

Bethel Woods

CENTER FOR THE ARTS

HISTORIC SITE OF THE WOODSTOCK FESTIVAL
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BETHEL WOODS 7th ANNUAL FOOD AND ART SUPPLIES DRIVE BEGINS FEBRUARY 4TH

Fundraiser to benefit the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless

BETHEL, NY (February 01, 2019) – Bethel Woods Center for the Arts has recently announced its seventh annual food and art supplies drive to benefit the **Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless**. The organization will seek to collect food items and art supplies for community members in need, to nourish the bodies and spirits of children and adults alike.

Donations will be accepted from **February 4th through March 4th**. Collection stations include the CVI Building in Ferndale, ShopRite of Liberty and Monticello, Kristt Company in Monticello and Peck's Market located in Callicoon, Livingston Manor, Jeffersonville and Eldred.

Believing strongly in the transformative power of the arts, Bethel Woods diversified the annual drive to include art supplies during its third year, in order to give members of the community greater access to the supplies that allow them to forage artistic outlets and channel a sense of expression unique to them. Research has shown that in participating in arts education, students develop their sense of cultural awareness and empathy. This makes them privy to the realities of people who may seem different and how art is a way in which all are able to connect. A food and art supply drive will contribute positively to the well-being of the community, ensuring members in need are of healthy body and mind.

"These donations will afford children here at the Federation avenues to discover and express themselves through artistic and creative channels in ways we would traditionally not be able to provide." Said Kathy Kreiter, Program Administrator for the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless.

Suggested donations include:

Tooth Brushes & Toothpaste
Markers
Baby Food & Formula
Travel Soap
Deodorant
Shampoo & Conditioner
Baby Peanut Butter
Beans or Canned Vegetables

100% Fruit Juice
Granola Bars
Pretzels
Coloring Books
Watercolor Paint & Brushes
Sketch Pads
Pens & Pencils

At its core, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is committed to giving back to the community and bringing vitality to Sullivan County, be that through world-class entertainment, educating visitors on the contemporary influence the 1960s by way of their award-winning Museum or through museum education and creative programming.

Year-round volunteer opportunities within the organization include assisting with the operation of The Museum at Bethel Woods and at community festivals, supporting museum and creative programming and a variety of roles at musical performances.

For more information, please call 845-583-2122 or email volunteers@bethelwoodscenter.org.

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About Bethel Woods Center for the Arts

Located on the National Register Historic Site of the 1969 Woodstock festival just 90 miles northwest of New York City in the Catskills' Sullivan County, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is a 501c3 nonprofit cultural center focusing on history, creativity, and community. Home to an award-winning museum devoted to the story of the 1960's and a 15,000-seat entertainment venue, Bethel Woods is a must-visit tourist and cultural destination, attracting local, national, and international visitors.

Supported by public contributions and performance revenues, Bethel Woods has evolved into an innovative, program-driven cultural center where visitors experience the world-class museum, teaching facilities and state-of-the art outdoor and indoor music venues. The expanded Woodstock site is part of a modern, beautifully designed complex surrounded by 800 acres of rolling hills, woods, manicured gardens, and water features.

For more information please visit www.BethelWoodsCenter.org.