

HOPE South Florida

Leadership and Service through COVID-19

Since the arrival of COVID-19, HOPE South Florida has been responding to the increasing demand for the provision of hot meals, increased use of our mobile showers, and housing opportunities for recently homeless families and housing for currently enrolled families and veterans.

Our Shared Meals program has seen a **240% increase** serving more than **9,000** hot meals in the month of April and **500** showers through our mobile showers program. This increase includes families with children who are recently laid off from employment due to COVID-19. Our team continues to provide housing, case management and employment services assistance to close to **100 unduplicated families** and veterans. We expect these numbers will continue to climb.

Ways You Can Help –

We need donations of:

- **Food** (especially meats) – Hot meals are being provided 7 days a week
- **Daily meal sponsors** (funds)
 - \$500 will provide 125 meals
 - \$750 will provide 187 meals
 - \$1,000 will provide 250 meals
 - \$1,200 will provide 300 meals
- **Hand sanitizer**
- **Bottled water**
- **Take-out meal containers**
- **Bar Soaps**
- **Cleaning supplies**
- **Volunteers** (meal prep and servers, following all safety protocols)
- **Volunteers** (expertise needed with website and all social media platforms)
- **Serving gloves (Lg and XL)**
- **Paper goods** (paper towels, napkins, cups, plastic ware and trash bags)
- **Facial protective masks**

COVID-19 Financial Impact on HSF:

HOPE South Florida is also in need of financial support. We are reaching out to funding agencies, foundations, faith community partners, donors and supporters to see if we can garner immediate financial support during these challenging (COVID-19) times.

The growing impact on ministries and non-profit organizations serving vulnerable populations has not yet made national media attention. With the CDC and Florida Department of Health safety and precautionary guidelines, as well as the directive to Shelter-In-Place by local government, HOPE South Florida had no choice but to cancel all scheduled fundraising events through June 2020. As you can imagine, the cancellation of the annual events has an immediate negative financial impact on our 2020 approved operating budget.

The absence of our 2020 fundraising special events income, major gifts, corporate and church giving will no doubt create hardship making it challenging for HOPE South Florida to provide our menu of services at the level expected during and post COVID-19.

COVID-19 has, no doubt, changed our organization's fiscal viability and landscape. HOPE South Florida is kindly requesting your consideration of a **generous gift**, not only to help continue our core services but to be well positioned to respond to the increasing need for basic necessity of food and showers for both the homeless and others who are now experiencing hunger and hardship due to loss of employment.

Thank you for whatever you can do to help. We appreciate and value your faithful support of our mission.

If you wish to volunteer to help prepare and serve at the daily meals or donate food and supplies listed above, please contact:

Pery Canan, Assistant Vice President of Shared Meals and Mobile Showers
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Methods of Giving:

If you wish to make a cash investment, you can do so at our website at www.hopesouthflorida.org or by mail: HOPE South Florida at 1100 N. Andrews Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311.

For additional information on giving opportunities, please reach out to :

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Please help us spread the word. Thank you for your generous support, investment and partnership.

Together, we will defeat COVID-19