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Dear Fellow Marylander,

No one – anywhere, ever – should be without food. The holidays make this simple truth even more clear. They remind us of the importance of helping our neighbors and those organizations that address food insecurity head-on during so-called normal times and, especially, during the current pandemic.

Like never before, the pandemic is straining our economies, our families, and our lives. Far too many Marylanders have been or remain out of work, or are struggling to financially support themselves and their families. Many more hover dangerously close to the breaking point, one unforeseen circumstance away from financial insolvency.

Feeding America, the country's largest hunger-relief organization, estimates that 17 million additional people in the U.S. could become food insecure because of COVID-19, bringing the total to more than 54 million people. This includes 18 million children.

For those who find themselves pushed to the edge and wondering how they will feed their children, or themselves, I want you to know that there is help out there.

Pre-COVID-19, I saw first-hand the dramatic difference to the physical and mental health of local residents that is made by the work of food banks and other local initiatives to feed the hungry. The importance of their efforts is difficult to

overstate. They provide tremendous services to our communities, serving as a safety net and touching the lives of children and seniors when they need it most.

These efforts tackle hunger, which is urgently needed, but they also preserve hope. In the midst of this pandemic, hope is the human emotion frequently under the most stress. And during this and every holiday season, hope is always the right thing to celebrate – and to rededicate ourselves to inspiring.

Below is a list I wanted to share with you of some of the many Maryland organizations that are working hard to address food insecurity in their own neighborhoods and across our state. I offer this spotlight so that Marylanders in need will know there is a place to turn and those who do have enough on their plate will know what nearby organizations have stepped up to provide hope and nourishment to those in need. Please note that is far from a complete accounting of every such effort in the state. It is meant as a starting point.

Every person in Maryland should be able to put nourishing food on their holiday – and everyday – tables.

I salute all who work to achieve that vision. Please join me in celebrating their work this holiday season.



Ben Cardin

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## **STATEWIDE**

### **Maryland Food Bank**

The Maryland Food Bank is responsible for providing more than 40 million meals to Marylanders annually. The Baltimore Office is the central hub for food distribution to central Maryland, as well as branches in Western Maryland and on the Eastern Shore.

[2200 Halethorpe Farms Road, Baltimore](#)  
410-737-8282

*To Get Help:*

The Maryland Food Bank provides an [online tool for those looking for a nearby food bank](#).

## **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**

## **Anne Arundel County Food Bank**

For three-and-a-half decades, the Anne Arundel Food Bank has fought hunger in the local community.

120 Marbury Drive, Crownsville  
410-923-4255

## **Elkridge Food Pantry**

5646 Furnace Avenue, Elkridge  
443-492-9209

## **BALTIMORE CITY**

### **New Life Food Pantry**

New Life Pantry has distributed more than a million pounds of food in the last two years.

2401 East North Avenue, Baltimore  
443-800-0213

### **Food With a Focus**

The Food With a Focus Fund was created to increase personal safety and decrease the spread of COVID-19 by finding a faster, more efficient method for food distribution. The joint effort of Thread, Baltimore Corps, and Wes and Dawn Moore is building a partnership among religious and community organizations to an increasing number of food distribution sites in West Baltimore.

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### **New Psalmist Baptist Church**

Rev. Al Bailey, 410-984-4959 [Abailey@newpsalmist.org](mailto:Abailey@newpsalmist.org)

## **BALTIMORE COUNTY**

### **Agape Christian Church Food Pantry**

100 E. Timonium Rd., Timonium  
410-252-4255

## **CARROLL COUNTY**

### **Carroll County Food Sunday**

Carroll County's principal food bank, based in Westminster, also has distribution points in Eldersburg and Taneytown.

*To Get Help:* <https://ccfoodsunday.org/services-2/>

## **CECIL COUNTY**

### **Community Services Foundation of Cecil County**

Help Center - 410-996-0260 [helpcenter@cecilhelp4u.com](mailto:helpcenter@cecilhelp4u.com)

## **DMV**

### **Capital Area Food Bank**

The Capital Area Food Bank leads the Washington D.C region's efforts to provide good, healthy food to people struggling with hunger and food insecurity. Each year, it sources and distributes the food for more than 45 million meals.

*To Get Help:* [www.capitalareafoodbank.org/find-food-assistance/](http://www.capitalareafoodbank.org/find-food-assistance/)

## **EASTERN SHORE**

### **REGION-WIDE**

### **Maryland Food Bank, Eastern Shore Branch**

The Maryland Food Bank – Eastern Shore Branch distributes food to eight counties: Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester. In FY19, the branch distributed more than 5.5 million meals to food-insecure Marylanders.

Jennifer Small, 443.210.3008, [small@mdfoodbank.org](mailto:small@mdfoodbank.org)

## **CAROLINE COUNTY**

### **Aarons Place/Living Waters Assembly**

Cheryl Beulah, Food Ministry Coordinator, 410-479-0585  
[livingwatersmd@gmail.com](mailto:livingwatersmd@gmail.com)

### **Martin's House & Barn**

Deborah Hudson Vornbrock, Executive Director, 410-634-2537

## **DORCHESTER COUNTY**

### **Mid-Shore Meals til Monday**

Meals Til Monday works to end childhood hunger by sending home healthy, nutritious, and easy food options during times when children may not have access to consistent meals.

Leslie Bishop, Executive Director, 443-225-6789  
[leslie@midshoremealstilmonday.org](mailto:leslie@midshoremealstilmonday.org)

### **Delmarva Community Services**

Rosetta Brown, Director, 410-901-2991 [rbrown@dcsdct.org](mailto:rbrown@dcsdct.org)

## **KENT COUNTY**

Kent County has six food pantries, with options in Chestertown, Millington, Ridgely, Rock Hall and Worton.

More info at:  
[mainstreetchestertown.org/covid-19-kent-county-food-pantry-info/](http://mainstreetchestertown.org/covid-19-kent-county-food-pantry-info/)

## **QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY**

### **Haven Ministries Food Pantry**

[206 Del Rhodes Ave.](#), Queenstown  
410-827-7194  
Krista Pettit, Executive Director, 410-739-4363

## **SOMERSET COUNTY**

### **Catholic Charities - Seton Center**

Seton Center is a multi-purpose neighborhood community center located in Princess Anne where staff members work to identify and respond to the needs of local residents, the Hispanic community, and the area's migrant farm workers. It operates three distinct food distribution programs and a variety of other services.

[30632 Hampden Avenue, Princess Anne](#)

410-651-9608  
Nicole Kurtz/Charlotte Phillips

### **TALBOT COUNTY**

#### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Kathy Weaver, Food Pantry Director, 410-770-4505  
[svdpeastonmd@gmail.com](mailto:svdpeastonmd@gmail.com)

### **WICOMICO COUNTY**

#### **The Salvation Army**

407 Oak Street, Salisbury  
Latoya Ward, 410-749-7771

#### **Emmanuel Wesleyan Church**

Mark Thompson, Adopt-a-Block Coordinator, 443-783-4711

### **WORCHESTER COUNTY**

#### **Samaritan Ministries**

814 Fourth Street, Pocomoke City  
Shelly Daniels, Director, 410-957-4310  
[thesamaritanshelter@gmail.com](mailto:thesamaritanshelter@gmail.com)

### **FREDERICK COUNTY**

#### **City of Frederick Maryland Food Bank**

The Foodbank Program operated by the Frederick Community Action Agency provides a three- to five-day supply of food to families and individuals who are facing an economic crisis and cannot afford to buy their groceries. The FCAA Foodbank serves 600 to 800 households each month.

[100 S. Market St., Frederick](#)  
301-600-3972

#### **Glade Valley Community Services**

Walkersville Town Hall, [21 West Frederick St., Walkersville](#)  
301-845-21793

### **HARFORD COUNTY**

## **Harford Community Action Agency Food Pantry and Food Bank**

The Community Action Food Pantry and Food Bank is an emergency and / or supplemental food source that is available once every 30 days to eligible clients in need of nourishment. Families receive enough wholesome fresh / canned fruits, vegetable, meats, milk products, and/or breads and pastries for 3-4 days, based on household size. The current income eligibility is 200% of poverty guidelines.

1321-B Woodbridge Station Way, Edgewood  
410-612-9909

## **HOWARD COUNTY**

### **HOWARD COUNTY FOOD BANK**

9385 Gerwig Ln J, Columbia  
410-313-6185

### **S.A.F.E. FOOD PANTRY**

This organization works to educate, inspire and engage the community about the necessity for gluten-free and allergy-friendly food and provide that safe food to those in need.

9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia  
443-741-1060

## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

### **Manna Food Center**

Manna works to eliminate hunger through food distribution, education and advocacy.

9311 Gaither Rd., Gaithersburg  
301-424-1130

### **Nourish Now**

Nourish Now is a nonprofit food bank, specializing in food recovery and providing donations from grocers, caterers, restaurants, bakeries, and other food donors for the benefit of children, families, and the elderly, as well as shelters, food pantries, and other organizations working to end hunger.

1111 Taft St., Rockville  
301-330-0222

## **TAKOMA PARK FOOD PANTRY**

7001 New Hampshire Ave, Takoma Park  
240-450-2092

## **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**

### **Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund**

Food assistance is available to all qualifying Prince George's County residents.

2614 Kenhill Drive, Suite 134, Bowie  
301-262-6765  
[bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com)

### **Oxon Hill Food Pantry**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 4915 Saint Barnabas Road, Temple Hills  
[oxonhillfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:oxonhillfoodpantry@gmail.com)

## **SOUTHERN MARYLAND**

### **REGION-WIDE**

### **Southern Maryland Food Bank and Outreach Services**

Organization maintains a full listing of food pantries in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties.

22 Irongate Dr., Waldorf  
301-274-0695

## **CALVERT COUNTY**

### **CHESAPEAKE CARES FOOD PANTRY**

6045 Solomons Island Rd, Huntingtown  
410-257-0293

### **CALVERT CHURCHES COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY, INC.**



100 Jibsail Dr, Prince Frederick  
443-295-7768

## **END HUNGER IN CALVERT COUNTY**

6201 Solomons Island Rd, Huntingtown  
410-257-5672

## **ST. MARY'S COUNTY**

### **SAINT MARY'S HELPING HAND**

28291 Old Village Rd, Mechanicsville  
301-247-2785

## **WESTERN MARYLAND**

### **REGION-WIDE**

#### **Western Maryland Food Bank**

The Western Maryland Food Bank has worked since 1983 to enhance the food rescue and food distribution systems locally, addressing the invisible hunger in the tri-state community. It distributes food to local organizations, such a church pantries, day care centers, on-site feeding programs, emergency assistance organizations, etc.

816 Frederick Street, Cumberland  
301-722-2797

Amy Moyer, Executive Director, [amymoyer@atlanticbb.net](mailto:amymoyer@atlanticbb.net)

## **WASHINGTON COUNTY**

### **Washington County Community Action Council Food Pantry**

117 Summit Avenue, Hagerstown  
301-797-4161

### **Maryland Food Bank, Western Branch**

220 McRand Court, Hagerstown  
410-737-8282

### **Raven House Food Pantry**

32 East Avenue, Hagerstown  
240-420-6506

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