

Game Loft in Action

Like a good neighbor, The Game Loft is there



There is an insurance company whose jingle says, “Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.” I think that this motto works especially well for the Game Loft at this time. We encourage kids to be good neighbors and good community members and now during the Covid-19 epidemic we are demonstrating what that means.

In addition to the meals, postcards, ZOOM meetings, and telephone calls we do for kids, we are also reaching out to our neighbors’ families in need through the GBAM food distribution program. Every other week the Greater Belfast Area Ministerium provides food through its food cupboard program staffed by members of local churches. In the beginning of the Covid-19 crisis St. Margaret’s Church reached out to the Game Loft for help in its commitment to this GBAM program.

We believe that it is unwise to ask youth volunteers to serve at this time but two of our staff people, Nikky Boyington and AmeriCorps member Thalia Sweeney, have risked their own health to ensure that our neighbors are fed. Every other week this team of Game Loft workers is there to load groceries into cars. Last week more than 100 families were served. We applaud our “good neighbor” volunteers who put community first.