New Initiatives Launched

Given what a growing number of families are facing this year, LifeNet4Families launched a number of new initiatives to help families bridge the gap:

Families First
This initiative provides food-insecure pantry clients with a warm take-away dinner served family-style for pickup at LifeNet, or contactless delivery through Doordash.

Food 4 Thought
As schools reopened this fall virtually, LifeNet worked with three Title I schools in Lauderhill to provide 300 students a bi-weekly food box to fuel their studies and learning at home.

Provisions 4 Pets
All too often, a struggling family will share a meager food supply with a companion animal. To avoid this, LifeNet distributes pet food boxes in conjunction with our Food Pantry Program so the entire family has enough to eat.

Essentials 4 Essentials
LifeNet partners with Holy Cross Hospital twice a month to provide a bag of groceries and fresh produce for their essential workers. Thank you for your continued dedication and service!

For partnership opportunities, and to gain more information on these and other efforts designed to help our community’s most vulnerable find their way towards stability, contact Dr. Melanie Geddes, President and CEO, at melanie.geddes@lifenet4families.org.

Most Sincere Gratitude

This important work may only be possible through the ongoing support and commitment from members of our community. Join us in thanking some of the many community heroes that allow us to dream a little bigger during this important time:

- Dunkin’ Joy in Childhood Foundation
- Marine Industry Cares Foundation
- Citrix Systems
- Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC
- The Thomas Family Foundation
- The Broward LAAIA

Thank You AARP Florida!

Did you know that your organization could help create a memorable holiday dining experience for hundreds of homeless people who have no place to go on holidays, and who otherwise may not have a meal?

Thank you, AARP Florida, for taking the initiative in sponsoring two upcoming holidays at LifeNet!

Will you help underwrite a holiday meal this season? Don’t wait, book today! Click here for more information.

Filling a Child’s Plate

Thanksgiving is a special time to share a family meal, but many children and their families in Broward County will not have the financial resources to purchase items for a special meal this year.

A $75 donation gets a low-income family a real Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings and leftovers for many days after. Click here for more information.
The community leaders that make up the Lifenet4families Board of Directors are truly one-of-a-kind, working behind the scenes to expand LifeNet’s network and resources year-round. Get to know two of LifeNet’s Board Members a little more closely:

**Barry Sanders, Knight Insurance Owner/Agent**

Barry is a local business owner, industry leader, and friend of LifeNet. Over the past four years, Barry has been instrumental in advancing and promoting the important work at LifeNet in South Florida. He is a delight, and you are invited to view his Board Profile.

**Laura Geary, Owner of Pirtle Construction**

Laura has been supportive of LifeNet even before she served on our Board. She is always willing to help, shedding light on the work we do and the community we serve; and always willing to lend a hand to make special projects a success. She is an all-around supporter, and we invite you to view her Board Profile.

As our organization continues to work within a lean structure during these times, it is important to recognize those that make this possible, the unsung heroes; after all, not all heroes wear capes.

**Pantry/Warehouse Specialist, David Moore,** celebrated another trip around the sun this season, and **Vice President of Operations, Xenia McFarling,** celebrated her 5th Anniversary at LifeNet!

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**We Salute You**

Thank you **Captain Johnny Robinson, City of Fort Lauderdale Fire Dept, and sponsor Miami Dolphins Foundation’s Food Relief Program, for providing 100 packaged client meals.**

Equally, we wish to thank Parkland resident **Audrey Samara, and Lisa Schettino, owner of a Pompano Beach Subway Restaurant, who fundraised together to feed 112 homeless clients.**

**Fish-Fry Friday**

As we continue to provide a packaged hot meal to go for the over 200 clients that rely on LifeNet for daily sustenance, we like to keep the menu fresh. Sometimes its a country-style breakfast, sometimes its comfort food from around the globe, and sometimes its a meal worthy of a cheat day. The Chef recently surprised clients with his fried fish with tartar sauce, french fries, parmesan seasoned corn on the cob, garlic bread, and homemade lemonade.

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**Giving Tuesday is 12/1**

Mark your calendars, #GivingTuesday is Tuesday, December 1, 2020. This day kicks off the holiday season and we hope we can count on your support. Follow us on social media lifenet4families to stay in the loop.