Hunger Relief Update
March 18, 2020
Coronavirus Pandemic

CHILDREN:

- Researching and identifying areas in at-risk communities for Grab ‘n Go Summer BreakSpot during Spring Break 2020 and beyond. Working in tandem with FLIPANY, Palm Beach County School District, and Feeding South Florida, municipalities and community partners.
- Feeding South Florida (FSF) Summer BreakSpot sites will serve meals beginning today, March 18, 2020 and serving through Saturday, March 21, 2020. These sites are to complement what the school district is already doing. FSF will not provide prepared meals during Spring Break but will continue to work with partner agencies. On Monday, March 30, 2020, FSF will pick the BreakSpot sites back up along with the distributions.
- **Spring Break – March 23, 2020 – March 27, 2020**
  - Working with FLIPANY and Palm Beach County School District
    - Palm Beach County School District will serve Grab ‘n Go suppers (no breakfast or lunch) at 27 sites. List of schools is forthcoming and will be shared.
    - FLIPANY has been asked by FDACS to add Grab ‘n Go Summer BreakSpot sites.
      - Hunger Relief team is researching and identifying potential sites in at risk areas.
      - FLIPANY can also serve one adult per two children for a cost of $5 per adult. Funds will need to be secured to pay for adult meals.
- **After Spring Break – Week of March 30, 2020**
  - Palm Beach County School District will serve 33 sites. List of schools is forthcoming. Breakfast and lunch will be provided along with supper. Pick up times are 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

SENIORS:

- Researching and identifying areas in at-risk communities for senior hunger needs. Working with Area Agency on Aging, Palm Beach County Senior Services, Palm Beach County Community Services, and other Palm Beach County senior services providers to identify needs and solutions.
- **Congregate Meal sites for senior clients will be served with Home Delivered Meals to established clients.** Please see the attached flyer from Palm Beach County Senior Services. DEOA has provided the ability to transfer funds between Congregate Meals and Home Delivered Meals. Please note this is for established clients.
- Working with Palm Beach County Community Services and community partners to identify locations and ways to reach self-quarantined seniors and senior living communities with food and supplies.
INFRASTRUCTURE:

- 17 food pantries have closed as of March 17, 2020, according to Palm Beach County Food Bank. Feeding South Florida has been asked how many pantries they serve have closed. Information is pending.
- Reaching out to Hunger Relief partners and United Way of Palm Beach County funded agencies to triage food needs.
- Reaching out to Salvation Army and Red Cross to identify what they are doing regarding food and other supports/supplies.
- Referring food donation inquiries to our Hunger Relief food bank and food pantry partners.
- Communicating regularly with Hunger Relief partners proactively as needs arise.
- Tracking and responding to United Way of Palm Beach County Funded Agencies’ needs.
- Surveying food pantries and food banks to determine ability/desire to receive food donations.
- Assisting with securing volunteers needed.
- Assisting with locating a warehouse to store shelf stable meals.