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Jonnycake Center of Westerly Announces Expanded Thrift Store Hours, New Donation Policies, SPLASH Meals for Underserved Children, Social Services Office Hours

Westerly, RI – The Jonnycake Center of Westerly has announced updated hours and policies for its popular Thrift Store, on-site Food Pantry, and Social Services office. All procedures have been implemented out of an abundance of caution to protect the non-profit organization from the risks of COVID-19 and other illnesses, and to serve the community to the greatest extent possible.

Thrift Store Shopping Hours and Policies

The Jonnycake Center of Westerly's Thrift Store is open to the public five days per week: Tuesdays (Senior Shopping from 9am to 11am, General Public Shopping from 11am to 4pm), Wednesdays (12pm to 4pm), Thursdays (9am to 4pm), Fridays (12pm to 4pm), and Saturdays (9am to 4pm). The last Store entry is at 3:30pm daily. Shoppers are required to wear a face mask to enter the Store with zero exceptions. The Store's shopper capacity is currently limited to twenty shoppers, and if the Store is full, arriving shoppers will be asked to wait in line outside the Store entrance. For more shopping policies, please visit jonnycake.org.

Thrift Store Donations

The Jonnycake Center of Westerly relies on the generosity of the local community to donate the treasures that are sold in its Thrift Store. Donations are encouraged by pre-scheduled appointment, but unscheduled donation drop-offs ("dumping") are not allowed. To schedule a donation appointment, please email ThriftDonations@jonnycake.org. Furniture is especially sought by the Center, with limited pickup appointments available via the Jonnycake delivery truck. Please inquire for details.

Food Pantry Donations

After a temporary suspension, the Jonnycake Center of Westerly's Food Pantry is accepting food donations by pre-scheduled appointment only. Unscheduled and/or unapproved food drop-offs will not be allowed. Please email FoodDonations@jonnycake.org to schedule an appointment.

Food Pantry Offering SPLASH Meals for Children

The Jonnycake Center of Westerly's Food Pantry is providing weekly SPLASH (Summer Program Looking to Alleviate Student Hunger) meal kits for local school-age children in need, with each kit containing a week's worth of healthy breakfasts and lunches. This program is intended to provide summer and holiday food coverage for kids who ordinarily depend on meals from school. To learn more and sign up, please email Sarah Cote, Social Services Program Director, at scote@jonnycake.org or call Jonnycake Social Services at (401) 377-8069 and select option 1.

Social Services Offering Limited On-Site Office Hours

Although the majority of Social Services provided by the Jonnycake Center are now offered by telephone and online services, the Social Services office will now meet with clients on-site at 23 Industrial Drive in Westerly for some services, including Summer SPLASH registration. Due to public health concerns, the number of clients allowed in the office at one time is temporarily limited, and necessary safety precautions and policies have been put in place. Please contact the Jonnycake Social Services office to learn more. Hours for both Social Services and the Food Pantry are Mondays: 12pm to 3pm; and Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9am to 12pm.

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, become a fan on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/jonnycake.org), follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/jonnycake.org) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/jonnycake.org), or call (401) 377-8069.

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