



UPDATE ON THE CORONA VIRUS

We'd like to give you an update on what's been happening here at The Volunteer Way amidst the COVID 19 pandemic.

In the midst of all the craziness and confusion during this COVID pandemic, we at The Volunteer Way, have continued and will continue to feed all those who are in need of food.

Despite stay at home orders, a skeleton staff has worked tirelessly in bagging thousands of bags of food and distributing them through a drive-thru procedure at our main facility. They have been faithful in lending assistance despite the rain, heat and humid weather and then going back into the building to take care of their regular duties. They have been and will continue to be the heroes and front line workers at The Volunteer Way.

As you can imagine, we have seen an enormous increase of individuals and families coming to our food pantry for food assistance because of loss of employment and businesses closing. Many have never had to visit a food pantry in their lives and are so thankful that we are here for them.

Thanks to the Pasco Bd. Of County Commissioners providing funds for Operation Feed Pasco which helps small restaurants who have been struggling during this pandemic prepare hot meals which are available during food distribution at the pantry. To this end, Arlisa's Events has been providing the hot meals.

We have been a destination for Summer Breakspot on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 PM distributing prepared meals to school aged children. We will continue this program until June 30th when the program will end.

Current Information on our programs: For updates, please check our Facebook Page or Website www.thevolunteerway.org.

Food Pantry located at 8061 Congress St., Port Richey were making plans to re-open with restrictions but with the numbers going up, we are holding off on that and will continue to do our drive thru operation until further notice.

Little Angel Resource Center located at 7816 Congress St., Port Richey is open Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM and Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. **Mobile Food Pantry** schedules will resume July 1st where food is distributed to seven food desert areas.

Brown Bag Program wherein food, personal hygiene items and “animeals” are distributed to our low-income, home-bound seniors, veterans and disabled persons has and will continue on its regular schedule.

WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER DRIVERS who are willing to pick up food at our main facility and deliver to these seniors once a month. If interested, please contact Jeannine at 727-815-0433. We have many who are on waiting lists and we can't get food to them because we don't have drivers.

During pandemic, drivers are given gloves and do not enter the people's homes. It is on a drop and go basis so everyone can remain safe.

The Mission (Soup Kitchen at 10008 Moon Lake Rd., NPR has been distributing sandwiches, drinks, snacks and deserts without entry into the building and will continue to do so. Hours are Monday through Saturday 10 AM to 12 Noon.

Donations of to go containers (purchased at Sam's) and zippered sandwich bags are needed. If you would like to donate, deliver at Soup Kitchen around 9 AM each day.

Please note that absolutely no food, clothing or other donations are being accepted at the Soup Kitchen or Food Pantry. Any items that are left outside are considered illegal dumping and will be thrown in trash.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

DONATE TODAY!

At this time, monetary donations are sorely needed so that we can maintain our operations and purchase food. Donations can be made by check payable to The Volunteer Way, Inc. and mailed at 8061 Congress St., Port Richey FL 34668 OR by visiting our webpage and make a donation online.

We would like to thank all of you for your continued support and our prayer is for everyone to stay safe and healthy.

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