

WHAT CAN YOU BE DOING? HOW YOU CAN HELP

(List is being edited as often as possible as needs and circumstances change. Last edited 3.18.20 at 10:30a.m.)

In this, as in any crisis, the most vulnerable suffer first, suffer most and suffer longest. In response, we have been communicating with some of our area direct service providers to ask how people can work to lessen the impact of our current challenges on our neediest neighbors.

You are also urged to direct people experiencing critical needs to these resources. There may be many people who've never before needed such support who may be unaware of the resources available.

As you become aware of other critical needs, please communicate them to me ledayne@meckmin.org so that we can share them as widely as possible.

Loaves and Fishes:

Effective immediately, we are limiting volunteer groups to no more than 10 individuals but are adding extra shifts to meet the need. More details [here](#).

[Financial donations](#) are most appreciated at this time but we are also [recruiting volunteers](#) who would be willing to serve as food box delivery drivers if needed in the coming weeks. Volunteers would need to be able to lift 25 lbs emergency food boxes to deliver to the doorstep of medically referred clients. If you can help please [sign up here](#).

Friendship Trays always welcomes new volunteers to deliver meals (some of these volunteers will also be delivering the 7-day food boxes):

<https://friendshiptrays.org/volunteer/>

Crisis Assistance shares this update: We are no longer accepting donations or volunteers at this time. Our facilities have closed to prevent any COVID infection among our staff, volunteers, and customers. With Duke Energy committed to keeping power/gas running, City of Charlotte keeping water running and the NC Courts System stopping all eviction proceedings during this time, the immediate need for financial crisis resolution for utilities and

rent has been delayed. These bills will continue to grow and will need to be paid so we expect an unprecedented need for financial assistance in a few months. Our customers are facing loss of income, increased expenses with healthcare, food, and childcare so we know there will be negative impacts on their budgets and thus the increased need for assistance in the neat future.

We are working remotely and will notify you when we reopen our facilities.

Financial contributions can be made online anytime at <https://crisisassistance.org/challenge>.

The **Urban Ministry Center**, having now cancelled the remainder of the Room in the Inn season due to health concerns, has consolidated theirgreatest needs into one Amazon list: <http://bit.ly/UrbAmazon> You can also support their emergency plans and neighbors by donating online at <http://bit.ly/UMCdonate>

Second Harvest, deeply involved in these efforts, is looking for volunteers and donations to feed families whose children are missing school meals, seniors being asked to stay safely in their homes, those in need of food who are quarantined, and employees in our community being impacted by decreases in work hours

<https://www.secondharvestmetrolina.org/news-pages/coronavirus-response>

UrbanPromise Charlotte Charlotte needs donations to their Family Stability Fund: <https://www.urbanpromisecharlotte.org/covid19-response>

QC Family Tree

Some immediate needs for donations:

Individually wrapped snacks, canned goods, nonperishables, books for the little free library, tutors to work with the children online or in person if school is closed longer than March 30.

In addition, we have added supplies to our amazon wishlist, which you can access [here](#).

We will be providing rent relief to our tenants whose jobs have been impacted by the Coronavirus. If you would like to donate to helping alleviate the financial stress caused by the virus, you can do that [here](#).