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County Announces Campaign to Assist Local Food Pantries

DINWIDDIE, VA - COVID-19 has impacted communities in a variety of ways. Now more than ever, families are turning to food banks/pantries to help meet daily needs. There are several food pantries operating within Dinwiddie County and their shelves are increasingly bare.

Rose Mastracco, Director of Dinwiddie Social Services stated, “We work closely with local food pantries and have noticed an increase in the number of individuals and families seeking assistance. Many of these families have not needed to do so before. This is understandably, putting a strain on resources and now food pantries themselves are in need of assistance.”

In an effort to support the incredibly important work of these organizations, Dinwiddie County is promoting the “Dinwiddie Gives” campaign. On **Tuesday, May 12, 2020, from 3 pm – 6 pm**, donations will be accepted at all four participating food pantries. All pantries are in need of canned goods and non-perishable items. Donations will be accepted on-site at the following locations:

Asbury United Methodist Church - 20707 First St., McKenney, VA 23872 (*need meat and peanut butter*)

Carson Community Food Pantry – 12715 Acorn Dr., North Dinwiddie, VA 23805

Dinwiddie Food Bank* – 12318 Boydton Plank Rd., Dinwiddie, VA 23841 (Annex Bldg.)

Ocran United Methodist Church – 20221 Cox Rd., Sutherland, VA 23885

Dinwiddie County’s Deputy County Administrator for Planning and Community Development, Tammie Collins, is spearheading the effort. Collins shared “Dinwiddie is a close-knit community and in times such as these, our citizens embrace the spirit of giving. We look forward to replenishing the shelves of our food pantries so that they may continue to serve our friends and neighbors in need. “

Monetary donations are also welcome and may be mailed to the addresses listed above.

*Donations to the Dinwiddie Food Bank may be mailed to: P.O. Box 427, Dinwiddie, VA 23841.

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