



Togetherhood is a YMCA social responsibility initiative that engages volunteers of all ages in community service outside the walls of the Y.

2019 TOGETHERHOOD PROJECTS



Preparing food at Port Chester's Carver Center



Beach clean-up at Edith Read Sanctuary

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT TOGETHERHOOD, CONTACT DENISE WOODIN: denisewoodin@ryeymca.org

Volunteer News

April 19-25 is National Volunteer Appreciation Week!

Volunteer Opportunities with the Rye Y and Our Community Partners

Donate Food to our Neighbors in Need

Bread of Life meets the urgent food needs of underfunded and undersupplied pantries, shelters, and soup kitchens throughout southern Westchester County. They also distribute canned goods, fresh produce, meat, poultry and dairy items to individuals at its own on-site food pantry in Rye. The need has grown tremendously during the pandemic. Bring your food donations to the bin at 65 Orchard Street (Chestnut St. side). For more information, contact Sue Wexler at sue@givingtreeglobal.org or visit givingtreeglobal.org.

Make Critically-Needed Masks

Masks for NY, which has distributed over 7,400 masks to a growing list of hospitals, care centers, and more, reached out to the Rye Y with a request to help sew masks for HOPE Community Services' soup kitchen in New Rochelle. The need for masks is still overwhelming. Hope Community Services will distribute the masks to individuals and families along with basic food supplies. If you are able to help sew masks, please contact Laura Kelleher at LauraKelleher@ryeymca.org and she will give you more detailed instructions. For information about Masks for NY: masksforny.org.

Knit and Crochet Infant Caps

Open Door Family Medical Centers (in Port Chester, Mamaroneck and five other locations) gives expectant mothers and their families the resources needed to give their babies a healthy and safe start in life. Knit or crochet an infant cap or booties for Open Door's "Baby Boxes" and drop it off at the Rye Y. For more information and patterns, visit www.ryeymca.org or contact Denise Woodin at denisewoodin@ryeymca.org.

Thank a Healthcare Worker

The Rye Y invites children of all ages to make thank you cards for healthcare workers. Leave your card in a specially marked bin at the Rye Y entrance starting Tues., 4/28. Our staff will mail them to local hospitals.

Kids: Share Your Art with a Senior Citizen!

The Rye Youth Council is calling on youth of all ages to share homemade videos, slideshows and pictures by submitting them to office@ryeyouthcouncil.org. The RYC will share these with local organizations that work with seniors in an effort to brighten their days and make them feel less isolated.

Rye Y Steps Up

Rye Y Executive Director Gregg Howells (right) recently donated five boxes of extra Rye Derby and summer camp t-shirts to Hope Community Services in New Rochelle, where they will be turned into masks for the agency's clients, volunteers and staff. The donation was organized by New Rochelle resident Eric Turkewitz (left), race director for the Paine to Paine Half Marathon.



In 2019, volunteers contributed over 2,900 hours to the Rye Y!
We love our volunteers!