



## THE HAPPENINGS

Summer 2021

### New Initiatives:

**Singular Acts of Kindness:** This program is designed to help individuals and families who are not formally associated with The Lend A Hand Project, but who require specific support to help them through an immediate crisis. We have provided an individual with a critically needed portable oxygen device and have supplied household goods for two families transitioning from a shelter to independent living. As quoted by one of our donors – "A place to live is not the solution of all problems, but it is a start. We want to be part of their start". We intend to expand this initiative to assist many others who are often "below the radar" of traditional funding and assistance.



**Nursing/Veteran's Home Residence:** In addition to our program that includes monthly stipends for personal needs, this year we were able to provide cell phones and tablets to enable individuals to connect with families and friends during their yearlong period of COVID separation.



**Mother's Day Program:** This was the inaugural year of the Sally Rabine Memorial Mother's Day Program. Sixty-five mothers received a gift card and a personalized message letting them know how appreciated they are for all that they do.

**Holocaust Survivor Support:** The Lend A Hand Project is working with 39 Holocaust Survivors living on Long Island with visits, telephone calls, birthday and holiday gifts, as well as services such as access to COVID vaccinations. Our purpose is to provide additional funds, friendship, and connection. The impact of this program has been mutually beneficial to both volunteers and Survivors.

**SYJCC/MIYJCC:** We have created a synergistic connection with two community centers on Long Island. Now our families can avail themselves of the resources of their Food Pantry and Community Sharing Table.



### Program Updates

**Emergency Distributions:** Thanks to the generosity of the Safran family and their network The Lend A Hand Project was able to provide emergency assistance to six beneficiary families that were in urgent need of financial support.



**Senior Dreams Program:** Gift cards were provided to 60 senior citizens in our program through the generosity of Ellen and Roger Acosta. As they have stated, "Our core values of charitable giving to our neighbors in need gives our lives meaning and influences all our decisions...Giving generously to others is fulfilling to both the giver and receiver." Lorraine, one of the seniors who received a gift card said: "The gift card was an unexpected surprise and made my day. I splurged and bought pineapple and lox, what an indulgence." Sol, age 94, cared for by his daughter wrote "we shared a pastrami sandwich and matzo ball soup. A special memory that tasted like love."

**College and High School Graduate Recognition:** In celebration and recognition of their achievement, the Acosta's donated a gift card and chocolate bar to each high school and college graduate in our Lend A Hand Project family. Jacqueline wrote "Thank you LAHP, I was able to buy a desk lamp which will help me study. Thank you for "brightening" my day (pun intended.)" We are grateful for these two meaningful programs.



### Community Service Projects:

**Toothpaste/Toothbrush Charity Drive:** Sahil, a fourth grader, organized a charity drive and provided hundreds of tooth brushes and tooth paste which were distributed to individuals and families in our programs. Thank you for recognizing the importance of helping others, at such an early age!



**Face Book Fundraiser:** Lily, a seventh grader, created a Facebook fundraiser in recognition of her birthday, dedicated to The Lend A Hand Project.

**Internship Program:** Thank you to our gifted intern, Joshua Jones, for his contributions over the past year and congratulations to him on his acceptance to the University of Rochester. His input has been invaluable and he will continue as an employee through the summer.



### Events:

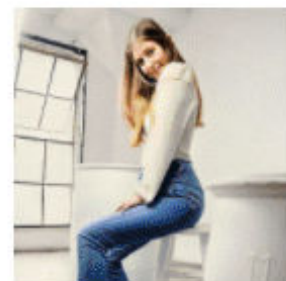


**Bingo:** On January 28 we hosted a "virtual bingo experience" Thank you for all those who participated in our Zoom fundraiser.

**Leading with Love:** In celebration of Valentine's Day, Paige Patterson, an accomplished singer, accompanied by her trio, entertained us with a wonderful cabaret Zoom experience.



**Good Vibes Virtual Music Festival:** On May 2nd, we were entertained by eight separate musical performances. We thank Murray Radzanower and Brett Topel for their time, expertise, and creativity in organizing and producing the virtual concert. The evening featured Broadway stars Adam Pascal and Katharine Heaton, Diana Romano, The 1984 Band, The Penny Lane Beatles Tribute Band, Bon Journey NY, Paige Patterson, and Annie Schindel. Thank you all!



### Upcoming Events:



**Radio Show:** Please tune in! The Lend A Hand Project has been invited as a guest speaker on Nonprofit Voice Radio, which will be broadcast on 103.9FM on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunset Concerts in Harborfront Park:** Paige Patterson, presented by the Greater Port Jefferson Arts Council and PJ Village Dept. of Parks and Recreation, will be performing in honor of The Lend A Hand Project, on Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at 101 East Broadway in Port Jefferson. Please put this on your calendar and join us!

