



Colonial Beach Community Foundation
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Colonial Beach Community Foundation Supports Local Food Pantries

Colonial Beach, VA | April 23, 2020. During the Colonial Beach Community Foundation's (CBCF) April directors' meeting a vote was taken to support local food pantries. The meeting was held virtually this month due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The Foundation donated \$1,500 to Healthy Harvest Food Bank in Warsaw to aid in food distribution to the outlets supporting the 22443 zip code. An additional \$3,500 will be used to purchase gift cards from Food Lion and Hall's Supermarket that will be given to food pantries in Colonial Beach. The gift cards will be handed out at the discretion of the food pantry to supplement families with needs other than the available food items. Gift cards cannot be used to purchase alcohol or tobacco products.

"We reached out to the local churches, service organizations, schools, and other nonprofits in Town to see what needs they are facing during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Eric Nelson, President of the CBCF. "The greatest need seems to be food, with so many people out of work, the pantries are seeing an increase in customers. Our mission is to improve the quality of life in and around Colonial Beach so we want to help the community."

In the past, food pantry clients could look at the inventory and choose what they needed and could use. Due to the limitations on public gatherings, the pantries are putting together bags of items and giving to those who need it. Gift cards will give the clients a bit of control over other items they may need. Several churches in Colonial Beach support food pantries and the schedules vary. It's best to check with a church for availability and procedures.

The CBCF also voted to give financial support to B.A.M.M. (Beach Arts Music and Mentoring) as they help keep Colonial Beach's students engaged. B.A.M.M. volunteers are putting together activity bags for students based on age group that will be handed out with meals.

The community is strongly urged to join the Foundation in its mission by donating. Please go to the fundraiser at: <https://tinyurl.com/CBfoodpantries> or you can mail your donation to CBCF, PO Box 375, Colonial Beach, VA 22443. You can email the Foundation at info@cbcommunityfoundation.org.

The Colonial Beach Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to enhance the quality of life for residents in and around Colonial Beach.