

Volunteer Opportunities

May 21, 2020

Help the YMCA Help Our Community

The YMCA is delivering about meals to about 2000 kids per week to impoverished neighborhoods not served by school programs. FPC would like to assist by providing 500 sandwiches per week in May. Sign-up by [clicking here](#) to provide 35 sandwiches on the day of your choice. Instructions for types of sandwiches and delivery are found in the link.

Help Covington Rotary Deliver Donations

The Covington Rotary has been providing items from Dollar General to the YMCA to be delivered to non-profits in the area. The Rotary needs volunteers on Wednesdays (through June) to help sort and organize items. No heavy lifting required! Please bring your own mask and gloves.

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday from 10:00am-2:00pm. The warehouse is located at 9120 Wheat Street. Please call Doug Bolton to sign up because space is limited. Doug can be reached at 678-858-2080.

Give to Family Promise

On Tuesday, May 5, there was a statewide initiative called "Giving Day" for non-profits suffering economically because of pandemic shutdowns. Family Promise participated in this event and it's not too late to give. If you are financially able, Family Promise is accepting donations for their work in Newton and Rockdale counties. You can give by clicking [here](#).

Can You Sew?

Piedmont Rockdale is willing to accept homemade masks. [Click here](#) to find a list of supplies and a pattern. Piedmont Rockdale will have a collection box inside the Emergency Department doors next to the intake area. For questions contact [Susan Simons](#) from Covington First United Methodist.

Action Ministries SuperPack Program

The Action Ministries' SuperPack program provides a supply of food for children to enjoy over the weekend and school breaks. The program is intended to increase access to food for students that face hunger when school is not in session. Each pack contains two breakfast items, four entrees, two servings of fruits and/or vegetables and snacks when available. We currently serve students at 15 of Newton County Elementary, Middle and High schools with our SuperPack Program.

Signups are available through July.

- To sign up to pick up and drop off SuperPacks [click here](#).
- To sign up for food distribution at the Covington Housing Authority [click here](#).
- To sign up for food distribution at Nelson Heights Community Center [click here](#).

Truck Drivers for Food Pantry

The Methodist Food Pantry also needs additional drivers for the refrigerated box truck. Here are the requirements:

- Age 25 to 64
- No chronic health conditions (heart disease, diabetes, lung disease)
- CDL license is a plus but not necessary. Our truck is a 26 ft refrigerated truck, so basic knowledge of how to drive that vehicle is helpful
- Must pass a criminal background check (we will pay for)
- We will temporarily add the driver to our insurance

Pickups are Monday and Friday mornings. You can volunteer to drive once or multiple times. Contact their [Coordinator](#) to volunteer.

First United Methodist Food Pantry

Just a reminder that the work of the CFUMC food pantry continues, especially as more and more businesses are laying off employees. We have afternoon volunteer slots tomorrow that need to be filled. We are practicing all CDC guidelines for community organizations and organizations that work with at risk populations.

[Click here](#) to sign-up, but please read below for criteria for volunteers. You cannot just walk up to volunteer.

All direct care volunteers (on site at the food pantry, distributing sack lunches or super packs in the community) must agree to the following guidelines for your safety and the safety of others:

1. You are not in a high-risk group (over 65 years old or have a chronic medical condition such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease)
2. You do not reside with a member of a high-risk group

All volunteers, whether direct care or indirect (making sandwiches, dropping off supplies, putting together super packs) must agree to these best infection control practices:

1. You will monitor your own health status. If you develop a fever of 100.4 or above, have a dry cough, or experience shortness of breath, you will contact your healthcare provider for guidance.
2. You will follow recommended hand washing guidelines (20 seconds with soap and water, hand sanitizer), respiratory hygiene (cover your cough and sneeze in your elbow or a tissue that is disposed of), wear single use gloves at all times, and sanitize all surfaces before and after use
3. You will follow social distancing recommendations: only work in very small groups (maximum 4 in a room), maintain 3-6 feet between you and other volunteers.