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Volunteers collect donations at the King Kullen Supermarket in Northport



Legislator "Doc" Spencer and Legislative Intern Alyson Baker deliver food to the Ecumenical Lay Council.

Community Helps Restock Local Pantries During their Most Stressed Season

Centerport, NY - June through September is a challenging time of year for food pantries as donations typically decline during these months and family need increases when school lets out. Legislator Spencer's 2nd Annual Summer Food Drive hosted on August 4th and 5th helped to restock the shelves of the Ecumenical Lay Council of Northport/East Northport, St. Hugh of Lincoln Parish Outreach, and the Little Shelter Animal Rescue and Adoption Center.

"When school is out of session it is an especially hard time for families who depend on school breakfast and lunch programs to supplement their needs" said Suffolk County Legislator William R. Spencer, M.D. "Local food pantries do an amazing job of helping to bridge this gap, but they need community support to make it happen. The success of this year's drive is a reflection of the generosity of the people who live in this district; these donations will go a long way in helping those in need this summer."

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Thanks to all the people in the community who donated, King Kullen in Northport and Waldbaums in Huntington for allowing volunteers to table outside their markets, and the interns who helped to coordinate this two-day event, we collected 549 units of non-perishable human and pet food!

“The local food drives, fundraisers and vegetables received from community gardens during the summer months are extremely welcomed by the residents that rely on the Northport-East Northport Food Pantry for essential food items. Once school is in session, the food drives and fundraisers are more frequent allowing us to better maintain food items” said Donna Galluccio, ELC Food Pantry Chairperson.

If you missed the drive but want to help out, you can always drop off donations directly to these organizations. Hours may vary day to day; please call to make sure that someone will be available.

The Ecumenical Lay Council of Northport/East Northport

330 Main St, Northport, NY 11768

(631) 261-4357

St. Hugh of Lincoln Parish Outreach

21 E 9th St, Huntington Station, NY 11746

(631) 271-8986

The Little Shelter Animal Rescue and Adoption Center

33 Warner Rd, Huntington, NY 11743

(631) 368-8770

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