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Long Branch School Employees Association
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Dear LBSEA,

What a generous gift, thank you! Your gift will enable us to buy laundry pods to distribute to the families who come to our food pantry.

We had been a small, friendly food pantry held in the gym, with a table for household goods, toys, books, and clothing, serving about 85 families each Wednesday. Our neighbors” would chat while they signed in. We routinely saw family pictures, and held babies while mothers shopped.

Our current situation is so different. Almost all of the former volunteers can no longer help; fortunately we have a new group of “heavy lifters” who are able to keep us going. We are open only 2 hours (same as Sodexo, who distributes lunches at Holy Trinity), yet we feed 250 families each Wednesday. It is a production to have all the bags prepared for the “grab and go” pantry held in the school parking lot. Six feet apart, social distancing, masks and gloves- what a difference a few weeks can make!

Many groups and individuals have given to our pantry, we are so grateful. Your donation will help families with laundry, an expense often overlooked when thinking about the needs of a family. Two of our former pantry ladies are thrilled to help out in their homes by packaging the laundry tabs for our bags.

On behalf of the people we serve, thank you.

Sincerely,

Donna Cetrulo

