



H.O.P.E. of Winston-Salem Response to the COVID-19 Crisis

As we navigate through these challenging circumstances due to the current COVID-19 outbreak, we realize that our work is both extremely vital and must be done in a way that fosters a safe and healthy environment for all individuals involved. Please rest assured that HOPE of WS is in contact with healthcare leadership, partner organizations and government entities to ensure we are doing everything we can to foster a safe and healthy environment for all staff, volunteers, donors and community members.

We have effectively doubled our production of meals for children in the past week. We are proud to report that we have received an outpouring of support and truly appreciate everyone that has donated funds, time and supplies during this very unsettling time.

We intend to continue to act upon our mission in the following ways:

- HOPE of WS is determined to keep the weekend meal & produce distribution program in place, as it has become even more vital for children in need
- HOPE of WS has instituted weekday food distributions on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
- HOPE of WS is in contact with various private sector, faith community and other partners to bring more resources to the children and families we serve during this unprecedented situation

HOPE of WS is fortunate to follow many CDC recommendations in its normal course of business. This includes handwashing, sanitizing surfaces & touchpoints and wearing gloves. We are enhancing all these measures. HOPE of WS will be enacting the following additional precautions:

- Volunteer slots for certain activities will be reduced in order to follow CDC guidelines
- Volunteers will need to be between 16-60 years of age effective immediately
- Temporarily stopped accepting healthy treats baked by volunteers
- Additional safety measures have been applied to all distribution routes

We do ask for your help in fostering a healthy environment at the HOPE facility. Please only visit our facility if:

- You are in good overall health and have not had a temperature of 100.4 or greater
- You have no flu-like symptoms or recent exposure to flu
- You have no recent or prolonged exposure to Coronavirus and/or infected persons
- You have not recently traveled to highly infected areas, including layovers in airports

Product donations need to be coordinated with our Executive Director – please email Scott at scott@hopews.org with any connections on food supplies, cleaning/sanitizing supplies or other supplies needed for our meal and produce distributions. Please keep an eye out for announcements of most-needed items.

Funds to sustain these and additional efforts are needed. Donations can be made online at: <https://hopews.org/ways-to-help/donate/>. Donations can also be mailed to: 355 NW Crawford Place, WSNC 27105

We thank you for your support in these most challenging times. Be Safe Be Healthy as we Help Our People Eat

Scott Best
Executive Director