

March 15, 2020 Messages: Food Distribution, Volunteer Opportunities, Donations Needed

CCPS Community,

End Hunger In Calvert County is beginning free food distribution to families on March 16. Please see the letter below for information about receiving food, making donations, and opportunities to volunteer. Thank you, and please share this information with those who do not have internet access.

Dear Calvert County,

A lot of children in our county will not have food to eat over the next two weeks because they receive free or reduced meals at school.

While there will be grab-n-go lunches at three locations in the county – notice at end – this will not come close to meeting the children’s’ need. Most of our county’s neediest children do not have any transportation to get to the food sites, and even then, the lunches will only go so far.

Starting this Monday, End Hunger In Calvert County, working through local food pantry partners, will be distributing a FREE 4 day supply of breakfasts & lunches called **Kid’s Kits**.

The challenge is to get these food kits to the children. This is where you come in.

YOU KNOW WHERE THESE CHILDREN LIVE – ESPECIALLY TEACHERS & NEIGHBORS.

If you know where these children live, please come and pick up a Kid’s Kit and deliver it to a child’s home. You can pick up one kit per child and the child **does not** have to be with you.

[Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry](#) in Huntingtown, will have these kits available for community pick-ups on their lower level porch (drive around back), from 9am-12pm on:

- Monday, March 16
- Friday, March 20
- Monday, March 23
- Friday, March 27

Helping Hands Food Pantry (in [NewLife Calvert](#) Church on 231) will start providing the Kid’s Kits to pick-up starting Friday, March 20. If the school closings go past that date, we will continue distributing food for the children.

In addition, various county food pantries are gearing up to provide boxed cereals, peanut butter and jelly, as well as oatmeal and juices for pick up. All pantries will be maintaining their regular hours during this emergency.

For a listing of End Hunger Food Pantry Partners go to: <https://endhungercalvert.org/pantry/>

DONATE

For people wishing to donate food – here is what we need specifically:

- shelf stable milk (4, 8 oz)
- single serve, cereal (4, 1 oz)
- single serve, flip top fruit (4, 4 oz)
- single serve, flip top lunch meals of mini ravioli, beans & franks, beef stew, and or beef lasagna (4, 7.5 oz)
- granola bars and/or goldfish crackers (8 bars of variety sizes)

Donations of any of the above products can be dropped off on the lower level of [Chesapeake Cares Food Pantry](#) or at [Chesapeake Church](#) - where you see the End Hunger boxes.

To make a financial donation please go to: <https://endhungercalvert.org/donate/>

VOLUNTEER

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help sort, box and distribute food for children, please contact Kelly Chambers at the [United Way of Calvert County](#) : Kellyc@unitedwaycalvert.org.

It is going to take a county-wide commitment to reach our neediest children.

Remember, many of them will have little or no access to food starting this Monday. If you know where some of these children live, please pick up a Kid's Kit and deliver it to them.

As the situation changes or more resources become available End Hunger will be sure to get the word out on social media.

Thank you for out pouring of love and concern. You are what makes Calvert County great. It is my privilege to serve our county with you. Let's feed our children!

Jacqueline Miller
President

Blessings,

Robert P. Hahn