
Hello, Sunshine! Here's What's New...

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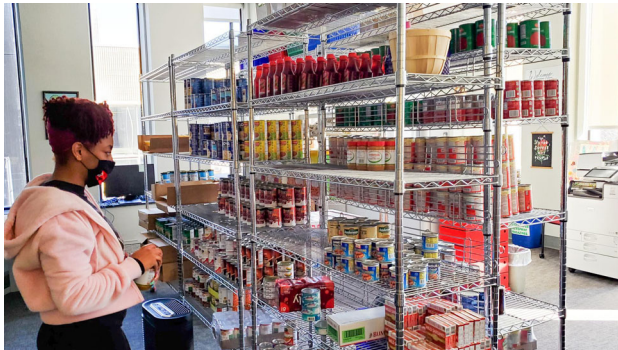


Welcome pantryRUN!



MEND is proud to announce its newest member pantry: pantryRUN, a student-run food pantry serving college students and staff at Rutgers University in Newark.

Typically, the pantry serves approximately 300 people each week (although greater numbers are expected this fall). PantryRUN provides a combination of fresh food and nonperishables, as well as snacks and personal care products.



During the summer, the pantry is open on Monday and Wednesdays. When school resumes, the pantry will be open Mondays through Saturdays.

With this addition, the MEND network now strengthens and supports 22 food pantries located throughout Essex County.

MOTM Update: Sanitas + Amazon



"WOW, IT TASTES SO FRESH, IT'S LIKE FROM THE FARM TO OUR MOUTHS, TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM BUYING IN THE SUPERMARKET!"

Sanitas Patient - MEND on the Move

The MEND on the Move pilot is well underway, and is designed to extend food access to those who cannot regularly visit food pantries.

The newest partner to launch within this program is [Sanitas Medical Center](#) in Belleville. Sanitas has identified and enrolled 25 diabetic and pre-diabetic patients in the program with the goal of improving their health by removing barriers to access to healthy food.



Each patient receives a supply of fresh food from MEND, determined in consultation with Sanitas' dietician, and packed by volunteers. Through a partnership with Amazon in the Community, Amazon Flex drivers deliver the fresh food packages to each person's home once a week. Once a month, the patients also attend nutrition programming sessions on-site at Sanitas.

Volunteer With MEND!

MEND Swag Pre-Sale!



Show off your MEND spirit by donning some new MEND swag!

T-shirts are available now through August 15th for \$20 (after August 15th, the price increases to \$25). Adult T-shirts are dark green and sport the Sweet Pea van design on the back, while children's T-shirts are yellow and feature the Green Bean bus on the back.

Reusable grocery bags are also available for \$5.

Reserve Your MEND Swag!

10 Days Slays!



10 Days of 10Ks Photos

Team Green Bean did not mess around!

Over 240 people participated by running or walking in the 4th Annual 10 Days of 10Ks event, hosted by the [SOMA Fox Running Club](#). This year, thanks to the generosity of participants and supporters, as well as an anonymous matching gift of \$25,000, the event raised over \$52,000!

Jessica Lituchy, the event founder, said, *"It's astonishing to me how the most amazing community of people turned out to help others. People pushed themselves outside their comfort zones, they changed their plans, they made new friends, and some even participated far away and alone just to support the cause! I am absolutely astounded, touched, and in awe of the amazing love and generosity that Team Green Bean has shown. The hosts, the sponsors, the volunteers, the donors - every single person was essential to the success and the joy of this event!"*

"Stuff the Bean" at Kings



Save the date! The Green Bean bus will be onsite at [Kings Food Markets](#) in Short Hills on Friday, August 20th, for customers to "Stuff the Bean" with the top items requested by MEND pantries.

Typically, MEND collects 3 or 4 items that are needed and difficult for the pantries to source regularly. These items change each month, so be on the lookout for food drive volunteers who will have suggested shopping lists at the event!

Kings recently renewed its support of MEND's Green Bean bus through its Nourishing Neighbors program. Read the release [here](#).

Meet Albertine & Dyanna!



Albertine is the newest member of the MEND staff, and will be providing administrative support to the team.

She earned her B.A. in General Psychology and Religion at Bloomfield College, and is now enrolled at Fairleigh Dickinson University to obtain her M.A. in Clinical Counseling. In high school, she worked as an intern at the Greater Newark Conservancy. There, she grew a passion for serving people in her community and providing them with free access to healthy foods.

Albertine serves through her personal outreaches, as well as ministry and college campus outreaches.



Dyanna Moon is the newest member of the MEND Board of Trustees.

Prior to becoming a Weichert realtor in the SOMA area, Dyanna worked for 15 years as a fundraiser for various nonprofits in NYC. She started her career in fundraising at The New School, creating the university's first corporate relations role. Developing a specialization in corporate giving, Dyanna went on to head the corporate partnerships departments at the Madison Square Boys and Girls Club and at Safe Horizon. She then joined the Leadership Team as the Senior Director of Fundraising for Alicia Key's nonprofit, Keep a Child Alive. Since 2019, Dyanna has volunteered with MEND to develop fundraising strategies.

Dyanna earned a degree in Communications from the University of Texas at Austin and a J.D. from Boston University School of Law.

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