CHATHAM COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Every Wednesday Afternoon
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Rear of Chatham United Methodist Church
460 Main Street: Across from CVS
THE NEED

COVID lockdown begins in March of 2020

- Chatham United Methodist Church created a “Pop-Up” Pantry with non-perishable items available 24/7. Food distribution concept arose out of a weekly Mayor’s Roundtable discussion with clergy.

- By May, more needed to be done, families did not have fresh produce.

- Additional help provided by “Helping Hands of Chatham” in the form of ShopRite gift cards

- Produce, milk, eggs, breads, shelf-stable lunches and other necessities began May 2020.

March 10th will be our 44th week of operation

NO ONE SHOULD FEEL EMBARRASED TO COME.
HOW DID WE ORGANIZE RELIEF?

Worked with Boxcar to be the platform for produce, milk & eggs donations

Worked with DPW to pick up donated boxes at Madison High School

Worked with the Fire Department for coolers to keep milk & eggs cold

Worked with Panera Bread and Chatham Bagel for breads & baked goods
How did word get out?

- Social Media (Facebook)
- Chatham Courier
- PTOs
- Clergy
- Volunteers
- TAPInto Chatham
- Word of Mouth
- Scouts
- Chatham Patch
- Press Releases
HOW ARE PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES HELPING?

**Fresh Produce Donations**
via Boxcar

**Cash Donations**
to the Chatham United Methodist Church (Covid Relief Fund)

**Shelf-Stable Lunches**
organized by Laura Bojanowski
(scouts, neighbors, etc.)

**ShopRite Gift Cards**
from Joann Carroll of
Helping Hands of Chatham
BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Food Storage inside CUMC

24-Hour Food Pantry outdoors behind CUMC

Distribution Line every Wednesday afternoon
INCREASED NEED

May 2020-February 2021

The last seven weeks have averaged 57 cars and many of those cars are picking up food for multiple families.
SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

Thanksgiving
- Donated frozen turkeys & food boxes arranged through “20 days of thanks”—generated everything needed for a Thanksgiving meal.

Christmas
- Donated frozen turkeys and fresh hams, candy canes, other candy
- Organized “Shop Small for a Big Impact” program where residents would donate gift certificates from local merchants distributed to those in need. Win-win-win.

Valentine’s Day
- Gave out flowers donated by Sunnywoods Florist

Easter
- Conducting a ham drive, donated candy from T.M. Ward Coffee & Easter baskets from Green Village Methodist Church. We are reprising the “Shop Small for a Big Impact” program.
WHAT DO WE NEED OTHER THAN FRESH FOOD?

Non-perishable items

Baby Products: baby food, formula, pediasure, etc.

Toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, dental floss

Feminine hygiene products

Toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins

Shampoo, shaving cream, razors

Laundry detergent, dishwashing detergents
HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Donate via Boxcar
www.boxcarapp.com/chatham-donation

Donate via Amazon Wish List
www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1EUI3767QVAZR

Checks made out to Chatham United Methodist Church
Memo section “Covid Relief Fund”

Drop off donations of non-perishables at outdoor food pantry behind CUMC

Venmo to @JoannCarroll for ShopRite Gift Cards

Drop off donations of non-perishables and toiletries, etc. at 35 Center Street in the Borough
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Thank You, ALL!