

## COVID-19: Morris County and Jersey Cares Partner on Grocery Shopping for Seniors and Disabled

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The Morris County Office on Aging, Disabilities, and Community Programming is partnering with nonprofit Jersey Cares to provide volunteers to do grocery shopping for older or disabled residents across all of Morris County.

The program will keep persons most vulnerable to COVID-19 out of harms way in supermarkets and other food markets.

Eligible participants must be either over age 60 or be disabled and between ages 18-to-59 and in need of shopping assistance.

Consumers can call the ADRC hotline at 973-285-6848 or 1-800-564-4656, and request volunteer shopper assistance. Volunteers have been vetted by Jersey Cares and are ready to serve Morris County residents.



Freeholder Kathy DeFillippo

“We are very glad to have county government partner with Jersey Cares in this important response to the COVID-19 crisis, which has especially impacted our older and disabled populations here in Morris County,” said **Freeholder Kathy DeFillippo**, the county governing board’s liaison on social services issues.

“Jersey Cares is proud to offer this program in Morris County. While we developed the program in response to a critical COVID-19 need, we realized this need has always been there,” said **Michele Epifani**, vice president of programs for Jersey Cares.

“The Seniors are wonderful to work with and always so grateful for the service,” she added, saying their volunteers are eager to get started on this new joint effort with the county.

Program participants are required to provide contact information, a grocery list, and a maximum budget for each shopping trip. More specific program information will be provided when participants call for the service.

**Jersey Cares**, a nonprofit organization that was established in 1993, recruits and engages volunteers in projects that address community-identified needs.

**To volunteer** for the new grocery shopping program, and for more information on Jersey Cares, visit <https://www.jerseycares.org/>

**For more information** on Morris County government programs for seniors and disabled county residents, visit: <https://hs.morriscountynj.gov/adv/>



**About Jersey Cares:** **Be The Change. Volunteer.**

Jersey Cares is a nonprofit organization that meets community needs by making volunteering in New Jersey easy and meaningful. Jersey Cares works directly with local nonprofit organizations and schools, identifying their needs and managing volunteer projects that address them.

Jersey Cares volunteers have provided thousands of hours of service to communities, including mentoring troubled teens, reaching out to isolated seniors, working with the mentally and physically challenged, restoring the environment and assisting children with their schoolwork.

Jersey Cares offers meaningful volunteer opportunities that showcase the rewards of civic engagement and address some of our communities’ most serious needs. For more information, please visit [www.jerseycares.org](http://www.jerseycares.org).