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**Jonnycake Center of Westerly Announces Additional Service Hours on Saturdays for Clients**  
*Six days-per-week service restored starting January 8, 2022*

**Westerly, RI – The Jonnycake Center of Westerly** announced that it is **restoring service hours on Saturdays** for clients of its Food Pantry and Social Services office. **Starting Saturday, January 8, 2022, clients will be welcome from 9am to 12pm on Saturday mornings** in addition to service hours on Mondays through Fridays.

With the additional hours, the Jonnycake Center of Westerly's Food Pantry and Social Services office are open:

- Mondays: 12pm to 3pm
- Tuesdays: 9am to 12pm
- Wednesdays: 9am to 12pm
- Thursdays: 9am to 12pm and 3pm to 6pm
- Fridays: 9am to 12pm
- Saturdays: 9am to 12pm
- Sundays: closed

Face masks and social distancing are still required for all clients. For the latest policies, please email [SocialServices@jonnycake.org](mailto:SocialServices@jonnycake.org), visit [jonnycake.org](http://jonnycake.org), or stop in at 23 Industrial Drive in Westerly during operating hours.

"We are delighted to restore client service hours to six days per week for the first time since before the pandemic," said **Maggie Pinto**, Social Services Program Manager. "While we have incrementally increased our weekday service hours since mid-2020, the addition of Saturday hours will allow us to reach even more clients and families who could benefit from access to our array of services. We hope that the added hours offer more convenience and flexibility for those served, or could be served, by our organization."

The Jonnycake Center of Westerly's Social Services office provides **emergency financial assistance** to qualified residents in crisis situations who need support with rent and mortgages, heating and utilities, medical bills, and other critical expenses. During fiscal year 2020-2021, the Social Services office distributed **over \$107,000 to more than 304 client households**.

The Food Pantry provides **food supplies, children's meals, essential nutrition, pet food, and other supplies** to clients and families, offering the equivalent of 221,600 meals in the last fiscal year. Special programs are offered year-round by the Social Services office and Food Pantry. New clients are always welcome. To learn more and sign up, contact the Social Services office at the info above.

Other programs from the Jonnycake Center of Westerly include **Holiday Gifts and Meals**, which served over 1,400 residents and children in 2021; 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 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](http://jonnycake.org).

To make a financial donation towards the Center's Food Pantry or Social Services office, visit [jonnycake.org/donate-2](http://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](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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