

"The mission of New Covenant Center is to provide basic living essentials and services, combined with longer-term solutions that focus on self-sufficiency to those in need. We will treat each individual man, woman and child as our guest with respect, dignity, compassion and empathy. And we will do it in a safe, trusting and welcoming environment."

The Coronavirus pandemic has resulted in the New Covenant Center suspending some of our regular programs to accommodate the growing need to feed the community in numbers we have never experienced before. Over the past three months, we have provided 600 to-go daily meals (compared to 175 last year at this time) with minimal volunteers due to quarantine and safety issues. And, while most of our 800 volunteers cannot come into the center, many have been donating hot meals and sandwiches prepared under specific safety guidelines at their homes to distribute to the hungry, homeless and unemployed.

New Covenant Center has always provided food to those in need, regardless of race, religion or economic status. We are proud of our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion and do not tolerate racism of any kind in our center. We stand in solidarity with those raising their voices following the deaths of George Floyd and others. There is a history of systemic racism and violence against Black and African-American men, women and children in the United States and much MUST be done to effect change.

New Covenant Center, and its parent agency, Catholic Charities of Fairfield County, are joining other human service and faith-based groups in a Stamford Community initiative called: "Call to Action: Stamford Stands Against Racism." In this letter (link below), New Covenant is committing to strong, internal, anti-racism training and action, and this non-profit group will also encourage the Stamford Public Schools, the Stamford Police Department, local and state government and others to develop action plans to address racial injustice in our community.

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New Covenant Center's staff is strongly committed to our daily mission to feed our "family" of guests and we look forward to a time soon when we can resume service inside our facility.

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Gutman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Gutman
Executive Director