

TOWN OF NEW CANAAN

PRESS RELEASE

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As the novel coronavirus situation unfolds, New Canaan Human Services is grateful for those individuals seeking opportunities to volunteer. At this time, following the guidance of our local and state health officials and given the unique nature of this event, the best way for our community members to help is to make sure they limit public interaction and exposure, as well as, to sign up online to receive emergency outcall updates from the Town. Please go to https://www.newcanaan.info/alert_detail.php to register. As this crisis evolves over the next few weeks we may need to rely on volunteers to help execute an efficient and effective community response. If you would like to be included in that effort please contact Human Services at 203-594-3076 or enza.albano@newcanaanct.gov as we are in the process of assembling a volunteer list.

Also, if you are concerned for a friend, neighbor, or family member please contact our department so we may offer assistance to this person(s). GetAbout Senior Transportation, Lapham Center, Meals on Wheels, Men's Club of New Canaan, New Canaan Public Schools, Places of Worship, Staying Put and other entities are working with the Town to provide necessary services and communication outreach to ensure the safety and well-being of New Canaan residents, in particular, our seniors and vulnerable population. Food delivery will be provided along with other necessary requests. With respect to the New Canaan Food Pantry, we will maintain regular food distribution dates/hours with a new drive-thru protocol being implemented next week. Person to Person in Darien continues to provide for our resident's requesting food. As the situation evolves, we remain committed to the needs of the community and how we can help. Those families and individuals already utilizing our programs and services will continue to receive them. Human Services urges any resident to call our main number at 203-594-3076 if you would like to speak with a case worker.

We are truly inspired by the kindness, generosity, and selflessness residents have displayed. Thank you for making New Canaan such a strong and cohesive community. With everyone's help, we will get through this unprecedented pandemic.

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