



JUNE 2026 VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Hello and thank you for offering to volunteer your time with the Webster Community Chest. Here is our June 2026 Volunteer Newsletter. It is filled with current information regarding our volunteer opportunities. If you have any questions or would like to discuss WCC volunteer opportunities further, please email WCC Volunteer Coordinator Carol Lowe at communitychestvolunteers@gmail.com and she will respond in a timely manner.

Meal Distribution Report (submitted by Tracy Dennis)

Thank you to our May Meal Center OUTSIDE & DELIVERY volunteers: Fred, Bob H., Judith, Pam M, Linda V., Bill C., Heather, Alicia, Carol, Rick, Ellen & Russ.

May Meal Center Distribution Summary: 123 families were fed. Meal bags included 4 meals, a box of cereal, and an Arm and Hammer 3-in-1 shampoo/ conditioner/body wash (thanks to a grant from Cornell Cooperative Extension). 13 lucky clients received beautiful bouquets of flowers and families with children received kid goody bags. All clients were given a flyer regarding new SNAP changes (copies donated by Weekend Printer).

Meal Center 2026 Monthly Distributions (all Thursdays, 3:30-5:00): 6/25, 7/30, 8/27, 9/24, 10/29, 11/19, 12/17

Future Holiday/ Seasonal Distributions: Summer Event: 7/14 4-5:30pm,
Thanksgiving Event: no date yet

If you are not a scheduled regular OUTSIDE/DELIVERY volunteer and you are interested in observing one of our Meal Center Distributions, please contact Tracy at webcommchest@gmail.com or 585-671-2060.

Meal Center – May Impact (Submitted by Bonnie Reynolds)

180 meal bags were packed in April. We are grateful for our volunteers: Linda, Denise, Lynn, Cheryl, Jane, Delia, Judith, Ellen & Russ, Trish (bagging), Charlie (5 Saturday deliveries), Lynn, Marylynne (pickup at Webster Public Library), Marylynne, Bob H., Charlie, and Trish (pickup at Wegmans), and the Spry Builders Club (group volunteers).

If you would like to be involved in our monthly bagging event, June 19 at 11am, please reach out to Trish at (585) 704-3936. Thank you for your commitment to our mission!

With summer imminent, these are our specific needs:

- A canned goods drive and/or donate food listed on our website: webcommchest.org
- School's Out for Summer food need: Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, granola bars and shelf-stable food as listed on our website webcommchest.org

Our current Drop-off locations: Webster Community Library and Bernardi & Co. (40 Barrett Drive)

We are accepting brown grocery bags, suggestions of future shelf-stable food drop-off sites, and hosts for Fill-the-Van events. Can you help Webster neighbors by partnering with us?

Great things achieved through WCC Volunteers (submitted by Bob Fenton)

How did the Food Insecurity Team raise \$15,500? Through our volunteers, of course! A request for grant writing expertise was included in the February newsletter. As a result, one of our volunteers mentioned it to her daughter, who is a professional grant writer. She agreed to help and provided us with a list of potential grant sources and reviewed the grant applications we drafted.

Her list, coupled with those received from the RIT School of Health and Nutrition, proved very productive. Excellus BCBS, Community Bank, and Canandaigua National Bank all provided us awards! As a result, we will be able to continue to meet the surge in demand for food through the Meal Center. April year-to-date meals were 2.6 times that of 2025. Thank you for all you do!

Thank you for your continued support of the Webster Community Chest and our community.

Your Friends at the Webster Community Chest

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