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What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead. --Nelson Mandela

Make a Difference, November 1st

On November 1st, Bradley Beach will celebrate Make-a-Difference-Day. A day when we, as a community, come together to enhance the lives of others. This year, we invite you to volunteer to assist the Bradley Food Pantry.

The Bradley Food Pantry was started in 1982 with the support of three of our churches - St. James Episcopal, First United Methodist, and Church of the Ascension. Today, many additional organizations and many, many individuals support, volunteer, and assist the Pantry in their mission - *to serve our neighbors in need with kindness, respect and dignity for all clients*. The Bradley Food Pantry provides bags of food to those in need living in Bradley Beach and surrounding communities from Asbury Park to Wall, serving over 600 families – 1600 children and adults --each month.

We have two volunteer opportunities planned for November 1st:

- Installing new shelving in the Pantry's basement where the bulk of the food supplies are stored, and
- Donating food and other household needs

The Pantry is housed in the Bea Shafer Outreach Center, a building located behind St. James Episcopal Church at 605 Fourth Avenue. The bulk of the food supplies are kept in the basement, on shelves that were donated nearly twenty years ago, and need to be replaced. This project will involve dismantling the old shelving, cleaning the facility, installing new shelving, and restocking the new shelves.

Additionally, although much of the food distributed by the Pantry comes from the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean County, more is always needed. We invite you to donate food and other household needs such as peanut butter, jelly, shelf-stable milk, pasta, pasta sauce, beans, rice, tuna fish, toilet paper, diapers, and soap. To facilitate your donations, volunteers will pick up your items, from your porch or stoop, during the day. Bradley Beach Makes a Difference Bags will be available for this purpose. You can pick up your donation bag, beginning Monday, October 27, at one of the following establishments:

**Ground Round, 1217 Main Street,
Borough Hall, 701 Main Street,
Jersey Shore Fitness, 711 Brinley Avenue,
Stewart's Hardware, 703 Brinley Avenue,
Del Ponte's Bakery, 600 Main Street Central,
Central Jersey Bank, 501 Main Street,
Darcy's Tavern, 310 Main Street
Shore Deli & Grill, 123 Main Street**

Join us! To donate food, please place your Bradley Beach Makes a Difference Bag on your front porch or stoop by noon on Saturday, November 1st, or volunteer to work at the Pantry that day, beginning at 10 am.

Sincerely,



MAYOR



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