



# Face to Face *Alfresco*

*Your support brings critical  
services outside to guests.*



# YOUR GENEROSITY PROVIDES *necessary resources in Germantown*

*If you stroll down the 100 block of East Price Street in Germantown, you will find a flurry of activity in Face to Face's parking lot.*

The pandemic forced a shift from the vibrant community center inside our building to a bustling operation outside, under tents, across the asphalt. Our guests lack the phones and internet access needed to engage and follow up with us during the COVID-19 crisis. Your support enabled the creation of makeshift offices in our parking lot by adding a Wi-Fi hotspot and erecting tents under which our guests meet with legal, health, and social services, in person, on our food distribution days.



## Stories *you* make happen everyday

Legal Services 



As one of the only Philadelphia civil legal centers doing in person intakes during the pandemic, Face to Face Legal Center is applying for birth certificates, filing petitions for expungements, and addressing problems related to stimulus payments and unemployment.

A longtime resident of Germantown and friend of Face to Face reached out to the legal center seeking guidance with elder legal issues. Our attorney drafted a health care proxy, power of attorney and will ensuring her end of life wishes will be carried out and a future tangled title avoided. Your generosity brought comfort to this 90-year-old and her family.

Social Services 



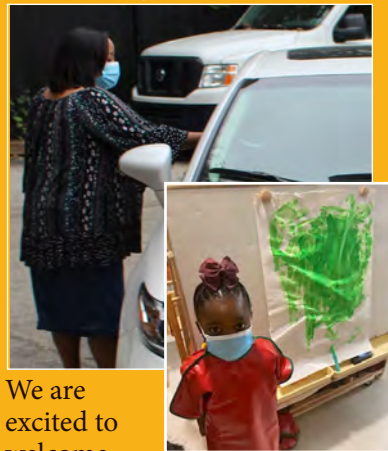
Our social service center is assisting guests with a staggering number of housing issues. Renee, a 70 year-old guest, was concerned about a burning smell near the circuit breaker box in her home. It was determined that nearby air ducts posed a fire risk and needed a cost prohibitive deep cleaning. Your generosity helped Renee with the cleaning fee and made her feel safe in her home.

Health Center 



Your support helped bring COVID-19 testing to Germantown. Through a partnership initiated with Philadelphia FIGHT, Face to Face Health Center hosts periodic COVID-19 testing. Guests also receive blood pressure monitoring and general health screenings.

Family Liason 



We are excited to welcome Mercy Neighborhood Ministries preschoolers back in our building for the start of the school year. Our family liaison initiates casual interactions with parents when they pick up their children. As she learns about their needs, she connects them to our legal, health and social services, as necessary. The family liaison also supports families throughout the daunting elementary school selection, enrollment, and scholarship application processes.





# YOUR SUPPORT HELPS RELIEVE HUNGER

*Job loss, rising food costs and the economic downturn due to the ongoing pandemic have pushed more individuals and families into food insecurity.*

**A**ugust 2020 study from the US Department of Agriculture reports that levels of hunger in the United States have almost tripled since 2019.

In Philadelphia, one in five residents are food insecure. Food distribution lines at Face to Face are growing and approximately two-thirds of our guests are new. Since March 20, 2020, in partnerships with Step Up to the Plate and Food Connect, we have distributed over 16,000 grab-and-go meals from Jose Garces, Peachtree Catering, and Wawa.



We are extending our services into the community by delivering food bags to guests who can no longer travel to us. We are also transporting meals to Emlen Arms, Oak Street Health, House of Healing, Faith Chapel, Interfaith Hospitality Network, New Pathways Project and others in need of food.

*Photo credit Rivkah Walton*

We continue to offer a free fresh food market with a variety of vegetables from Carversville Farm and our own garden, plus donated milk, eggs and bags of healthy pantry-stable food items. The non-perishable items are packed by our nursing staff to ensure they are nutritionally balanced and include important health information. With more families in need, we have now distributed over 800 larger-sized food boxes [since the start of the pandemic].



## Coffee Chat

It's 10am and Face to Face's dining room coordinator rolls a cart loaded with coffee, tea and fixings down the parking lot to the growing line of guests along the sidewalk. Guests are offered a hot beverage of choice while they chat with friends and wait for food distribution and program services to begin.



### Sharon



As Sharon sips her coffee, she talks about the community she found at Face to Face and how it helped her over the last two years. The legal center obtained her birth certificate, social services provided necessary toiletries, and the health center monitored her blood pressure. She still enjoys the camaraderie of her neighbors on food distribution days but misses sharing a hot meal with them in our dining room. "Face to Face, you saved my life and I am so thankful you are here".

### Yvette



Yvette recently heard about Face to Face from a friend. She enjoys coming to the fresh market with its selection of farm fresh organic produce. She chooses a variety of vegetables and then brings them home to share with neighbors and family members in need.



## DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

Check with your employer to see if they will match your donation. Some employers even match retiree and spousal charitable contributions.

*Matching gifts can double or even triple your impact on the community.*



## Volunteer

**We are in need of volunteers  
Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.**

Please contact Becky Messa at  
[Becky@FacetoFaceGermantown.org](mailto:Becky@FacetoFaceGermantown.org)

We require volunteers to follow our safety guidelines.

## Wish List

### TRAVEL-SIZED TOILETRIES

SOAP  
SHAMPOO  
DEODORANT  
TOOTHPASTE  
RAZORS  
CLOTH FACE MASKS

### WINTER ITEMS

MEN'S/WOMEN'S COATS  
(new or gently worn,  
large or x-large preferred)  
HATS  
HEAVY GLOVES

SWEATPANTS  
SWEATSHIRTS  
UNDERWEAR (new)

## BOOK CLUB

We are excited to announce that Face to Face has started a book club for volunteers, supporters, staff, and guests. Our first selection is "The Other Wes Moore, One Name, Two Fates", by Wes Moore.



It is a true story about two kids with the same name, born blocks apart from each other in Baltimore. They both had difficult childhoods, but one grew up to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated veteran, and successful businessman, while the other ended up as a convicted murderer serving a life sentence.

Join us for a virtual book discussion on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7p.m. Email [jeanne@facetofacegermantown.org](mailto:jeanne@facetofacegermantown.org) to join. *All are welcome.*

### 2020 Turkey Trot CANCELLED

Due to limits the COVID-19 pandemic has presented, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Turkey Trot. Please consider continuing the tradition of "Run now, Gobble later" and run with your family and friends (safely, of course) in honor of Face to Face. We hope to return to an in-person Turkey Trot in 2021.

## SHOP LOCAL

Support Germantown's  
**Uncle Bobbie's Coffee and Books**  
by ordering your book from them at  
[www.unclebobbies.com](http://www.unclebobbies.com)



Face to Face is actively working to prioritize DEI in our thinking and actions as an organization. We are creating initiatives that will foster open discussions among staff, guests, and volunteers about race, equity, and inclusion. We are also actively seeking to increase diversity among our staff and volunteers.

*Face to Face  
is getting a new look!  
Keep an eye out for our  
new logo in 2021*

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