

Fletcher Place Friends,

It has been awhile since our last update. FPCC continues to serve! Meals are served daily, garden harvested/distributed to the community, and planning for the REACH 2020-21 school year all in full swing. You have continued to support all these efforts! Thank you for supporting FPCC to serve our vulnerable neighbors!

Since beginning our COVID-19 response on March 16, 2020, **over 18,500 meals have been served!!! THANK YOU!**

Response plans to COVID-19 are constantly evolving and changing. As we reach the end of July and the start of the school year, it is time for another decision regarding our service model. Continued talks with our volunteers and neighbors helped inform our decision. As always the health and safety of our staff, volunteers, families, and neighbors is most important to us. With that in mind, we are implementing the following changes through the end of 2020:

- Meals will be provided daily from 9:30-11:00 through the meal door off State Street. There are several ways meals may be delivered. If volunteers are willing and able, meals can be cooked, prepared, and packaged for to go distribution. Staff will also cook some hot meals for to go distribution when able. When meals are not cooked, sack meals and grab and go meals will be distributed. Holly has been and/or will be reaching out to our regular volunteer groups to get their feedback about cooking on site. We already know that many are not comfortable. **WE COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND!**
- Food pantry will be open on Wednesdays from 2:00 to 4:00, also administered through the meal doors.
- Thrift Store will be moving upstairs to the dining hall in a targeted "boutique" for children's clothes and work wear for parents. We will take appointments for our REACH families and partner organizations on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 2:00 - 4:00. Bins of jeans, t-shirts/sweatshirts, underwear, socks, and hygiene kits will be prepared for distribution at the meal door on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.
- Donations will continue to be received at the back door. The gate must remain closed during preschool hours. A doorbell will be placed outside the gate. Just ring the bell and a staff person will come out to help with your donations.
- REACH Early Learning will open for the 2020-21 school year the week of August 3rd. Social distancing as well as state and CDC guidelines will be followed.
- Garden will continue on Saturdays through September 19th. Volunteers will continue to harvest and distribute weekly.
- Christmas program is under evaluation. Obviously with COVID-19 restrictions, we may have to re-evaluate how we distribute items. We will provide more information in the coming months.

We believe, in the current environment, that this model is the best way to serve the needs of all our constituents, both safely and effectively, as we work towards our mission to **Break the Cycle of Poverty**. We will continue to need your support for all our efforts by **volunteering, providing supplies, and donations**. There are a number of ways to get involved. Volunteer to cook a meal; provide supplies to cook a meal or assemble a sack meal; help sort and organize clothing; donate funds to purchase supplies and support our efforts to distribute these much needed items.

OUR NEIGHBORS NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

You can **text hope4fpcc to 56651** to make a donation.

Amazon wish

list. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/18AYOTDH1V8CS?ref_=wl_share&fbclid=IwAR2UtZyhx7RnpAOrD1nodU3gJ0KPIf7ScA9qFfkkjrc7hqzmfBvzT-oRmo

Website link to

donate: <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/FletcherPlaceCommunityCenter/DonateNow.html>

Please reach out to Holly at holly@fletcherplacecc.org if you have questions or are interested in learning more about opportunities to get involved.

We are in trying times. Life as many of us knew it has changed and we are all adjusting to our "new normal". FPCC appreciates you!

Stay strong, stay safe, and be blessed!

Gratefully,
Melissa Drew