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COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR THE UNINSURED, UNDERINSURED AND UNDER-RESOURCED

The Emergency Client Aid Fund at Anchorpoint Counseling Ministry is helping local community members and families access affordable counseling and support services to heal from the mental, emotional and social effects of COVID-19. "Everybody, from young children to older adults, has had their lives upended and changed by this pandemic," says Rev. Dr. Ron Barnes, LSW. "Through the Emergency Client Aid Fund, Anchorpoint is helping all of our neighbors process and grieve with an experienced counselor." If you or someone you know could benefit, call 412.366.1300 or visit anchorpoint.org.



SISTERS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE OFFERS \$5,000 GRAND PRIZE FOR 2020 SUPER SWEEPS

The Sisters of Divine Providence are in the midst of the 2020 Super Sweeps fundraiser. The grand prize winner will receive a \$5,000 cash prize. The second and third place winners will receive \$500 and \$100 cash prizes, respectively.

To enter the Super Sweeps, visit cdpsisters.org/SistersSweeps or call 412.635.5401. Proceeds benefit the ministries and mission of the Sisters of Divine Providence. No purchase is necessary to enter. Winners need not be present to win. Sweepstakes ends July 31.



WEEKLY FARMERS MARKETS AT THE BLOCK NORTHWAY

The Block Northway is pleased to kick off their third annual season of a weekly Fresh Farmers Market every Friday beginning June 5 through October 30, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the two-level south atrium located near DSW and Land's End.

"We're glad that we are able to once again feature this unique indoor/outdoor farmer's market at The Block Northway. It's an opportunity for guests to support locally grown farm fresh goods, rain or shine!" says Frank Licata, President & Principal of LRC Realty. "Our farmer's market has become a destination that folks look forward to each week."

The Block Northway Farmers Market, produced in partnership with I Made It Market, is a weekly farmer's market that will feature a diverse collection of local vendors offering fresh, locally-grown produce, local meats and cheeses, canned goods, local honey, fine spirits, flowers, unique hand-made gifts and much more. This year we are also excited to introduce the addition of local food trucks. All vendors and food truck participants will be announced through The Block Northway's Facebook and Instagram page.

A taste of the featured Farmers Market vendors will include Jodikinos Farms, The Olive Tap, The Cakery, Wigle Whiskey and many more.

This season's farmers market will include a hand-washing station, social distancing guidelines, wearing masks and restrictions on prepared foods. These changes will be in effect to keep farmers, vendors and customers as protected as possible.



NEW 412 FOOD RESCUE PROGRAM SUPPORTS RESTAURANTS WHILE FEEDING THE HUNGRY

With food insecurity at an all-time high and the restaurant industry in crisis, Pittsburgh-based nonprofit 412 Food Rescue is launching a new program to provide assistance on both ends of a huge food supply chain problem. Community Takeout will pay locally owned restaurants to prepare 1,500 meals per week for people in need of food assistance.

Inspired by Double Play, a program independently launched by Dr. Mark Baratz—a longtime 412 Food Rescue supporter and food waste warrior—the program aims to scale the impact that Dr. Baratz has started.

"I am very excited about the new Community Takeout Program," he says. "Once again, 412 Food Rescue has identified a critical need in our community and has devised a novel approach to providing assistance to families at a time of unprecedented food insecurity."

The program will launch with five independently owned restaurants—Arnold's Tea, Bae Bae's Kitchen, Khalil's, DiAnoia's Eatery and The Warren—which represent a broad swath of Pittsburgh's diverse food community. Each has remained active during the pandemic, with some cooking charitable meals at their own expense.

After each day's meals are prepared, 412 Food Rescue volunteers, called Food Rescue Heroes, will make no-contact deliveries of the food to the organization's nonprofit partners and also directly to people who are homebound and experiencing food insecurity.