



PRESS RELEASE

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March 30th Update **COVID-19 & The Salvation Army of Livingston County**

Livingston County, MI: The Salvation Army of Livingston County takes very seriously our call to "meet human needs" and have done just that over the past two weeks of the Corona virus pandemic.

Since March 16th The Salvation Army of Livingston County:

- Served **1,351 meals** through the Mobile Lunch program (at lunch sites and delivered to homeless families)
- Had **761 people** visit our Mobile Lunch program
- Provide **793 pounds of food** through our Pantry
- Had **48 volunteers that provided over 142 hours of service**

This is in addition to providing relief for any family or individual in need of our normal assistance programs.

As the situation continues to change, so does The Salvation Army's plans and needs.

Two weeks ago the client pantry was equipped with enough personal care items to provide assistance for 3 plus months. Since March 16th, the increased families visiting the pantry for assistance has almost depleted our personal care supplies. We are in great need of these full size items. Some items that are in great demand include: Shampoo, conditioner, soap, toilet paper, feminine and baby products, toothpaste, tooth brushes and deodorant. Donors can drop items off at The Salvation Army Corps any day of the week. Donors will find a box located outside of the office door in which they can drop the items at any time.

The Salvation Army of Livingston County is pleased to announce the food assistance partnership with Howell Area Schools. On April 6th, The Salvation Army will be providing the Howell Area School district families with breakfast and lunch pantry boxes. "This endeavor will be a huge undertaking" Says Major Prezza Morrison "However, if we can help the schools provide these much needed meals to ensure the kids have food, we will do whatever we can." At this time the special program is only for Howell area school children. Families that apply to the special program will be notified through the school communications.

How can you help? As we have seen an increase in need over just two weeks, we anticipate assisting more families than ever before. To ensure that we are able to provide for all families in need The

Salvation Army is asking the community to look into their hearts providing us with a monetary gift as well as the gift of your time. Both are going to be greatly needed over the next couple of weeks and months as we all get through this together.

To volunteer contact Darlene Howard at 517-295-4347 or darlene.howard@usc.salvationarmy.org. To donate in-kind or monetary donations contact April Dertian at 517-295-4344 or april.dertian@usc.salvationarmy.org.

Donations can be dropped off at The Salvation Army Corps location Monday- Friday 9am-4:30pm, 503 Lake St, Howell 48843

New information is coming hourly and we may change to better serve the needs. For up-to-date information check out our Facebook page: Facebook @SalvationArmyLivingston

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