



SJOS VOLUNTEERS NEWS | JULY 2022

AN UPDATE FOR ALL THE SJOS FOOD STORE VOLUNTEERS

In the SJOS Food Store there is a book in which all volunteers can leave messages or comments, and recently we have received a lot of messages about visitors to the Food Store trying to change the rules and misuse the charity offered. The **NEW RULES** posted in the Food Store are specifically in place to stop those trying to abuse the system.

Here are the SJOS Board's responses to some questions:

1. Can we add anyone to the list who is not registered but has a Centrelink Card? **Response: YES.**
2. Can someone use their friend's card? **Response: NO.**
3. What if someone arrives without ID? **Response: IF THEY ARE ON THE LIST, IT IS OK TO GIVE THEM 10 ITEMS.**
4. Can someone pick up someone else? **Response: NO**
5. Someone has requested oil, flour and washing powder? **Response: WE ARE NOT ADDING ANY MORE STORE ITEMS TO THE LIST AT THE MOMENT.**
6. Can we get a list of people who live in the units as they are allowed extra visits? **Response: WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO GIVE OUT THAT LIST DUE TO PRIVACY AND IVO ISSUES. THEY ALL HAVE CENTRELINK CARDS SO THEY WILL ALL BE REGISTERED AT THE 54 FITZGERALD STREET SOUTH YARRA ADDRESS. (THE SJOS HOUSING UNITS).**
7. Can Andrew Landouris collect for his friends, who are listed on the visitor roll. **Response: NO. ANDREW HAS BEEN INVESTIGATED. HIS COMPANY, ANDREW LANDOURIS PTY LTD IS REGISTERED IN WANTIRNA, BUT NO FURTHER INFORMATION HAS BEEN DISCOVERED. HE IS NOT ENTITLED TO COLLECT FOR HIS FRIENDS.**
8. Can one of the regular visitors, Maria Astafyer, collect for her husband. **Response: NO. WE DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE NOW TO COLLECT FOR ANYONE ELSE.**

UNFORTUNATELY, SOME GREEDY PEOPLE HAVE LEARNT HOW TO ABUSE OUR RULES. THE SJOS MISSION IS TO SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED, BUT WE ARE NOW FINDING SOME PEOPLE EXPECT US TO PROVIDE EVERYTHING FOR THEM, LIKE A GOVERNMENT SERVICE. PLEASE REITERATE TO VISITORS THAT SJOS IS A CHARITY AND NOT GOVERNMENT FUNDED.

COVID SAFETY

COVID is still with us and we do need to keep up some of the simple precautions. The health and safety of both volunteers and visitors remains a priority for SJOS and to ensure everyone's welfare, we encourage the use of masks, the importance of social distancing and the use of hand sanitisation.

SJOS FOOD STORE PURCHASING

Please continue to list the items that have run out, or running low, in the SJOS Food Store Volunteers Comment Book. The shopping is done nearly every week and we do try to support requests. However, at the moment, it is very difficult to get an ample supply of some items. We have none, or limited stock of, rice, eggs, soup, canned whole potatoes and peas & corn.

THE SJOS GARDEN

The SJOS Garden volunteers continue to provide items for the Food Store, and what they harvest is listed on the white board in the food store. Please refer to that list if you are not sure what is available.

SJOS BREAD BANK VOLUNTEERS

We need more volunteers, especially for the Thursday Bread Pick-up and Packing. If you know of someone suggest they log into www.sjos.org.au and register, or bring them along with you so that they can also support the needs of the vulnerable in our community.

Please let us know if you need any additional information about your volunteer role at SJOS.

Thank You | Outreach Operations Officer | SJOS Board of Management | info@sjos.org.au