

Resources, Volunteer, and Donation Opportunities

Senior Meals

The Levy Center and Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center's Meal Program will continue to provide meals to seniors in to-go containers for pickup only. Seniors unable to leave their homes may arrange for someone else to pick up meals for them. Please call 847-448-4311 to make arrangements.

[Evanston Aid](#)

Evanston resident Maggie Vandermeer, an administrator on the Back On Their Feet - Evanston IL Facebook page, spearheaded the Evanston Aid website that connects residents to resources.

If you need food or other resources or support, visit evanstonaid.com and click the "sign up for help" link (available in Spanish and Arabic if you scroll down). Fill out the form that pops up and someone will get back to you.

[Calendar of local pantries and soup kitchens](#)

Caterers and restaurants offering free meals/Donations and/or Volunteers needed

Feast & Imbibe and Soul & Smoke, 1601 Payne Street

Generous owners have been giving out free individually packaged meals for the past week to anyone in need in the community. They offer free, no-touch deliveries. If you **need a meal** call 847-859-2732 or email team@soulandsmoke.com.

Can you help? Purchase a meal for someone in need. [Details here](#)

Ways to help:

- Buy a gift card for \$25.
- Sponsor an individual meal for someone in need for \$30
- Sponsor 20 Meals for the Evanston Emergency Department Workers for \$300
- Sponsor meals for 200 people for \$3,000
- You can also Venmo to feastandimbibe or Zelle to team@soulandsmoke.com
- They're in great need of disposable containers (they'd prefer eco-friendly, but will take what you have)
- If you're a restaurant or caterer with food or other items that will otherwise go to waste during this time, please consider donating! Call 847-859-2732 or drop off at 1601 Payne Street.

Jennifer's Edibles, Inc

Team Jennifer Eason and William Scott Eason have been working tirelessly for the past week to prepare and deliver meals to Evanston's seniors and most vulnerable residents. They started with five meals and are now preparing and delivering 30 meals a day and growing.

For many in our community, this is the ONE meal they eat each day.

Need a meal? Text 224-717-1835 after 9:00 a.m. each day.

Can you help?

Donate! Jennifer's Edibles needs financial donations! Ways to donate:

- Call 224-717-1835. They will take your donation over the phone.
- Cashapp: ChefinJen
- Zelle: jennifer@jennifersediblesinc.com
- Paypal: jennifersedibles@yahoo.com

One meal costs around \$5 to \$7. Consider donating for one meal, or for as many as you're able.

If you're a social worker and willing to assist in assessment of needs, please contact Jennifer's.

Make deliveries!

If you have a car, are you available to drive in the evenings? If so, email dearevanston@gmail.com and let us know what days you're available and give us your phone number. We'll gather this information and pass it along to the Jennifer and William.

Shop!

They're looking for folks who can go to the grocery store for ingredients. Again, if you have a car and can spare some time, they need you. Again, email dearevanston@gmail.com and let us know what days you're available and give us your phone number.

Chef Q / Teertsemasesottehg

Beloved Evanston Chef Quis Ibraheem AKA "Chef Q" is offering meals to a child and their parent or guardian (whom she's dubbed "coworkers" who are experiencing financial difficulties during the pandemic. Chef Q spends much of her time working with Evanston kids at the Foster Street Urban Agriculture Program and elsewhere teaching them how to grow food and cook healthy meals. "In one week," she says, "We've received calls from numerous parents and grandparents simply requesting a hot meal. Comfort food is needed more than ever right now!" Her team will deliver healthy ready-to-eat meals to doorsteps with zero contact.

CAN YOU HELP?

Kid + Coworker: \$24 buys dinner for a child and a parent
Executive Team: \$48 buys dinner for a family of 4
Pension Plan: \$120 buys ten individual grandparent meals
To donate paypal.me/teertsemasesottehg

Donations for Care Packages for Health Care Workers

David Odell, a thoracic surgeon at Northwestern, and his wife, are organizing a fundraiser to make care packages for the providers at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. The packages include protein bars, protein packs, hydration packs, and energy sticks. \$15 buys two kits. Dr. Odell will be distributing kits across the hospital. Send money via Venmo to @Alessia-Odell or PayPal at AlessiaOdell@yahoo.com.

Community Organizations

Connections for the Homeless

Connections is open and needs your help more than ever.

- **Their top need is volunteers who have experience working with participants, either at Connections for the Homeless or a partner organization.** They have many opportunities in different locations and times of day. If you are interested in volunteering, fill out this form and they will get back to you as soon as we can: bit.ly/39bYYbO
- They continue to need lunch bags for 2010 Dewey Avenue. Please sign up here: bit.ly/39lcw4F
- They also need increased financial support for everything from crisis housing solutions, cleaning supplies, emergency supplies, and overtime pay. Please consider making a gift today: <http://bit.ly/2QcwQP8>
- They need can openers, cereal, and tuna. Please drop donations at 2121 Dewey Avenue between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Ring the bell and they'll open the door. Please contact Connections' Volunteer Coordinator at hkhalaf@connect2home.org to confirm needs and drop-off information.
- Visit Connections' Amazon Wish List at amzn.to/2Um0OkR

Interfaith Action of Evanston

The Interfaith Action of Evanston Hospitality Center at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1509 Ridge Ave., remains open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 11a.m. Guests receive breakfast and a safe place to sleep. It's become more difficult for volunteers to shop and keep up supplies. Purchase from this Amazon Wish List and your purchase will be delivered directly to IAE.

Any items purchased on this list will be delivered directly to the Hospitality Center: amzn.to/2xbM54b

Grocery stores with hours for senior citizens and other people most vulnerable to Covid-19

Jewel (All stores)

Tuesdays, Thursdays, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

2485 Howard St

1128 Chicago Ave

1763 Howard St

Target (All stores)

Wednesdays, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Valli Produce

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., starting March 31.

1910 Dempster Street

(847) 866-6100

Pls. note: Valli has asked that shoppers come individually whenever possible, not in pairs or groups, to avoid congestion in the store.

Whole Foods

Every day, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

2748 Green Bay Rd

(847) 424-5700

1640 Chicago Ave, Evanston

(847) 733-1600

Also consider visiting smaller neighborhood stores:

C & W Market and Ice Cream Parlor

1901 Church Street

(847) 833-9367

D&D Finer Foods

825 Noyes St, Evanston

Open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

(847) 475-4344