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Jonnycake Center of Westerly Announces Increased Thrift Store Hours, More Donation Opportunities

Westerly, RI – The Jonnycake Center of Westerly announced that it has increased the hours of operation for its highly popular Thrift Store, and increased opportunities are now available for the public to donate household goods, clothing, accessories, and furniture to the non-profit organization.

The Jonnycake Center of Westerly’s Thrift Store is now open:

- Tuesdays: 11am to 4pm (Senior shopping hours: 9am to 11am)
- Wednesdays: 9am to 4pm
- Thursdays: 9am to 6pm
- Fridays: 9am to 4pm
- Saturdays: 9am to 4pm
- Sundays and Mondays: closed

The last store entry will be given at 3:30pm daily except Thursdays. Thursday last entry is at 5:30pm. Face masks and touchless forehead temperature checks are required for all persons to gain entry to the building. No exceptions can be made for this policy. Shoppers and clients who are unable to wear a face mask can contact the Center directly to receive alternate means of assistance.

The Thrift Store invites the community to donate household goods, accessories, furniture, electronics, artwork, kids’ activities, and vintage collectibles, as these items can be sold to help the Jonnycake Center of Westerly to secure funding for its on-site Food Pantry and Social Services office.

Donations of these items must be pre-arranged in advance via the Center’s donation scheduling system. Please email ThriftDonations@jonnycake.org to schedule a donation appointment. Good-condition furniture is especially needed (no mattresses, box springs, items made with particle board, or torn/broken items, please). Previously set with 20-minute donation appointment timeslots, the Thrift Store now offers 15-minute timeslots in an effort to make the donation process more accessible to the general public.

For donors with clothing and/or shoes only to donate, the Jonnycake Center of Westerly now provides “Drive ‘N Drop” clothing donation hours on Wednesdays and Fridays between 1:30pm and 3:00pm. During these hours, bins will be provided in the Center’s rear parking lot (at 23 Industrial Drive in Westerly) for donors to make a fast dropoff of clothes or shoes. Only clothes or shoes can be accepted during these times without an appointment. All other items must be donated via pre-scheduled appointment with ThriftDonations@jonnycake.org.

Items left at the Jonnycake Center of Westerly without an appointment, and outside of “Drive ‘N Drop” open donation hours for clothing and shoes, are considered “dumped” and constitute an unnecessary health hazard for Jonnycake staff. Dumping on Jonnycake entryways is never allowed and dumpers will be prosecuted. Please follow all posted signage on Jonnycake property regarding the temporary donation procedure.

The Jonnycake Center of Westerly’s Food Pantry welcomes food donations from the public. All food donations must be made in advance by emailing FoodDonations@jonnycake.org. Non-perishables and fresh produce are especially sought. Find more donation requests, policies, and ways you can help by visiting 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, become a fan on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/jonnycake), follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/jonnycake) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/jonnycake), or call (401) 377-8069.

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