



HELP of Ojai, Inc. September/October 2020

Neighbors HELPing Neighbors

Community Bulletin

Dear Friends of HELP of Ojai,

Dare I say Happy September and welcome to the fall season?

Most importantly, we hope you are all well and healthy. As we continue into our sixth month of pandemic restrictions there are more unanswered questions than clear answers on what the next few months will look like.

HELP of Ojai has focused on Basic Needs support over the last six months. Having delivered over 60,000 meals and over 1,000 food pantry and produce boxes to Valley residents, we are working to keep you all fed and at home.

The Great Plates program continues to support local restaurants -- The Vine, La Fuente, Mandala, Food Harmonics, Sea Fresh, Azu, Ojai Harvest Moon, Ojai Rotie, Ojai Cafe Emporium, Osteria Monte Grappa, CA 'Marco -- while providing delicious and healthy meals to 200 area seniors. Some of the comments recipients have shared: "my diabetes is under control for the first time in years.", "I have lost the weight my doctor asked me to lose.", "I have gained the weight my doctor asked me to gain.", "My blood pressure is the best it's been since I can remember years." and more.

Barbara and crew in the HELP kitchen are delivering over a hundred hot meals each day to participants of our home delivered meals program.

Beyond food, the HELP Transportation program is providing door-to-door rides for essential services. With one person on the van at a time, we have a much more structured schedule and have to limit the frequency of rides by individual riders. Rather than two or three trips to the grocery store a week, we are asking folks to go once. In addition, we are picking up essential items for clients -- prescription drugs, durable medial equipment, pet food and more.

What we aren't able to do is continue our rides for non-essential services, provide meeting rooms for groups, sponsor group senior activities, provide in-person lunch. In addition, the thrift store is closed until further notice because the staff is busy delivering food and providing basic needs support. That also means we will not accept donations of used items for the foreseeable future.

We, like you, hope to open things up in the next few months. We will keep you posted here, and you can always call 805-646-5122 for an update.

As a final reminder, we have our Neighbor-to-Neighbor (friendly phone call) program going strong. If you'd like to participate by making or receiving a "check in" phone call weekly, please contact Kesha at 805-646-5122.

Until next time...stay healthy and safe.

Terri Wolfe
Executive Director
HELP of Ojai

Activities Update • Little House, 111 W. Santa Ana Street, Ojai • (805) 646-5122

As we continue to practice self-quarantining and social distancing, senior activities will remain closed until further notice. To protect the instructors and the participants, we will use an abundance of caution before re-opening any activities. When we do re-open our activities, we will first consult with instructors on a schedule. We will then send the new schedule to everyone through our Community Bulletin list. Please be patient, as your safety is our priority!

Donor Recognition

Our deepest appreciation goes out to those who made contributions in the months of April, May, June and July, 2020. Your donations in support of HELP's programs, and especially during this unprecedented time, are valued greatly and we sincerely thank you.

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Transportation • Tina Rosas, Transportation Director • (805) 646-7787

HELP's Transportation Program will continue providing essential rides to the grocery store and doctor's appointments. Each ride request will be considered on a case by case basis.

All drivers and riders will have their temperature checked prior to getting on the vans and will be required to wear face coverings at all times. If a rider has a temperature, they will not be permitted to utilize HELP's transportation services at that time and will need to reschedule their ride. Please stay home if you are not feeling well.

Many thanks to the small number of the volunteer drivers who are able to provide our clients with their essential transportation needs each week and are also integral in delivering the Great Plates restaurant meals. We couldn't do what we do without you!

While we are unsure what the next few months will look, we hope to see you all soon!

Community Assistance Program • Kesha Davis, Program Director

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Please call the Community Assistance Program at the above number if you are in need of food, or need advice or assistance of how to safely maintain social distancing if you are without permanent housing.

2nd HELPing Thrift Store • Naomi Babcock • 841 E. Ojai Ave., Ojai • (805) 646-5812

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Please **DO NOT** leave donations at **ANY** of HELP of Ojai's sites. In other words, **NO DUMPING!** This will take resources away from where they are needed most at this time. Thank you for your cooperation and support!