

Hope and Friendship Foundation

Covid-19 Response

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Obviously, the last 72 hours have unveiled needs faster than we can respond.

Today after the 2nd desperate request for assistance I reached out to Dr. Orzel to offer what I could as I was able. The collection item drive was already announced, why not do it for the next month instead of waiting a month and add the foods that kids can feed themselves while home? Yes we will drop off to pantries, but we have working homes who cannot get to pantries and I will make sure those homes have a bag of relief as well. Here is the post and attached is the flyer but truly what your home needs is what their home needs. How can you help? Shop "plus one". I'm not asking for a huge investment, I'm simply asking for a "plus one" item. That enough will help us help our struggling homes. Right now I have two drop areas: the Lemont Police Dept lobby bin and Starbucks bin. We'll add more but then I'll need help picking those areas up so my Blue Trailblazer in my drive is open to donations as well!!! Less steps for me :-)

Our families that are struggling are in a panic. We can meet some basic needs my friends and ride through this storm more unified and realizing how vast the difference between the home that can ride a challenge and the one who is rocked by it.

"Plus one" will help that neighbor. #BeTheChange #PlusOne #HopeandFriendshipFoundation

You have shared the post about wanting to help those in need of help through this crisis.....great news you can act immediately and make a difference.

Today alone I had 2 moms reach out to me in desperation for supplies.

Hope and Friendship was already in motion for a cleaning, paper and personal care item collection...well instead of waiting until April 5th for the deadline Hope and Friendship will be collecting and distributing throughout the next month...or more.

Items can be dropped off to our Hope and Friendship/Pantry drop bins at the Lemont Police Dept and Starbucks (our community partner). If you have a business that would like to hold a drop bin please email me at terri@hopeandfriendshipfoundation.com and I'll arrive with a bin in hand to expand our reach.

Beginning next week, March 16th and onward, we will gather, sort, and distribute.

Donations are needed for our food pantries and beyond.

We will drop off donations to the food pantries BUT we also have struggling households with kids who cannot arrive at the pantries during the Tue, Wed, Thur 9:30-12:30 hours and those houses need and will also benefit from your donations.

We have more free and reduced lunch families than ever in our past and those families, working moms and dads who cannot visit our pantries but also truly need your plus one donations.

You have been able to stock up on toilet paper and water, there is not much left and things do now cost more. Let's offer "plus one".

Can you offer one of the items on the list of the flyer attached? A package of toilet paper, Lysol (or non name brand) wipes, microwaveable foods, cans of pasta meals, granola bars/breakfast bars/healthier snacks?

What items would you put in your home?

Can you purchase for your home and possibly offer "plus one" for a home that is already struggling and now this health crisis is causing much unplanned for stress on their home as well?

More action will be needed.

Delivery offerings.

Sorting nights.

Support for picking up medicine for seniors.

An email/post for that help will be present next week as we assess the needs.

Yes it takes a village, but more than that it takes a community of those who choose to act on what they can do as they are able. This is a trying time for all, not just for some. However, for some it could cause the rent to be short, the gas in the car to be hard to afford, the support for at home school to be a struggle, internet may not be available, emotional stress levels will reach a boiling point for one home faster than for another. We can move through this my friends. We have created the miracle of support before we even knew it was needed so many times in the past....now is a fantastic time to make it happen as a unified team.

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change (yes coronavirus falls in that category).

The courage to change the things I can (to do what you can as you are able), and the wisdom to know the difference (not asking for more than you can do, just what you can do possibly a "plus one").

#BetheChange

#PlusOne

#LiftingEachOtherUp

#BeKindNoMatterWhat

#wewillbestrongerontheothersideofthis

Wishing you peace,

Terri