

## An update on the Mission's Food Distribution Program

In our continuing effort to keep our clients, partners and the rest of the community up to date during this time of uncertainty, we wanted to share a Mission update regarding our Food Distribution Program.

Please know that **we are, and will continue to be, here** for our friends and neighbors that rely on the Mission to help them meet their most basic daily need. We are continuing to make regular food pickups throughout the area and fresh and non-perishable foods, frozen meats and other household food items remain available. Our food pantry, the Sparrow's Nest, remains open, but with condensed hours and with the following procedures put in place to ensure that our clients and staff are properly protected in accordance with CDC, state and local guidelines:

- All food distribution pickups will be made ***by appointment only***. A Mission staff member will contact each of our food program clients to make these arrangements.
- While we are temporarily unable to offer shopping visits inside the Sparrow's Nest, food parcels will be brought directly to our clients' cars when they arrive.
- Special attention is being given to maintaining the cleanliness of the Sparrow's Nest and all of our facilities following CDC recommendations.
- Community outreach events are suspended or being modified such that boxes of food may be picked up by the leading organization.

Our partnerships with programs such as Feeding America, the Maryland Food Bank, and other local groups and donors will ensure that our food distribution efforts will continue to operate with as little disruption as possible. We will continue to follow developments as they occur and will provide regular updates as necessary.

Any questions regarding our Food Distribution Program may be directed to 443-398-1713 between the hours of 8:00AM - 5:00PM.

We place our trust in the Lord and know that He will guide us calmly and steadfastly through this challenging time. *"If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday."* – Isaiah 58:10

We are truly thankful for the opportunity to serve our community and meet the needs of the hungry and hurting in Carroll County and we will continue to do so. We are so grateful to our friends and partners; for their patience, for their understanding, and for their prayers.

Yours in Christ,

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