

“Act as if what you do makes a difference...It does!”

-William James



VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer 2021

“Spring Refresh”



“Refresh!” Have you ever clicked the refresh button on your computer screen? It may take a minute, but all of the email messages you missed will pop up and all of the previously blank information on pages will populate. With the sunny days of spring ahead of us and the cloudy days of the COVID 19 Pandemic nearly behind us, let’s refresh the pages in our lives. It may take a minute, but everything that was paused will pop up and all of those areas that were once empty will now populate; they will populate with people, energy, time, service and resources. As our state and country re-open, let’s refresh ourselves and help refresh the lives of others.

Nyhisha T. Gibbs, Manager of Volunteers

Volunteer Recognition Reception

**Above & Beyond:
Working Together,
While Staying Apart!**



Our annual Volunteer Recognition Reception was held on May 27, 2021, outdoors on the lawn in between our Urban Farm and our Lunch Box. On this beautiful, picturesque

day, we recognized over 70 volunteers for their dedication and commitment to Dutchess Outreach. We understand the value of each of our volunteers; the heart of our programs and services. Beverly Banta (pictured



above) received our Mary Keeley Award. Max Plati (pictured center left) received one of the Outstanding Youth Awards. Assembly Member Jonathan G. Jacobson (pictured above right) attended our Recognition and presented our volunteers with a certificate, thanking them for their service.



May 27, 2021
Dutchess Outreach Volunteer Recognition

Grateful to our Lunch Box volunteers

We are incredibly, grateful to several volunteers, youth groups and many restaurants for their generosity and/or support in our **Lunch Box**.

Thank you to Central Hudson!



We are extremely thankful to Central Hudson Gas and Electric for donating 1200 reusable bags to Dutchess Outreach! The bags contain both the Central Hudson logo and Dutchess Outreach logos! The bags are used to pack food for those who visit our Food Pantry and our Farm Stand. What an incredible collaboration!

thank you!



Note from our Executive Director

Ten thousand people (including three thousand children) have received nutritious food this year thanks to our volunteers who have given so selflessly, and courageously, throughout these perilous times. For every employee at Dutchess Outreach, there are more than 40 volunteers packing grocery bags, unloading trucks, delivering food, cooking meals, distributing clothing, and offering compassion to others. We cannot thank you enough for what you do, but please know that it all matters in immeasurable ways. With heartfelt gratitude, **Renee S. Fillette**

Spring Refreshers...

Farm Stand

Pick Up a Bag of Produce for FREE!
EVERY 3rd FRIDAY
12:30-3:30 PM
May 21 • Jun 18 • Jul 16 • Aug 20 • Sept 17 • Oct 15

Walk up and drive through main parking lot of the **Family Partnership Center**
29 North Hamilton St. Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dutchess Outreach in collaboration with the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, is giving away free produce: vegetables and fruit. Bring Your Own Bag, please!

Our **Farm Stand** is open every 3rd Friday of each month! It is held at 29 N. Hamilton Street, in the parking lot, near the mural. We are thankful to all of our volunteers who assist us! You all are incredible!



Children's Clothes Closet



Children's Clothing Closet

Free new and gently used clothing for children of all sizes and genders

Tuesdays

10 am - 12 pm

Family Partnership Center
29 North Hamilton St., L32
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

OPEN EVERY TUESDAY



Our **Children's Clothes Closet** is open EVERY Tuesday from 10 AM - 12 PM. All items are FREE! Identification is required to verify the number of children in your household!

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Food Pantry



Our **Food Pantry** is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 AM - 11 AM. We are closed on Wednesdays!

A Million Little Food Drives

Thank you to Debbie St. Onge, longtime supporter and Dutchess Outreach volunteer, who created "A Million Little Food Drives". Community Members and Youth Groups are encouraged now and throughout the year to host a food and/or personal hygiene drive to benefit Dutchess Outreach. To coordinate your Drive, text Debbie at 914.262.2814. Please visit our website Dutchessoutreach.org for our Donation Policy and for a list of items needed.

Mobile Market



Our **Mobile Market** is open until the end of October 2021! Please visit us at 29 N. Hamilton Street; every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM! All are welcome!

Thank You Again!

Special thank you to our courageous volunteers who, amid this crisis, remained committed to us since early March 2020.