(Updated 12/7/2020)

ADVENT'S MINI-FOOD PANTRY continues to collect canned meat, packaged crackers, snacks, cookies, water for the Little Free Pantry and for the bags of food prepared by our young people for distribution. If you have a fob, place food donations inside the red door near the offices.   If you do not have a fob, donations may be placed outside the red doors or contact Esther Abdel-Hameed (**esther_uae@hotmail.com**) or Abby Bostian (**abostian@carolina.rr.com**).

Habitat for Humanity's new alternative gift market at https://www.habitat.org/donate/?link=628.   It is an online market where folks can buy donations in honor of a loved one and the gift recipient will receive a winter holiday card sharing the donation with them. You can purchase lumber for a family in need or other supplies for those working towards a home.

HEART MATH has continued to tutor virtually and they are looking for volunteers. If interested please contact Emily Gaffney at emily.gaffney@hearttutoring.org.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE needs volunteers to work with ESL students in K-3rd grade at Briarwood Elementary in a Rising Readers program.   Weekly visits provide the students with food, educational materials, community resources, and technical support. If interested, please contact Alma Hernandez at ahernandez@ihclt.org.

AUGUSTINE LITERACY PROJECT offers an opportunity to learn more about becoming a tutor for this school year.   You may register at www.alpcharlotte.org/register.

CRISIS ASSISTANCE MINISTRY --   Crisis Assistance Ministry is once again accepting volunteers for their ministry's Free Store Production Area, located at 500-A Spratt Street. Help is needed in a variety of roles, from sorting and inspecting donated items; sizing and hanging clothing; to stocking the Free Store, which provides families in our community with essentials free-of-charge.   Click this link to see days/times available to volunteer either as a group or individual   **https://volunteer.crisisassistance.org/opportunity/a1J2R00000D47vtUAB**.

HELP NEEDED TO SERVE MEALS -- Houses of faith in Charlotte have been asked to sign up for a weekly slot to serve meals to previously unsheltered residents who are now living in three hotels in Mecklenburg County. Food is provided by an outside contractor, and Roof Above is working with residents to find permanent housing.   Time slots for meal service are two people for two hours for either lunch or dinner, and we would be making a commitment for one day a week now through September. If you are interested in participating in the meal service program, please contact Abby Bostian (**abostian@carolina.rr.com**) or Jim Hintz (**hintzes3@aol.com**). If enough people are interested, we'll make the commitment to help and contact you about schedules.

LOAVES AND FISHES needs help with volunteer delivery drivers for their home delivery program:

- Volunteers Needed: Needs volunteers to pack the boxes at warehouse and deliver groceries. Call 704-523-4333.
- Donate Food: You can drop off non-perishable food items at the Loaves & Fishes warehouse, located at 648 Griffith Road, Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm OR *shop their Amazon Wish List and have items delivered directly to their door! They* are in *great need*of the following items: canned meats such as tuna, chicken, and salmon; canned fruits - especially no sugar added or in juice; canned pastas - Spaghetti O's, ravioli, etc; rice in 1 lb. bags; pastas such as spaghetti, elbows, etc. *(For safety purposes - No Glass Please!)*

Contact **Danielle@loavesandfishes.org**.

FREEDOM SCHOOL PARTNERS has developed a program to ensure that much needed educational and basic resources will go directly to families.   Their R.E.S.P.O.N.S.E. (Reading and Enrichment for Scholars Plus Other Needed Supplies and Essentials) Program will occur via pop-up sites at multiple locations this summer and be supplemented by a virtual component. Sites close to Advent are Enderly Park @ QC Family Tree Houses, Hickory Grove @ The Grove Church, Hidden Valley @ Parkwood CME Church. Needs volunteers and snacks and water to distribute at sites. Contact Tommy Hudnall at **tommy@freedomschoolpartners.org**.

MEDASSIST (medassist.org) provides lifesaving prescription medications, patient support, advocacy and related services to uninsured North Carolina residents.They need volunteers to help sort donations. Contact Elena at **elenasepulveda@yahoo.com** or Jim Hintz (**hintzes3@aol.com**) to join an Advent group.

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK fighting hunger in Charlotte and the surrounding region. Volunteer individually at **https://www.secondharvestmetrolina.org/give-time** or contact Jim Hintz (**hintzes3@aol.com**) to be a part of an Advent group.

BLOCK LOVE CHARLOTTE provides restoration, resources, education and essential tools to individuals occurring hardship in our community. Donation needs are shorts for men/women, underwear short sleeve shirts, tank tops, sneakers, work boots, new towels and washcloths. Group also provides lunch each Saturday at N. Tryon Street and Phifer Avenue.   Needs waters, gatorades, and fresh fruit. Group is listed on Amazon Smile Wish List. Donations can be sent to Block Love Charlotte, 7137 Founders Club Court, Charlotte, NC 28269. Check website **blockloveclt.org** for latest updates to needs. Monetary donations can also be made through the website.

GALILEE MINISTRIES at 3601 Central Avenue, is currently serving three home cooked, hot meals a week... Tuesday dinner from 5-6pm and Wednesday and Thursday lunch from 11:30am-12:30pm. The meals are served take-out style and are offered free to the community. Donations of any amounts make a difference in feeding our neighbors during this time of crisis. Donate through this link **http://galilee.dionc.org** or on the fundraiser on Galilee's facebook page **https://galilee.dionc.org/Donate/donate-to-galilee.html**.

HARRISBURG FOOD PANTRY donations may be mailed to Rocky River Presbyterian, 7940 Rocky River Road, Concord NC 28075.

Other agency links recommended by Mecklenburg Ministries who connect volunteers where there are needs: **CharmeckResponds.org**, **ShareCharlotte.org**, and **JustServe.org**.