

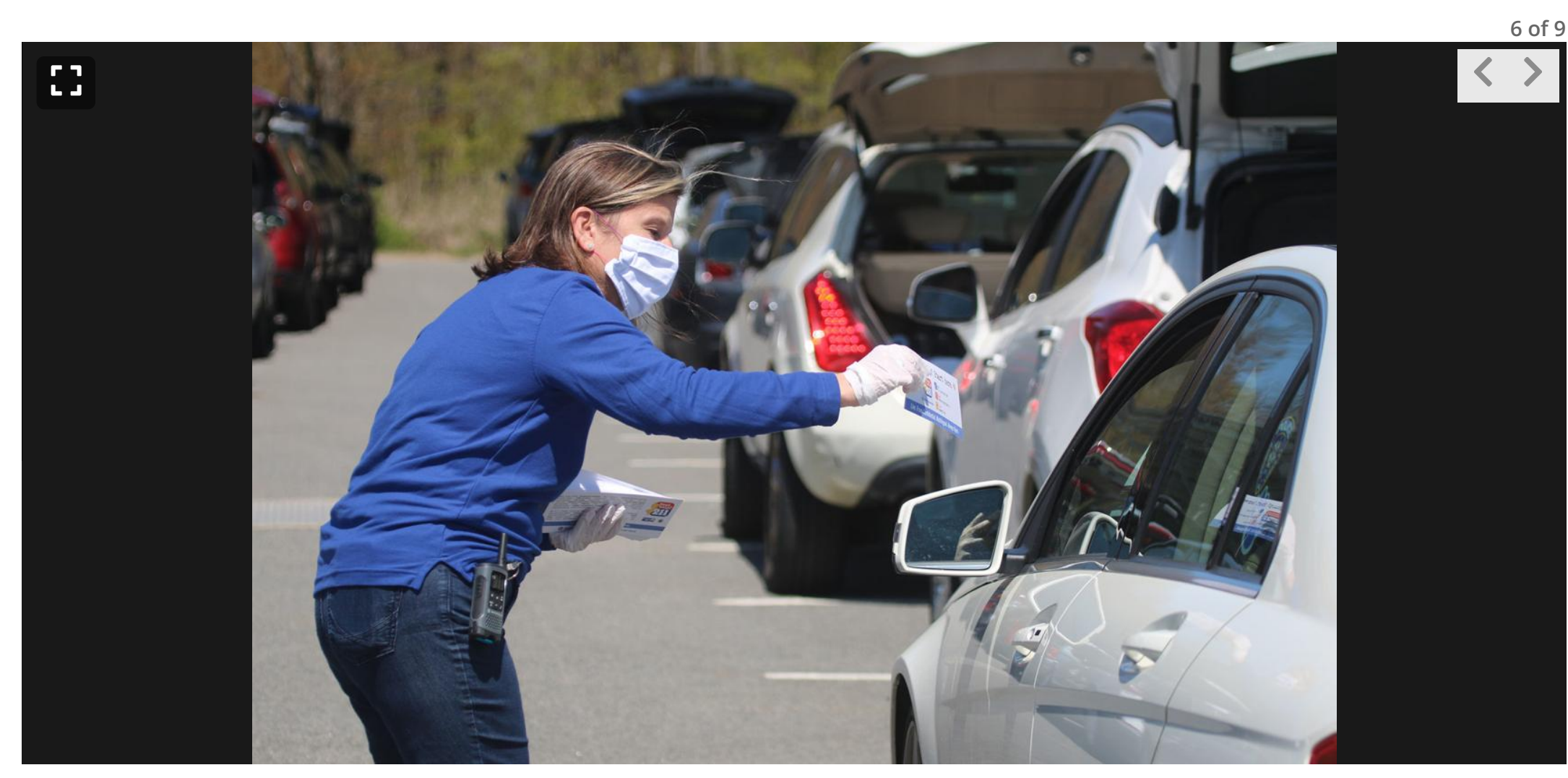
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## (VIDEOS) Randolph mobile food drive feeds hundreds

By P.C. ROBINSON Editor 21 hrs ago



Randolph Township Councilwoman Marie Potter hands information on the NJ-2-1-1 social services information system to a driver prior to the start of the Wednesday, May 13 mobile food drive at Randolph High School.

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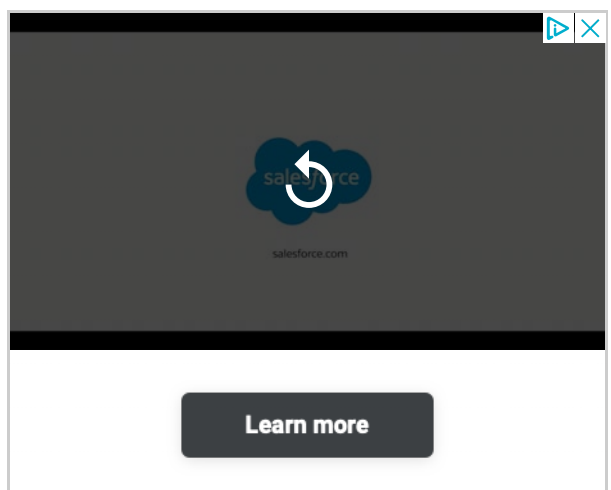
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**RANDOLPH TWP.** - Typically, the parade of vehicles streaming onto the Millbrook Avenue campus of the township's high and middle schools are reserved for those happy group events - graduations, sports competitions, concerts, to name a few.

That wasn't the case on Wednesday, May 13, when close to 180 vehicles queued in the high school parking lots to help ease the hunger - and economic pangs - of 291 families, the result of the massive layoffs and stay at home orders created by the COVID-19 novel coronavirus.

The drive was arranged by the township's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department with **Table of Hope**, from the Bethel A.M.E. Church in Morristown.



The school district then partnered to provide the venue. Food that was left over was brought to a food bank, said Russ Newman, director of the township's Parks, Recreation and Community Services department.

Cars began lining up in the high school's student's parking lot at about 10 a.m. Following directions, drivers opened their trunks, then sat patiently in their vehicles, many of which were late model SUVs, to receive bags of meat, rice and beans and cereals, canned goods and dairy products.

Preferring to remain anonymous, those asked said they were in line to stretch unemployment and stimulus checks.

Some, like township resident Barbara Anderson, showed up not for themselves, but for others.

Anderson said she was picking up food for two elderly friends living in the township's assisted living facilities. "They can't get out, so I'm here to see what I can get for them," she said.

As they waited, Township Councilwoman Marie Potter went vehicle to vehicle, offering information on how to access NJ-2-1-1, the state's social services database.

### Volunteers



Potter was there along with other township officials that included Newman, Mayor Christine Carey, Deputy Mayor Joanne Veech, Councilmen James Loveys, Mark Forstenhauser and Lou Nisivocchia, and Township Manager Steve Mountain.

Also lending support to the drive were school district officials and administrators, including Superintendent of Schools Jennifer Fano, Board of Education President Joseph Faranetta, and board members Board Vice President Tammy MacKay, Dorene Roche, Jeanne Stifelman and Rob Soni. Members of Randolph Rotary, the YMCA, and Randolph Township Democratic Committee also participated.

Members of the district's security team performed traffic duty along with members of the township's police department.

Carey was particularly impressed by the way the volunteers pulled together.

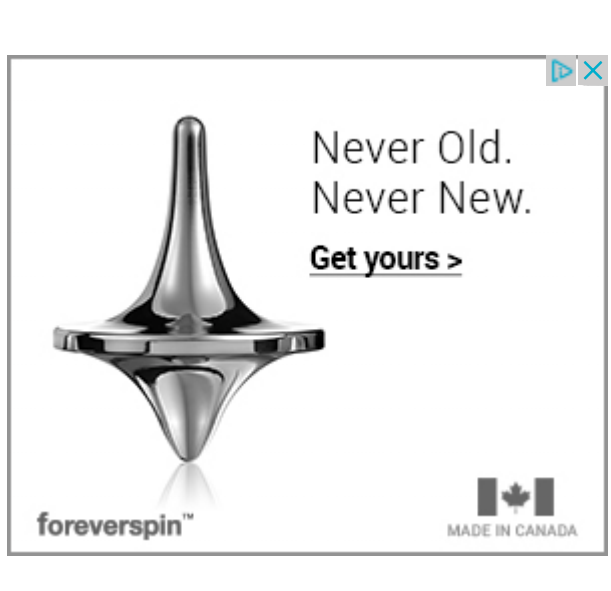
"The COVID-19 public health crisis has impacted everyone and many families are struggling," She said. "I am very happy that we were able to provide food to so many families in need."

She said the partnership between township, district personnel, and those who volunteered ere "critical to the overall success of the event."

The township and district often partner on shared services and projects. Faranetta called the township/district/board bond "a great working relationship over the years. It was not a surprise to see how many of the volunteers were from our three teams."

Fano said she and other district officials were "thankful that the district was able to partner with the township and other local organizations to help provide this service to our residents.

"To witness so many volunteers mobilize to help families impacted by this crisis was reassuring. While the future is still uncertain, in the midst of this pandemic we are still finding ways to have hope. We must continue to come together as a Randolph community and find ways to support one another. When we are united together, we are stronger than ever."



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