



## GOOD NEWS!!!

The staff and I wanted to take another opportunity to say “Thank you” for all of the work our volunteers have done delivering meals. We experienced an 86.75% increase in the number of clients that needed meals during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. We literally could not have done this without them. As we start to get back to normal, I wanted to bring a few things to your attention:

**MOST IMPORTANT: WE ARE PLANNING ON REOPENING THE ACRA, ATHENS AND JEWETT SENIOR NUTRITION SITES TO IN-PERSON DINING ON AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>**, if all goes according to plan. These are our three cooking sites. Reservations are going to be required and there will be a limit on the number of seats available. No walk-in diners will be permitted. All rules for dining-in will be observed based on CDC guidelines. We regret that the Catskill and Coxsackie sites will remain closed. This is due to not having enough staff to fill those positions. We normally have a minimum of 14 staff in our Nutrition sites but we are presently down to 7 staff. If you know anyone that is looking for work, please have them call us.

We will continue to offer contactless, home delivery of meals as long as the Major Disaster Declaration (MDD) is in effect in NYS. The rule of never leaving a meal without confirming the person is home will continue to be observed. The process to call the main office if the person does not answer the door will always be in effect. This rule is essential but over the past 12 months it proved invaluable in getting help to clients that needed it. Thank you for your diligence in this matter.

As always, volunteer mileage sheets are due on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please give them to the center staff or bring to the office. Please do not use the Business Reply Envelopes (BRE). That increases our cost by a factor of 3.

Many clients have a Case Manager. If a client has a problem, they should call the office and speak to their Case Manager. Please do not cultivate the idea that they should call you, the volunteer. The Case Managers are trained and certified to do this work.

If you have any questions or concerns please call the office, read the Round Table news and/or visit our page on the county website; [www. greenegovernment.com](http://www.greenegovernment.com).

We are all looking forward to things returning to “normal”. As the song says; “Five hundred twenty five thousand six hundred minutes . . . How do you measure? Measure a year?” This experience shows us that it is measured by the unselfish work of our volunteers. It takes all of us doing our part to be successful. Thank you.

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