

VIRTUAL SERVE SUNDAY

May 17

Even though we can't gather for community outreach in person this spring due to the COVID-19 safe distancing measures, Palmer will still serve our community, but this season, we are going VIRTUAL!!!!

The focus for Spring 2020 will be on financial contributions that you can make from your home, but we will also have a few options for individuals to participate in tangible ways. Get out your Serve Sunday t-shirts, hold up a sign of the organization you supported, take a picture and send to Roger Hutchison (rwhutchison@palmerchurch.org) for compilation into a photo slide show illustrating how we can serve together, even while apart.

Virtual Financial Support

Below are links to financially support some organizations that Palmer has connection with. Wondering how much to contribute? Some folks have suggested sharing part, or all, of your recent stimulus check, if you are able.

The Beacon

The Beacon is a non-profit organization that serves the Houston homeless community through daily services, civil legal aid, counseling and mentoring and access to housing.

Website: <https://www.beaconhomeless.org/>

Donation Link: <https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/TheBeacon/Donate.html>

Interfaith Ministries Refugee COVID-19 Emergency Fund

For more than 50 years Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston has united people of all faiths to provide services to citizens of the Greater Houston area. The Refugee Services welcomes and helps our new neighbors become self-sufficient within six months.

Website: <https://www.imgh.org/>

Donation Link: <https://www.imgh.org/donate/refugeefund/>

St. Peter / San Pedro, North Pasadena Community Outreach

The North Pasadena Community Outreach (NPCO) is a nonprofit organization of St. Peter / San Pedro Episcopal Church. NPCO provides many services to the community. Please see a link to a recent article about the extreme needs of their food pantry during the pandemic.

Website: <https://www.stpeterspasadena.org/>

https://www.facebook.com/NorthPasadenaCommunityOutreach/?ref=page_internal

Article Link: <https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2020/04/03/houston-area-episcopal-latino-mission-feeds-thousands-feeling-coronavirus-impact/>

Donation Method: Write a check and mail to the church with COVID in the memo line:

Iglesia San Pedro
705 Williams Street
Pasadena, TX 77506

Palmer's Assisting Reentry (PAR)

PAR is an in-house ministry that seeks to welcome and assist former prison inmates as they rejoin the Houston community, as well as, their families and communities.

Donation Method:

Give through Palmer's website noting "PAR" in the memo line.

<https://palmerchurch.org/give/>

Or, write a check and mail to the church with PAR in the memo line:

Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church

6221 Main Street

Houston, TX 77030

Family Houston

Family Houston has been serving this region for more than 100 years. Last year Family Houston assisted more than 6,500 individuals through its case management, mental health, and financial stability programs.

Website: www.familyhouston.org

Donation Link: <https://www.familyhouston.org/donate/>

The Women's Home

The Women's Home is an impressive organization with a long history of intervention with adult women beginning recovery from substance abuse. Founded in 1957, The Women's Home, has expanded to residential facilities, as well as programs that help prepare its clients for a return to their families, communities, and work environment.

Website: www.thewomenshome.org

Donation Link: <https://www.thewomenshome.org/donate/>

Tangible Support Offerings

For those who prefer to support our neighbors in tangible ways, here are some options for you.

New Hope Housing Notes of Encouragement

New Hope Housing provides permanent supportive housing to the homeless and those on very limited incomes.

Website: <https://www.newhopehousing.com/>

Donation Link: <https://www.newhopehousing.com/donate/>

Activity: Please write a letter of encouragement to the residents at any of the the three locations we typically serve. They are currently receiving meals from a local organization that prevents food waste, and have been given masks and gloves. What they really need are reminders that they are important and they matter; they haven't disappeared from our thoughts and concerns. Hand drawn pictures from your kids would be great.

Please send your letters to either:

New Hope Housing Bray Crossing

6311 Gulf Fwy, Houston, TX 77023

New Hope Housing Sakowitz

2424 Sakowitz St, Houston, TX 77020

New Hope Housing Perry Street

4415 Perry St, Houston, TX 77021

Emergency Aid Coalition Bandana / Mask Drive

Please join Operation Bandana-Manna! The EAC is seeking donations of bandanas as face coverings for all our Sack Lunch clients. With the city's recommendation for everyone to wear masks, the EAC realizes clients experiencing homelessness may not have access to any face coverings. The bandanas can be used throughout the year. We would ask to have any color with the exception of red and blue.

Website: <https://eachouston.org/>

Donation Link: <https://eachouston.org/donations/>

Activity: Gather bandanas and deliver directly to the EAC, which is just a few blocks from Palmer. There will also be a collection box near the church office. Please take note of the operational times for both locations.

Emergency Aid Coalition

5401 Fannin Street

Houston, TX 77004

TIMES: M-F 9am – 1pm, Sunday 11am – 1pm

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TIMES: Tuesday and Thursday 9-5pm

Kids' Meals Inc.

Since 2006, Kids' Meals has been making and delivering free, healthy meals directly to the homes of hungry children. Since inception, we have given more than **6.7 million free meals** to food insecure children in 43 Houston-area zip codes. Kids' Meals is a first-responder to children ages five years-old and under facing debilitating hunger due to extreme poverty. As of May 2020, we are delivering **7,000 meals every weekday**.

Website: <https://kidsmealsinc.org/>

Donation Link: <https://www.giveeffect.com/checkout/4136>

Activity: Pack lunches and deliver to Kids' Meals for the organization to deliver. Purchase pre-packaged foods and standard lunch bags from the list, decorate and assemble, then deliver to 330 Garden Oaks Blvd. and the organization will take it from there.

Link to Instructions: <https://kidsmealsinc.org/wp-content/uploads/DIY-Lunch-Pack-Instructions-1-1-20.pdf>