake Center has done for me, I am fortunate to have the opportunity to give back by volunteering. And what better way than to use my knowledge of computers to prepare the class laptops for the incoming participants of the Real Jobs training sessions” - Jim

“I came to Jonnycake Center after separating from my husband and waiting for child support to come through. Jonnycake helped me get through a very difficult time in my life with their food pantry, Summer SPLASH (Summer Program Looking to Alleviate Student Hunger), and Adopt-a-Family programs. Their staff were always supportive, and made sure that I was aware of all of the wonderful services that could help me. They connected me to free legal advice, and even were able to help me with an electric bill to keep my lights on. I am forever grateful for what they have done for me. They made an otherwise very hard situation much easier.” - Nancy

“Last year, I moved to a new apartment in Westerly. I came here for a new job but I did not have enough saved for a security deposit. A friend told me about the Jonnycake Center, and I am so glad that they did! Not only did Jonnycake help me with my security deposit, but they provided me with furniture and household items to furnish my new home as well. They truly set me up to succeed in my new home and new job. I am also thankful for the food pantry; I sometimes have to choose between paying my bills and whether I want to eat this week. I continue to use the food pantry when I need it, and love being able to shop for items that meet my special diet. Thank you, Jonnycake!” - Karen

Together we are transforming lives and building brighter futures - but without you it just wouldn't be possible. Your charitable donation will allow us to continue serving those most in need within our community. This year our goal is \$130,000. We ask that you support our Fall Appeal by donating today. **Every donation will stay local, and will go directly to supporting our existing programs and services. Thank you for your gift!**

With gratitude,

Bambi Poppick
Development Director,
Jonnycake Center of Westerly