



We are pleased to have the opportunity to express our strong support for RWJBarnabas Health (RWJBH) and the renewal of State-appropriated funds to RWJBH in the FY 2027 New Jersey State Budget. Livingston Neighbors Helping Neighbors, established in 2016, has worked with over 120 Livingston families who have found themselves struggling financially. Whether it's helping turn the utilities back on; stopping a lien on a home; or providing food from our food pantry, LNHN has been there to help. An affiliate of Healthy Community, Healthy Youth, LNHN creates opportunities to respectfully help and empower those in need whereby promoting a strong sense of community and goodwill. And it does this work in partnership with our township social worker, who screens families and assesses requests. We are currently working with 51 families. We also partner with some Newark based organizations that run food pantries and soup kitchens so we can share excess food.

Both financial and physical health are key to individuals and communities thriving. With a slightly different lens, both Livingston Neighbors Helping Neighbors and RWJBH look to help individuals and communities thrive (one physical and one financial yet they are so intertwined). We have worked closely with RWJBH for almost 10 years and we have always appreciated the ability to partner. We share information on RWJBH programs with the families we serve when appropriate. Understanding that food insecurity directly impacts health, RWJBH has donated healthy food to our organization multiple times so that no food is wasted. In previous years we partnered with RWJBH to run a Stuff the Bus food drive and we received strong support for our pantry through this partnership. We also run a community event for MLK day where the Livingston Community is welcomed to make lunches for the homeless and RWJBH is our man sponsor providing break and fruit as well as staff for the event.

We express our deep appreciation for our partnership and we value their commitment to building strong communities.

With gratitude,

The Board of Directors of Livingston Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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