



Hello FPCC Friends,

We are reaching out to give you an exciting update on our immediate need services. As you know since COVID, we have been providing sack meals to our neighbors as well as limited food pantry and thrift store items. When we last updated, we were looking to serve in a container in the Twin Aire neighborhood. Unfortunately, we ran into several issues including permitting. We are pivoting to another alternative that we believe is even better. That option is a partnership with Southeast Community Services (SECS) located at 901 S. Shelby, just 1 mile from FPCC current location in the heart of Fountain Square. SECS started providing a once-a-week pantry during the pandemic and had available space. Leadership felt by working together, we could pool our resources to reach more families in need.

This exciting new partnership, FPCC and SECS are combining current services for food pantry and moving FPCC immediate need services (thrift store, hot meals, sack meals) to current available space at SECS. SECS' services include Center for Working families which provides highly trained coaches in employment, education, financial and income supports (access to safety net services like SNAP and HIP) to help families move towards financial independence. HealthNet health clinic is also located in their building. The combination of programs allows both organizations to highlight our expertise and provide a holistic approach to serving families with a continuum of care. This partnership also allows our current space at 1637 Prospect to be laser focused on REACH Early Learning for preschool programming.

The Plan

Return of Hot Meals

- ***Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 to 10:30***
- Prepared and served by partner churches at SECS' auditorium at 901 Shelby



Kitchen @ 901 Shelby



Auditorium @ 901 Shelby

Food Pantry/Thrift Store

- **Open Mondays 2-4pm and Thursdays 3-5:30pm**
- **Located in "The Elaine" a converted garage at 924 Shelby**
- Thrift Store items will be set up as a store. Clients may come shop during open hours.
- Food Pantry items will be pre-packaged based on client choice. Clients will complete an online shopping form.
- Hygiene kits will be available during store hours.
- Sack Meals available during store hours. There is also an outside distribution box that will be filled each Wednesday for self service.



The Elaine @ 924 Shelby



We Need Your Help

- Prepare and serve hot meals. - With the return of hot meals, we need groups to prepare and serve hot meals.
- Host a food drive. – You have been awesome in donating food. We anticipate serving 200 families/month in the pantry. We will need your support to keep the pantry filled.
- Donate/assemble items for snack packs. – We will still need snack pack/sack meals for our homeless neighbors.
- Donate/assemble hygiene kits.
- Volunteer in the food pantry. - Help fill food pantry orders ordered by families with their choices. Organize donations.
- Volunteer in the thrift store. – Help sort and organize clothing items.

To **donate food or hygiene items** please contact Tereasa for more information on current needs:
teresa@fletcherplacecc.org

To arrange a time to **volunteer** contact Holly: holly@fletcherplacecc.org

Clothing donations will continue to be dropped at FPCC on Tuesday and/or Thursday 9:00 – 3:00

Food donations will be dropped off at The Elaine (924 Shelby): Wednesdays from 10:00-2:00

If you need to arrange a different time for drop off, you can reach out to either Tereasa or Holly.

INVITATION: Please join us on Friday, April 1st at 4:30 to celebrate our opening and a tour

We will be celebrating our new partnership and a friend of SECS services! SECS will celebrate the legacy of Elaine Cates, longtime SECS supporter, by dedicating the building at 924 Shelby to honor her memory as the Elaine Cates Center, or The Elaine for short. We will also announce the merging of our food pantries and the opening of the thrift store. Tours of the new space will be available.

For more information, please feel free to reach out to Holly to schedule a tour or virtual meeting.