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Calabrese Club, Westerly Lions, and Westerly Rotary to Host Take-Out Pasta Dinner Fundraiser
Benefitting the Jonnycake Center of Westerly

To-Go Meals to be Offered in Westerly on Monday, November 15

Westerly, RI – The Jonnycake Center of Westerly has announced that its Social Services office will be the beneficiary of a **take-out Pasta Dinner Fundraiser on Monday, November 15 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Calabrese Club** (28 Pleasant Street in Westerly). Dinner tickets are **\$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for children**. Tickets can be purchased in advance from the Jonnycake Center of Westerly Thrift Store or from Westerly Lions Club and Rotary Club of Westerly members. Tickets will also be available at the Calabrese Club during the event. **Traditional and gluten-free pasta options will be offered.**

This take-out fundraising event is an annual joint initiative from the Westerly Lions Club and the Rotary Club of Westerly. Proceeds support the Jonnycake Center of Westerly’s Fuel Fund, which provides emergency heating assistance for vulnerable Westerly-area residents during the winter.

“All of us at the Center are incredibly grateful to the Westerly Lions Club, the Westerly Rotarians, and the Calabrese Club for once again hosting this fundraiser,” said **Lee Eastbourne**, Executive Director. “For those already struggling to make ends meet, even before the arrival of winter, the impact of this fundraiser can be instrumental in offsetting heating costs. The Take-Out Pasta Dinner Fundraiser is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal while supporting community members in need.”

To register as a client who can benefit from access to emergency financial assistance and food supplies from the Jonnycake Center of Westerly, email SocialServices@jonnycake.org, call (401) 377-8069 and select Option 1, or visit the Social Services office during its operating hours.

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.

The Jonnycake Center of Westerly is a 501(c)(3) non-profit based in Westerly, RI. The Center’s primary services include its **Food Pantry**, which provided over 221,000 meals to the community in 2020-21; **Social Services**, which distributed over \$107,000 in emergency financial assistance to over 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 **Giving 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.

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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