

## **Front Line and Essential Workers Support Group**

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The goal of Front Line & Essential Worker Appreciation (with the support of our Mayor and Police Department) has three goals: Our first goal was to provide support for our resident medical front liners with Grab and Go snacks for their teams. Secondly, we want to recognize and lend support to our Front Line and essential workers in our town in any way possible. Our third goal is to partner with local businesses and confidentially provide assistance, support, meals, etc for families in need during this difficult time.

### **Monetary Donations:**

\$5,536.00

### **Snack & Drink Donations:**

Approx \$1000

### **68 Front Line and Essential Worker Grab-n-Go Snack Boxes (including drinks)**

**were made & delivered to:** (Some received multiple shipments over the months)

### **Hospitals:**

Chilton

Morristown

Englewood

Valley

Hackensack

St. Joe's Wayne

St. Joe's Paterson

Cedar Crest

Bloomington Health Center

Triboro First Aid Squad

Chilton EMT's and Paramedics

3 Local Nursing Homes

### **Emergency Personnel:**

Bloomington Police Department

Bloomington Fire Department

Butler Police Department

DPW

Post Office

Water Department

Officer Walker Detail  
UPS Drivers  
Fed Ex Drivers  
Butler Electric  
Borough Hall  
Animal Shelter  
Walgreens  
Hometown Pharmacy  
ALL Gas Stations (4)

**Restaurants and Service Businesses:**

Lina's  
Danny's Pizza  
Quick Chek  
IGA  
Quik Stop  
Bloomingdale Bagel Shop  
Tastefully British  
Bloomingdale Florist  
Wine Traders  
Turnpike Liquors  
Kabob House  
Rudge Automotive  
Sunrise Coffee House  
Ting's  
Cafe Chameleon  
River of Beer  
AJ's  
Jersey Mike's  
Glenwild Garden Center  
Martha B. Day School  
Samuel R Donald School  
Walter T Bergen School  
Butler High School

**Teacher Recognition/Appreciation Bags:**  
(81 Created and Delivered)

We delivered and recognized 81 teachers/educators/staff who are residents of Bloomingdale. We purchased gift cards to include as well as snacks, appreciation letters, supplies etc.

**Essential Worker Recognition/Appreciation Bags:**

**(104 Created and Delivered)**

We delivered and recognized 104 essential workers (nurses/store workers/DPW/utility workers) who are residents of Bloomingdale. We teamed up with local businesses to purchase gift cards and plants to include as well as snacks, keychains, Gas Cards etc.

**Officer Walker:**

Through Front Line we were able to raise \$3,500 for the Walker Family along with gift cards and a butterfly bush. Presented to the Walker Family. We also launched the initiative to lit up Bloomingdale in lights in his honor.

**Cyndy Hopper:**

We raised \$1525 in community donations for the Hopper Family.

**Chilton Hospital:**

We sold 180 signs for Chilton Hospital to provide daily meals/Grab and Go items and drinks to all the staff at Chilton.

**Food Pantry:**

We coordinated with the churches in Little Falls to provide a large donation. We also collected for the food pantry throughout the shut down. Through our group we facilitated a \$300 donation from the Bloomingdale Education Association. We donated restaurant Gift Cards to be added to the monthly pick up orders of 20 families.

**The Wheel:**

We hosted weekly prize boards through Facebook. Proceeds generated were used to provide assistance for meals, cash assistance to select families. Purchase of approx. 50 pieces of jewelry from a local consultant that were packaged and delivered to Chilton to be left in the various break rooms for the staff to take a thank you treat home with them, assisted 7 local girl scouts troops with cookie sales that did not happen due to the fact that they could not hold them. The hundreds of boxes of cookies purchased were donated with Grab and Go boxes and meals. (Just as a side note, we did have several of the troops donate some cookies to the cause as well.) These proceeds went towards feeding

senior citizens and families in town that were anonymously “nominated” and in need of assistance during this challenging time.

### **Hot & Cold Meals:**

In order to support our local restaurants, we asked them to partner with us in providing meals to our front line and essential workers as well as families in town that were struggling due to being out of work or affected by Covid. Some of these meals were discounted and some were matched by the restaurants in order to feed more families.

We reached out and received donations from Herr’s (450 snack bags), multiple families in town, Bloomingdale Day Care, Bloomingdale Education Association and local Girl Scout Troops. We also coordinated and partnered with multiple local businesses including Lina’s, Sunrise, Tastefully British, AJ’s, River of Beer, Butler Diner, Quik Stop and Jersey Mike’s. Coordinated donation matches through the restaurants.

Hot meals/Sandwich platters were provided to the following, some on multiple occasions:

Bloomingdale Police Department

Bloomingdale Fire Department

Triboro First Aid

Butler Electric

DPW

Butler Police

61 Senior Citizens

Local Families - Hot Meals were provided to 13 households who were struggling during the shut down. These families were anonymously nominated by other town residents.

Bows to Show Support:

Donation money from the bows went to Cyndy’s Family and meals to our front line.

Due to the amount of donations and donation/food matches, it’s impossible to put a specific dollar amount on all that was accomplished. The residents were incredibly generous with their continued support of our initiative.