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Welcome to LifeNet4Families!
Marquis Cambronero joined the family in February. He is working as part of the warehouse team, assisting with donations, mail, meal service and more!

LifeNet4Families Appoints New Chairman to Board of Directors
Read our Press Release.
Message from Our President and CEO

Dear Friends,

The past year has presented us all with many challenges. We all experienced different levels of concern and anxiety as we learned to deal with the uncertainty of COVID-19. We worked to understand the virus and the best ways to keep our loved ones safe. We were intentional about securing basic PPE, personal hygiene products, disinfectants and food at a time when shelves were empty and store hours were reduced. Many dealt with loss of income, disconnection from loved ones due to recommended isolation protocols and COVID-related health issues. Some faced the unimaginable—death of a loved one due to COVID-19.

Undoubtedly, each of us can look back on the past year and lament on the adversity it presented. However, there were lessons and opportunities that have strengthened us, individually and collectively. We learned the value of time and the importance of using it wisely. We reconnected with family and friends using creative methods such as Zoom conference calls, birthday drive-by parades, virtual religious services and happy hours and neighborhood walks. We returned to the basics of calling to check on our loved ones, helping our neighbors, preparing dinner at home, family game nights and watching television, together. We learned that while ensuring basic needs is critical, we can thrive without material things. The situation reminded us all of what is important: good health, financial stability, purpose, family, friends, faith, gratitude, love and hope.

Our team continues to focus on helping those who are experiencing hunger, homelessness and poverty obtain or maintain those fundamental needs. It is such an important responsibility, but we are passionate about the opportunity. You see, for most of us, the pandemic was a major inconvenience, but we could offer help or turn to others for support. For some, there was no place to turn except LifeNet4Families. Imagine that.

As we forge ahead with a bit more familiarity, I encourage you all to focus on the positives—the lessons and opportunities. I encourage you to find ways to help others and I remind you to be hopeful, because better days are just around the corner. In fact, today is a good day.

Stay safe!
Last year at this time, most of us were just beginning to adjust to what has become known to us now as the “new reality.” In 2020, we faced challenging, unprecedented and difficult circumstances. For some, job loss, health issues and loss of loved ones rendered them financially unstable. The pandemic crisis amplified the everyday stressors for the most vulnerable in our community, leaving them at even greater risk.

We are seeing countless people showing up for help for the first time. In the last year, LifeNet4families has tripled its efforts to meet the ever-increasing need in our community. Currently, nearly 4,000 are relying on our help to keep food on their tables.

Our small and dedicated team is committed to providing a gateway to stability for people in Broward County experiencing hunger, homelessness and/or poverty. We have kept our doors open ensuring that people can get the support and resources they need.

Spring “Spruce Up” is underway at LifeNet4Families! We are seeking help for this beautification project taking place at our facility located at 1 NW 33rd Terrace in Lauderhill. Check out our wish list here.

Broward County has the highest rate of food insecurity in South Florida (13.6%)

Nearly 258,000 people in Broward don’t know where their next meal is coming from.

More than 73,000 kids in Broward are at risk of going to bed hungry each night.
Making A Difference, Touching lives

After being laid off from her job, Stacy became homeless and has been on the street for more than a year. She came to us for help. We were able to provide her with assistance including a hot meal and a shower. "You have restored my faith in people," she said "I was taking showers at the beach and it has not been easy. I haven't had a hot shower in more than a month. Thank you for all you are doing for us LifeNet."

29th Annual United Way of Broward County Day of Caring

The 29th Annual United Way of Broward County Day of Caring volunteers brought dozens of care packages to LifeNet4Families. Each box was individually wrapped and beautifully decorated. Inside the boxes were hygiene items, snacks and gifts, along with an inspirational message from the donor. Boxes were distributed to LifeNet clients throughout the month. Thank you to the United Way of Broward County and volunteers for your generosity.

Helping Neighbors Feed Neighbors

Helping Neighbors Feed Neighbors is a community partnership focused on eliminating hunger and helping small restaurants and catering businesses thrive during the pandemic. LifeNet is one of the participating non-profits that receives meals to serve to our clients. Many thanks to Helping Neighbors Feed Neighbors founder, Karl Sprague for creating this initiative that will help so many in our community. Restaurants that have contributed meals include the Jerk Machine and Douglas K. Catering. Thank you for your generosity.
The 19th Annual (and first virtual) Andy’s Pasta Dinner was a huge success! While things looked a little different this year via Zoom, the enthusiastic support for LifeNet has not changed. Thank you to our Board member Andy Cagnetta and his wife Allison for continuing the effort to raise funds to support our lifesaving mission in Broward County. Thank you to the event sponsors, Junior Chefs and volunteers who helped raise more than $178,000!

Andy Cagnetta shares his world famous recipe for sauce and meatballs via Zoom

LifeNet4Families Mission is to provide a gateway to stability for people in Broward County who are experiencing hunger, homelessness and poverty. To learn more about our organization and how to become involved visit our website, www.lifenet4families.org.