



Rockaway Interfaith Services to Empower the Underprivileged and Powerless

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Dear Friends and Neighbors of Rockaway Boro, Rockaway Township, and Surrounding Districts,

In the midst of the coronavirus outbreak, we are all bracing for the economic tremors and aftershocks which will inevitably strike due to short-term layoffs, unpaid sick leave, etc. The federal prognosticators are projecting a national unemployment rate which could rise as high as 20% by late Spring (it was 4% in January 2020). Thousands of low-income wage earners are being laid off, and have no foreseeable means of immediate support. We are truly entering desperate times.

You are receiving this letter as an appeal to your compassion and a call for your generosity. Could you please join RISE UP in a community-wide expression of love? We need your support to help our neighbors in need.

Here's how we'll start: RISE UP continues to collect toiletries, towels, washcloths, disinfectants, and household paper products. Our Collection Centers are:

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
508 Green Pond Rd.
Rockaway Township
24-Hour Drop Off Vestibule

White Meadow Temple
153 White Meadow Rd.
Rockaway

St. Cecilia's RC Church
90 Church St.
Rockaway Boro
M-Th 6:30am-9:30am
Sat. 8:00am-11:00am

In addition, your cash donations are greatly needed so that we can purchase other supplies and supermarket gift cards, medications, etc. since it might take several weeks before any federal or state aid arrives!

Simply write your check payable to RISE UP, and mail it to our headquarters at 508 Green Pond Rd, Rockaway Township, NJ 07866, OR ...

Simply go to our web site at www.riseupnj.org, then click the "donate" button, and you can make a tax deductible contribution in two minutes.

I know we can all RISE UP and connect in a wave of generosity and support. Now more than ever, we are called to RISE UP and improve the quality of life for those less fortunate living right here in our neighborhoods.

If you are a member of a local house of worship, I ask for cash contributions to RISE UP in addition to those you would normally offer to support your faith community, so that your faith community can maintain its strong mission support.

Please call if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer your time in the effort: 973-747-7478, or simply drop us an e-mail at: riseuprockaway@gmail.com. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Jack DiMatteo

President & Executive Director, RISE UP Rockaway, Inc.