



April 23, 2020

TO: Unit Leaders, District Committee & Scouting Families

FROM: Craig DePuy, Old Hickory Council, BSA

SUBJECT: BSA Virtual Food Drive

Community Need

There are families in our communities who are struggling with food insecurity, and this has become an immediate hardship. The food agencies that usually provide support are now overwhelmed with additional requests. These families and agencies need our help!

Answering the Call

The Boy Scouts of America has a long history of leading and participating in community service projects to help make an impact on those needs.

The Method

In the past, we have done the "Scouting For Food" project to bring in food donations but our current situation does not allow the door-to-door pickup or deliveries to food agencies. Our new "BSA Virtual Food Drive" encourages direct financial donations to those same food agencies.

Timeline

Running now through May 31st, 2020.

Benefits to the Local Food Agency

- They don't need to involve volunteers to meet the deliveries.
- Money can be spent on the food items that are most needed for that week.
- Food agencies have greater buying power because they purchase food through their food networks. For every \$1.00 that's donated, food agencies can buy \$7.00 worth of food.
- Donated money stays local.

The Plan

The plan to help feed our area's hungry families is simple...

- Share this with all the families you know.
- Families choose the local food agency they want to support.
- Click on the appropriate link to contribute online.
- Tracking – in the notes or memo area of your online donation, please type in "BSA".

Other Agencies

If you choose to donate to a local agency that is not on our list, please do so and let me know the name of that group so I can keep a record of it.

Questions

You can contact me at craig.depuy@scouting.org

We would like to thank our Scouting For Food sponsors: Appalachian Energy, G & B Energy and McNeely Pest Control.

To all our leaders and families...thank you for all you do for Scouting and for your community!

FOOD AGENCIES

Ashe County

Sharing Center: <http://www.ashesharingcenter.net/donate.html>

Clemmons

Clemmons Food Pantry <https://clemmonsfoodpantry.org/>

East Bend

Yadkin Christian Ministries beth.steelman@y-c-m.org

Elkin

Tri-county Christian Ministry <https://tric-ministry.com/>

Yadkin Valley Strong <http://yadkinvalleystrong.com>

Kernersville

Crisis Control Ministry <https://www.crisiscontrol.org/ways-to-give/financial-donation.html>

Sparta

Solid Rock Food Closet <http://alleganycountyministerium.org/>

Stokes County

King Outreach Ministry Food Pantry <http://www.kingoutreach.org/home.html>

Surry County

The Salvation Army – Mt. Airy Food Pantry <https://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/mountairy/>

Trinity Episcopal Church, Staples Food Ministry Mt. Airy <https://www.trinitymtairy.com/giving-back>

Wilkes County

Samaritans Kitchen of Wilkes <https://skwilkes.org/donate>

Winston-Salem

Second Harvest Food Bank <https://www.secondharvestnwc.org/>

Watauga County

Hunger & Health Coalition <https://www.paypal.me/hungerandhealthco>

