



In a world where you can be anything, be kind.
-Jennifer Dukes Lee



Moving beyond challenges at home, this New Yorker sought assistance to reach her goals.

When Denisha Smith left her Brooklyn home at 14, she had nowhere to go. “Don’t even ask me where I was going,” Ms. Smith, 26, said in a recent interview. “I had no plans.” A good night was spent with a friend’s family. A bad night was spent in a subway car. After a couple of years of bouncing from place to place, Ms. Smith met a social worker who helped her get into foster care. While the system gave Ms. Smith a place to live, it also brought its own challenges.

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Giving Thanks: 1,000 Turkeys And Trimmings Distributed To Families And Soup Kitchens

The sun did not fail to shine through as Catholic Charities volunteers, staff, and clients gathered outdoors on a crisp autumn morning to celebrate the annual Thanksgiving Turkey Distribution at the LT. Joseph P. Kennedy Center in Harlem. Families and individuals started a socially distanced outdoor line with their carts at 6:30 in the morning in anticipation of the 9:00 am opening. Greeted by beautiful hymns of praise to God sung by staff with a microphone in the front parking lot, individuals and families processed through to the back lot with carts and rolling bags to receive fixings for their Thanksgiving meal.

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When Schools Closed, These Remote Learners Needed Extra Help

Since Joy Williams's daughter, Verona, was born blind and quadriplegic, Ms. Williams has dedicated all her time to raising her. After Verona, 17, transitioned to remote learning in March, Ms. Williams took on even more of her care. "I've become a physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech therapist and a teacher," said Ms. Williams, 52.

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Even When Public School Buildings Are Temporarily Closed, Free Grab-And-Go Meals Are Available

Starting November 19, 2020, The New York City Department of Education and the Mayor's Office want New Yorkers to know that the grab and go free meal program for students, families and community members is still in operation while New York City Public Schools are temporarily closed for in-person learning. The free meals are available at Public School locations throughout the City.

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The Legacy of A Saint For Our Time: Dorothy Day 40 Years Later

Dorothy Day famously said, “Don’t call me a saint. I don’t want to be dismissed that easily.” But now, 40 years after her death, many Catholics pray that we will soon call her St. Dorothy--not to dismiss her, but rather to honor her profound and lasting legacy in the American Catholic Church.

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