



Happenings

AGENCY UPDATES

Save the Date - All Staff Day

Our next All Staff Day will be on Friday, May 10th. We will begin promptly at 8:30AM. The Agency and Thrift will be closed to the public. We understand that this may conflict with some individuals' schedules, that is why we are sending this email out way ahead of time. Please work with your managers to ensure your attendance on this day as it is a required event.

Updated Internal Programs Guide

An updated programs guide is now available. Scan QR code to familiarize yourself with all our offerings:

If you have any changes, please let Kayla or Sarah know.



Welcome Michael!



We are excited to welcome Michael, the newest addition to our team, taking the helm as our Director of Thrift Operations. His passion for our mission and his dedication to making a difference in the community make him the perfect fit.

Michael is a true connoisseur when it comes to tea and is a big fan of loose leaf black and oolong varieties. His go-to? A classic

blue lady grey, though he's not one to shy away from the exotic allure of coconut oolong or the spicy warmth of chai. Beyond his expertise, Michael's hobbies include vexillology and finds joy in collecting flags from around the world, complemented by his flair for writing, as evidenced by his past publication under a mysterious pen name! His profound connection to Costa Rica, especially Paraiso and Cartago, where he discovered the joy of community service in his youth, further enriches his commitment to our mission.

Welcome aboard, Michael - let's forge a path toward greater empowerment and support together!

CLIENT SERVICES

Representatives from National Grid will be back on Monday April 29th. They are able to help with bill questions, payment plans, and low income rate sign up. They will continue to come on a bimonthly basis.

EDUCATION

The Adult Education HSE Tutoring program is in full gear with many students trying to complete all five tests by June. Enrollment into the HSE program continues throughout the year. ESOL classes will take a Spring break the week of April 15th. Classes will resume the following Tuesday with many students from the waitlist entering class.

More news →

FOOD ASSISTANCE

New Food Assistance Refrigerated van!



Second Food Locker Location Announced

In March, Richie and Beth presented the astounding numbers of people in need of food assistance to the Board. Their insight into the struggles facing so many convinced the Board to approve a 2nd food locker location to be debuted outside of the 35 Park Street entrance early this summer.

FOOD DRIVES

Fitness clubs and exercise groups have been busy running toiletry drives for us. Toiletries, like menstrual products and diapers, are not covered by SNAP. So far the YMCA, Blink, BAC & Praxis are involved. Let Deb know if you have a group that would like to participate.

On Tuesday, April 30 from 7-8 pm we'll host a Learning Night for private/independent schools. Schools help us in many ways and this event lets them see first-hand how their donations help.

Spring Food Drives include the spring sport teams at Beverly High and Manchester Essex High School!

DEVELOPMENT

Help spread the word >>

SEASONAL PROGRAMS

As of March 6, all our tax appointments have been filled. Please go to the VITA website (irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/) to search by zip code for other local sites that may still have appointments available.

If you are able to prepare your taxes yourself, you can do so for free at myfreetaxes.com/. For individuals 50 and over, they can also utilize the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide website (www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/locations)

THRIFT SHOP



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Appreciation Week

National Volunteer Week is April 21 to 27. This weeklong celebration is about placing a spotlight on those whose invaluable seeds of kindness through volunteering are bettering the community and our world in general. Please be sure to thank our volunteers!

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