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**Jonnycake Center of Westerly Receives \$5,000 from Anonymous Donor**

**Westerly, RI – The Jonnycake Center of Westerly** announced it has received a **\$5,000 donation** from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. The funding will be used to assist the Center’s mission of providing **emergency food and financial support for local residents facing crisis.**

The Jonnycake Center of Westerly is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that provides a continuum of services designed to lift individuals in need out of crisis and lead them toward a path of self-sufficiency. The Center’s primary services include its **Food Pantry**, which provided over 214,000 meals to the community in 2018-19; **Social Services**, which distributed over \$116,000 in emergency financial assistance in the last year; **Educational Initiatives**, including training for underemployed adults; **Volunteer Opportunities** that welcome people of all ages and abilities; a **Community Garden** which provides healthy and sustainably-farmed fresh produce for its own Food Pantry and pantries of peer agencies; and a public-facing **Thrift Store**, which provides approximately 50% of the funding necessary for the Center to stay operational.

The recent \$5,000 donation will help the Jonnycake Center of Westerly’s Food Pantry continue to provide free food ingredients and meals for Westerly-area individuals and families in need. The grant also helps make it possible for the Jonnycake Social Services department to provide critical assistance with rent and mortgages, medical bills, utilities, pet food, and vouchers for household essentials from the organization’s on-site Thrift Store.

“We are incredibly grateful for this encouraging donation from the community,” said **Lee Eastbourne**, Jonnycake Center of Westerly Executive Director. “With an increasing number of friends, neighbors, and loved ones losing jobs or living with diminished incomes, the need for help in Rhode Island is very apparent. Thanks to the generosity of those who support us, we can continue our mission of providing food and emergency financial assistance for those who are struggling. This donation makes a true difference in our ability to serve.”

To learn more about the Jonnycake Center of Westerly, visit [jonnycake.org](http://jonnycake.org) or call (401) 377-8069. To make a financial contribution in support of the Center’s Food Pantry and Social Services, please visit [jonnycake.org/donate-2](http://jonnycake.org/donate-2) or call (401) 315-4584.

**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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