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**Jonnycake Center of Westerly Announces 2020 No-Cost Drive-Through Farmer's Market**

**Westerly, RI – The Jonnycake Center of Westerly** has announced that it will host a **free weekly on-site drive-through Farmer's Market** starting **Wednesday, July 29, 2020**, beginning at **9:00am** and lasting to **11:30am**, or until supplies are gone. The Farmer's Market will be located within the Center's rear parking lot at **23 Industrial Drive in Westerly**, and will offer a complimentary **pre-prepared bag of fresh fruits and vegetables per household** (per visit) **via in-car pickup**.

Clients and neighbors in need of fresh produce can drive to the Jonnycake Center of Westerly's rear parking lot every Wednesday between 9:00am and 11:30am, **until the end of September 2020**, to receive a free bag of locally-grown produce. Jonnycake staff will be present to load the bags directly into clients' and visitors' vehicles, with drivers and passengers welcome to stay inside their cars for a contact-free pickup.

Produce inside the bags is locally sourced from the southern Rhode Island area. Most of the bags' fresh fruit and vegetables are grown at the Community Garden in Charlestown, Rhode Island, which is managed by the Jonnycake Center of Westerly under a new agreement in 2020. Additional produce is provided by the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, as well as other Westerly-area growers and donors.

"We are very happy to offer our Farmer's Market to the community once again this year," said **Sarah Shaw**, Jonnycake Center of Westerly Food Pantry Manager. "Many of our neighbors depend on access to free produce from our Farmer's Market every summer. With the circumstances of COVID-19 having made our organization rethink all aspects of how we operate, we saw an opportunity to reinvent the Farmer's Market to continue providing the essential nutrition that our clients and visitors rely on. The pre-prepared bags offer a great variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, and the process of receiving them is quick and easy – just drive to our rear parking lot, let us load a bag of fruits and vegetables into your car, and you can be on your way. We look forward to offering our drive-through Farmer's Market every Wednesday morning from now through September."

The Jonnycake Center of Westerly's drive-through Farmer's Market is open to the general public. To sign up for the Center's Food Pantry or Social Services as a client, please email Sarah Cote, Social Services Program Director, at [scote@jonnycake.org](mailto:scote@jonnycake.org) or call (401) 377-8069 and select option 1.

Clients without access to a vehicle can contact the Food Pantry directly to receive assistance. Please email Sarah Shaw at [sshaw@jonnycake.org](mailto:sshaw@jonnycake.org) or call (401) 377-8069, ext. 112.

Non-profit service providers can have their promotional resource materials included with the Farmer's Market bags. Contact the Pantry for details.

To donate fresh produce, food, or ingredients to the Food Pantry, please email [FoodDonations@jonnycake.org](mailto:FoodDonations@jonnycake.org). All donations must be made by email appointment only – unscheduled donations cannot be accepted at this time.

To learn about the Jonnycake Center of Westerly's Thrift Store, hours, and shopping policies, please visit [jonnycake.org](http://jonnycake.org). Thrift donations are accepted via appointment only at [ThriftDonations@jonnycake.org](mailto:ThriftDonations@jonnycake.org).

**About The Jonnycake Center of Westerly**

The Jonnycake Center of Westerly's mission is to provide a continuum of services in cooperation with other agencies in our service area to assist people through crisis situations and work with each individual to find a path out of dependency toward self-sufficiency. For more information, visit [jonnycake.org](http://jonnycake.org), become a fan on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/jonnycakecenter), follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/jonnycakecenter) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/jonnycakecenter), or call (401) 377-8069.

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