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**Jonnycake Center of Westerly Celebrates Selection as Westerly Stop & Shop's
Community Bag Program Recipient**

*Visit the Westerly, RI Stop & Shop through July 2021 to purchase a reusable Community Bag
and support Jonnycake*

Westerly, RI – The Jonnycake Center of Westerly has announced that it is the **July 2021 beneficiary** of the Westerly, RI **Stop & Shop's Community Bag Program**. For every \$2.50 reusable Community Bag that is purchased from the Westerly Stop & Shop (149 Franklin Street in Westerly) through July 31, the Jonnycake Center of Westerly's Food Pantry will receive \$1 as a donation. This program marks a convenient way for shoppers to reduce their plastic use while supporting a local non-profit.

Every month at the Westerly Stop & Shop, a different local non-profit is selected to benefit from the sale of these special reusable Community Bags. The Jonnycake Center of Westerly was selected as the July 2021 beneficiary by local store leadership, complementing the Center's previous selection as the beneficiary in April 2021.

"With many of our clients continuing to struggle, it is vital that we work together to support them any way we can," said **Bambi Poppick**, Jonnycake Center of Westerly Development Director. "Thanks to Stop & Shop's Community Bag program, store visitors can make supporting our Food Pantry as part of their shopping routine. The Jonnycake Food Pantry can purchase 10 pounds of food for every dollar it receives, making this program an easy, affordable way to give back. We also applaud the program's commitment to reducing single-use plastic in Westerly."

The Jonnycake Center of Westerly is a 501(c)(3) non-profit based in Westerly. The Center's primary services include its **Food Pantry**, which provided over 233,000 meals to the community in 2019-20; **Social Services**, which distributed over \$111,000 in emergency financial assistance to nearly 3,000 local residents in the last year; **Holiday Gifts and Meals**, which served over 1,500 struggling residents and children in 2020; a seasonal **Community Garden**, which provides sustainably-farmed fresh produce for its own Food Pantry and pantries of peer agencies; a seasonal **No-Cost Farmer's Market** providing nutrition for neighbors in need; **Volunteer Opportunities** that welcome people of all ages and abilities; and a public-facing 7,000 square-foot **Thrift Store**, open to the public 7 days per week, which provides approximately 50% of the funding necessary for the Center to stay operational. Learn more at jonnycake.org.

To make a financial donation towards the Center's Food Pantry or Social Services office, visit jonnycake.org/donate-2 or call (401) 377-8069. Every dollar makes a positive impact.

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](#), follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), or call (401) 377-8069.

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