

A Letter to Our Neighbors

A Word from Our Director

There is no denying that COVID-19 changed the North Richmond community overnight. Between schools closing, reduced hours at work, empty shelves at the super market, and social distancing, there is not a single person whose life COVID has not touched.

Yet, we continue to see our community, volunteers, and staff step up and say they are committed to serving and loving each other NOW – not when COVID-19 passes. We're honored to work alongside amazing staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to transform our building into a food distribution drive through and then serve daily. Our hearts are warmed as we call and pray with our Adult Education and You Can Academy students each day. We laugh and cry together with the new relationships we've formed with neighbors we've met for the first time as they drive through the food distribution line. We are not excited about COVID, and our hearts ache for the pain our friends and neighbors are going through. However, in the midst of the hurt and frustration, we are continually reminded that we have any amazing community who loves each other well and works for transformation.

In this newsletter, you will read stories of neighbors loving neighbors - of heroes in our community that load up their cars with 15 meals to distribute to elderly neighbors; heroes who provide transportation to families with no vehicle to pick up food through our distribution line; heroes who pray over our community members expressing loneliness and anxiety in quarantine.

I pray you are encouraged by the strength and love of our neighbors as you continue to read the pages below..

Thank you for you prayers and support as we continue to live into our mission of strengthening the North Richmond. We cannot do this without you.

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Elise Caire

Director of Friends of North Richmond



A Ray of Sunshine

Mrs. Semetris Sanders, also known as Mrs. Sam, is a North Richmond resident and volunteer who has been a great friend to our staff and community. She always has a smile on her face, encouraging words, and a grateful spirit. Regularly, Mrs. Sam reaches out and connects with the needs of her neighbors and friends. Not only does she care for her grandchildren, children and other family members, but she looks for ways to bless others in her community. This past week, she contacted us to see if she could help by collecting and distributing food for her elderly neighbors. As she drove through our distribution line, she picked up 15 boxes of food to give to those in need and without transportation. We have seen so many examples of families and friends coming together to provide food for those who are unable to leave their homes.

This kind of friendship and care reminds us of the command of Jesus,

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31!



Want to Volunteer?



Our Distribution Center is now running Mondays-Wednesdays, with a morning and afternoon shift each day. There are many opportunities to help, from loading cars to packing pet food.

We are following safety precautions, including social distancing, limiting number of volunteers, and providing gloves and masks for our volunteers. Volunteers must sign up before coming, in order to maintain limited numbers. To sign up for a volunteer shift at our distribution center, simply click [HERE](#).

Don't want to leave your home? There are ways you can support us without leaving your house.

To learn more about ways to help from home, email sarahbeth@attackpoverty.org.

Donation Needs

Want to make a difference by donating? Check out our list of needed supplies that we are distributing from our Resource Center. Deliveries can be dropped off Monday-Thursday between 9-5 at 1305 Clay St.

Want to give online? Click [HERE](#) to donate to our COVID19 Relief efforts.

COVID-19
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO LOCAL DISTRIBUTION CENTERS, PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING LIST AND VISIT ATTACKPOVERTY.ORG/COVID-19

- NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
- TOILET PAPER
- HOME CLEANING SUPPLIES
- WATER
- FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS
- LATEX GLOVES
- MASKS
- CHILD RELATED NEEDS:
 - ACTIVITY KITS
 - BIBLE STUDIES
 - CHILDREN'S ART PROJECTS
 - HOMEWORK
 - ALCOHOL WIPES
 - HAND SANITIZER
 - PET FOOD

  

Wash your hands Cover your cough If you feel sick, stay home!



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