

# THE GIVING KITCHEN

## **Giving Kitchen Announces Hurricane Dorian Relief Fund in the Low Country of Georgia and South Carolina**

The Episcopal Church in South Carolina (ECSC), the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia (EDG) and Giving Kitchen (GK) are proud to announce a partnership bringing aid to food service workers experiencing hardship in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian in Coastal Georgia and Coastal South Carolina. Funded through a grant from Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), the **Hurricane Dorian Relief Fund** will provide grocery gift cards to food service workers impacted by the slow moving but devastating storm.

"Food service workers in Coastal Georgia and Coastal South Carolina have experienced lost wages, home damage, and unexpected expenses from evacuation - this partnership will provide immediate relief in the form of groceries and home goods," said Bryan Schroeder, Giving Kitchen Executive Director. "For Giving Kitchen, this is the first time providing financial assistance for food service workers outside the state of Georgia, and it's an honor to serve our brothers and sisters in food service living in South Carolina. This is a first step towards serving South Carolina with our full suite GK services in the future."

"We are excited to partner together with Episcopal Relief and Development and Giving Kitchen to support the people who nourish restaurant goers from St. Marys, Georgia, to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina," said the Rev. Frank Logue of the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia. "We know how tough making ends meet can be for those dependent on hourly wages and tips when their restaurant is not able to open. This partnership allows us to reach together people who would otherwise receive no support. We know the Giving Kitchen's heart for their community and are grateful to work together in this relief effort."

**How it works:** Giving Kitchen's online application will require food service workers impacted by Hurricane Dorian to provide proof of current employment in the commercial food service industry as well as financial need to qualify for the **Hurricane Dorian Relief Fund**. Grocery store gift cards will range in the \$50 - \$500 value based on need. Giving Kitchen will provide and process the online applications for food service workers to receive support from the **Hurricane Dorian Relief Fund**. ECSC and the EDG will provide gift cards at pre-approved pickup locations in the communities of Charleston, Pawley's Island, Myrtle Beach, Savannah, St. Simons and Brunswick. One time funds are provided on a first come first served bases. The Hurricane Dorian Relief Fund runs from September 10 - 30

To access the Hurricane Dorian Hurricane Relief Fund visit: <https://thegivingkitchen.wufoo.com/forms/w1t7006405irhin/>

Membership or participation in the Episcopal Church is not a precursor for support and administration of the **2019 Hurricane Dorian Relief Fund** will not discriminate on any basis, including race, creed, religion or faith.

#### **About Episcopal Relief and Development:**

They are the international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church. It was established in 1940 as the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. Episcopal Relief and Development works in approximately 40 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, the U.S. and the Middle East. They build partnerships with local Episcopal and Anglican dioceses and other non-profit organizations based on need, capacity and available resources.

#### **About Giving Kitchen:**

Giving Kitchen (GK) is a nonprofit organization that provides emergency assistance to food service workers through financial support and a network of community resources in order to create a community where crisis is met with compassion and care. Since its inception, GK has served over 3,000 food service workers in Georgia. GK's shift starts when theirs can't. For more about Giving Kitchen, visit [givingkitchen.org](http://givingkitchen.org), follow @givingkitchen and download the GK app (available on iOS and Android).

#### **Local, Glynn County, Availability:**

After applying to and being approved by Giving Kitchen, gift cards will be available at Christ Church, Frederica (Episcopal) on St. Simons Island and St. Mark's, Episcopal, in Brunswick. Those seeking funds must have applied for the relief directly to Giving Kitchen. Local parishes may not provide assistance that is not pre-approved.

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