

SHARE NEWS

"One person can make a difference, and everyone should try!"

Donations for Share:

Grocery Gift Cards and most needed items from Share Website with COVID-19 Update **purchased for delivery** can be sent to:

Nicki Watts
1533 Woodacre Drive
McLean 22101

A Share Truck will be parked at Nicki's house for donations and will be driven to Share once it is full. This can include those purchases for delivery from Amazon, Walmart, Giant or Target. Our volunteers are not continuously present at MBC to accept deliveries for Share.

Donors also have the option of donating \$\$ online utilizing the **PayPal option** (under DONATE on the shareofmclean.org website) or mailing a check.

Giant is collecting items at front of store that we will pick up.

Other option is for donors to drop off food/supplies in sheds at Share.

Share COVID-19 Response Report

Share is committed to serving our clients through this global community crisis. We have, however, suspended furniture runs in the spirit of social distancing.

Food Pantry

In looking ahead to the expanding effects of COVID-19 and the weekend opening of March 14 and beyond, we altered our operations from the small boutique-like grocery store setup in McLean Baptist to a "Grab and Go" process in the parking lot. Working in very small groups during the week, our volunteers pre-filled boxes with a variety of our high demand items and positioned the boxes on one of our furniture trucks in the parking lot of the church. In another truck diaper packages and personal hygiene items are staged to distribute on request. Meats and other perishables are also available in coolers. On Saturday, March 14 a total of 28 families drove by our station in the parking lot and received a Grab and Go box. Our regular Wednesday, March 18 brought 24 client families to the MBC parking lot and on Saturday, March 21, we served 40 families with the Grab and Go system.

On St. Patrick's Day, our Seniors Tuesday, our modified operations involved delivering bags of groceries to both the Lewinsville and the Fallstead. We delivered 60 bags total to the two facilities. Feedback from them was very positive. We plan to continue these modified operations as our New Normal.

Inventories. We are a bit stressed on inventories without our usual food drives due to closures of churches/synagogues and local businesses that do office collections. We are very grateful for the recent uptick in individual food donations and online PayPal contributions. We have been in contact with Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) with the intent to acquire beans, rice and oatmeal. Walmart so far continues to provide frozen meat. Please see the **box on the left** for a description of how you can help us through this period by donating food and other grocery items in response to the "Needs List" on our website.

Financial Assistance. We anticipate highly increased needs for assistance in the days ahead. Already, we are talking to people who have lost jobs. We hope you can help with donations either by mail or through the PayPal portal on our website.