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Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House is now a food collection and distribution center in response to the need for food assistance in our community.

WHAT: As of November 13, [Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House](#), historic house museums in Alexandria, Virginia, which are on grounds that were originally part of George Washington's Mount Vernon, will be a food collection and distribution center in response to the extreme need for food assistance we are seeing in our community. With the help of our partners and visitors, Woodlawn will provide non-perishable, shelf stable foods in waterproof food pantries outside our front gates at the Quaker Meeting House for people to access at any time and in our parking lot when we are open to the public.

“With the government shutdown and rising grocery expenses, we noticed a significant increase in the numbers of people in our neighborhood reaching out to area organizations for food assistance,” states Heather Johnson, Interim Executive Director. “We hope to fill this need and serve the community with these food pantries. When we put a call out to our partners and collaborators for help, they immediately responded with monetary and in-kind food donations. We are extremely grateful for their support of our community.”

Now through December 29, 2025, each visitor who brings a canned good to the Woodlawn admissions desk will receive a 10% discount off their individual tour admission price. If a family of four brings four cans of food, each visitor receives the 10% discount. Guests are encouraged to increase their donation of canned goods so that we may help as many people as possible at this time.

Woodlawn is open to the public five days a week, Thursdays through Mondays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM through December 29, 2025. Guests are welcome to stroll the grounds of Woodlawn and Pope-Leighey House for free or purchase a tour ticket. Federal employees who had been furloughed during the previous government shutdown will continue to receive half price tour admissions tickets for their entire family until the end of 2025. In addition, through the *Museums For*



All program, visitors may purchase \$2 general tour tickets for up to four people to attend tours of both houses by showing their EBT card and a photo ID at our admissions desk.

Special thanks to our contributing partners and collaborators:



WHERE: Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House are located at 9000 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, Virginia 22309.

Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House are two sites of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. It is the mission of Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House to engage with the community to preserve history and care for nature at this former site of enslavement.

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