

## COVID-19 IMPACT REPORT

## WE NOURISH OUR COMMUNITY BY CHAMPIONING FOOD ACCESS AND EDUCATION



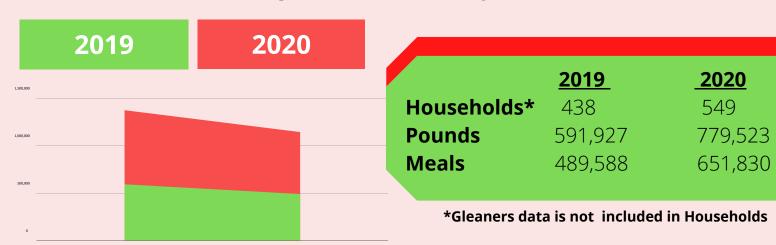




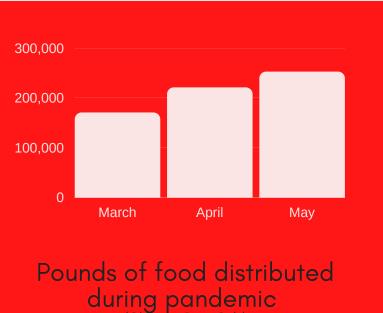


The Livingston Hunger Council is a collaborative body made up of a cross-section of the community dedicated to ending hunger in Livingston County - government agencies, nonprofits, local businesses and private citizens who have committed to making our community a place where everyone has access to the nutritious food they need, when they need it.

#### COVID -19 Impact: March-May 2019 vs 2020



Meals



**Pounds** 





#### GLEANERS COMMUNITY FOOD BANK OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

From **March 19 -**May, 2020



#### New Efforts in Response to Covid-19

- 6,102 Households Served
- 4,352 Households Served at School Food Mobiles
- 1,750 Households Served through Food Boxes
- 155,904 LBS of Food Distributed





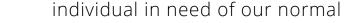


## The Salvation Army of Livingston County

Since March 17th, we have:



- Had **4,395 people** visit our Mobile Lunch program
- Provide **12,406 pounds** of food through our Pantry
  - Provided breakfast, lunch and snack boxes for 637 Howell School children
  - Had 238 volunteers that provided over 655 hours of service
- This is in addition to providing relief for any family or individual in need of our normal assistance programs





#### LIVINGSTON COUNTY SENIOR NUTRITION

- Homebound Seniors Served Weekly: **358** in March; **352** in April
- Homebound Seniors Served on the Weekend: 295 in March; 304 in April
- Frozen meals served for weekend/holiday: 915 in March; 989 in April
- Homebound Meals Served: 11,869 in March; 9,621 in April



#### Department of Health and Human Services

We had approximately 600 snacks for our school snack program that we donated to Bountiful Harvest for distribution in the kid packs.

We have seen a large increase in the Cash and FAP programs. Between February and April we have seen over a 200% increase in both FAP and cash applications.

The Department has also deposited extra benefits into FAP accounts to assist families that were on free or reduced meals - two payments are being made of \$193.80 for March and April and then \$182.40 for May and June.



#### Summer Lunch Bunch

We plan to see a **50-60%** increase for The Salvation **Army's Summer Lunch Bunch** this summer - last summer, one site averaged 28 meals, but during COVID-19, the same site is averaging 208 meals.

#### **Summer Schedule June 15- July 30:**

- Monday AM Brighton Village
- Tuesday PM Grand Plaza
- Wednesday AM Fowlerville Library
- Thursday PM Howell Estates
- Friday AM Hartland Meadows

# Coming



#### Livingston County Prescription for Health

Now accepting referrals. Call for more information 517-552-6818

Prescription for Health is a way for healthcare providers and social service agencies to prescribe fruits and vegetables to their clients – like a doctor would prescribe a medicine. The goals of Prescription for Health are to help you eat more fruits and vegetables and make healthy behavior changes in your life. To help you do this, you will receive support, education, and up to \$100 worth of fresh fruits and vegetables.



### Gleaners Community Gardens & Produce Carts

The gardens are planted and beginning to grow.

Produce Carts will be available this summer!



MSU Extension aims to improve the knowledge, skills and behavior of how individuals view nutrition. Through promotion, planning and delivery our staff works with audiences at a local, county and state to make changes to increase nutritional well-being.

We are offering many virtual events / programs - check them out!

https://www.canr.msu.edu/nutrition/events



The Coronavirus Pandemic is not over. You know this to be true. Things are not going back to the way they were, not for a while. As businesses re-open, not everyone will have a job to return to. People will have lost their jobs through no fault of their own, and will despair at buying **food for their families**. We at the Hunger Council, and at our member organizations, are committed to assuring that no one in our community needs to go hungry. We can't do it alone, of course. We need your help, and together we can make sure that everyone in

Livingston County who needs a meal will get a meal.

Those wishing to learn more about the Hunger Council and our mission, check out <u>livingstonhunger.com.</u>