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## Jonnycake Center teams up with local law firm to provide 4<sup>th</sup> of July meals to 200 South County families



*Kate Brewster, Director of the Jonnycake Center, far right, with Marasco & Nesselbush co-founders Joseph Marasco, left, and Donna Nesselbush, center, following the assembly and distribution of 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ boxes for needy families in South County.*

**Wakefield, RI** – As Rhode Islanders prepare to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday with cookouts and barbeques, the Jonnycake Center is helping needy families in South County enjoy the traditional 4<sup>th</sup> of July meal of hamburgers and hot dogs with the donation of pre-packaged barbecue meals for 200 area families.

The donation was made possible with the financial support of the Marasco & Nesselbush Charitable Foundation, operated by Marasco & Nesselbush LLP, a Rhode Island law firm with

local roots. Firm co-founder Joseph Marasco is a long-time Narragansett resident, and the firm has an office in Wakefield.

“We know that the rising food costs have hit people especially hard this year because we’re seeing a significant increase in the number of families seeking food assistance from us,” said Katie Pates, the food pantry manager for the Jonnycake Center. “We’re grateful to the Marasco & Nesselbush Charitable Foundation for its continued support in making this year’s BBQ food donation possible.”

The BBQ food donation is one of several food support programs run by the non-profit, which also offers families support through routine grocery shopping, Health Harvest produce distribution, and the SMILE program, which provides breakfast and lunch items for children every week they are on break from school.

This is the third year The Marasco & Nesselbush Charitable Foundation has supported the 4<sup>th</sup> of July food donation program with funding and volunteer assistance in assembling the BBQ boxes.

“We believe strongly in the mission of the Jonnycake Center and are happy to once again support the Center’s important work in providing food security for families in need here in South County,” said Joseph Marasco.

The Jonnycake Center is a 501c3 non-profit with a mission to provide basic needs, resources, and hope to community members in South Kingstown, Narragansett, Jamestown, and Block Island.