

Ways to Help During COVID-19 Pandemic

Urban Ministries of Durham

Volunteers (younger than age 60, preferred) are needed at Urban Ministries of Durham on the third Monday (prepare lunch bags), third Friday (prepare breakfast trays) and fourth Friday (prepare lunch bags). PLEASE sign up to serve by contacting Margaret Rubiera.

Additional opportunities with no maximum age limit:

- Prepare lunch bags containing a sandwich, fruit, cookie or granola bar, bottle of water
- Or just prepare sandwiches in Ziplock baggies
- Prepare casseroles for dinner
- **Donate** deli meats/cheeses/bottled water/fresh fruit/snack items
- And last, but certainly not least, send a monetary donation to **umdurham.org**.

Also, there are many openings for volunteers to help with breakfast, lunch or dinner shifts in addition to our regularly scheduled ones. For these additional shifts, please contact FPC member **Jen McGonigle**.

You are also invited to go online to see a list of Urban Ministries most needed items during this pandemic: which you can order online and have delivered to Urban Ministries of Durham:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/20JFTGZJKWVCG?blm_aid=48574 .

Meals on Wheels Durham

Meals on Wheels began a once a week delivery to all of their clients on Monday, April 6. If you would like to help provide meal supplies, please consider making a donation online at their website: mowdurham.org and memo that it is for COVID-19.

To donate blood . . .

Since the pandemic began, more than 4,000 blood drives have been canceled in the U.S. There is now a critical shortage of blood. Please call or go to the American Red Cross website to make an appointment to donate blood.

To donate to the United Way Rapid Response Fund . . .

Go online:
<https://www.unitedwaytriangle.org/>.

Feeding Durham Public Schools' Students

- **Durham Public Schools students have access to meals beginning April 16, through the new collaborative “[Durham FEAST](http://DurhamFEAST),”** a partnership between Durham Public Schools, Durham County Government, the Durham Public Schools Foundation and local nonprofits and restaurants. Families coming to school sites across Durham County will receive free children’s breakfasts and lunches prepared by Durham restaurants, while adults will receive shelf-stable food supplies and/or family-style casseroles. **Families will be able to pick up meals at designated schools on Mondays and Thursdays at designated times between 11:00 am and 1:30 pm.** You can see regularly updated pick-up sites and times at www.durhamfeast.org/sites. (For Spanish visit www.durhamfeast.org/sitios.)
- **The DPS Foundation NEEDS VOLUNTEERS to help move food and distribute these meals!** Volunteers unavailable this week but interested in future opportunities [may join this DPS Foundation mailing list](#).

New and gently used (and clean) Board games, puzzles, crayons and coloring books are being collected for McDougald Terrace and the many kids living in shelters and hotels while school is closed. Items can be left on the front porch of **Kerry Holbrook's** home and she will see that they get delivered to these kids. Call Kerry (919-236-3285) to let her know of your plan to drop off items.

Donations to Crayons2Calculators: Durham Public Schools teachers, staff, and administrators are putting together work packets to send to students, knowing that many families do not have all the resources they will need for online schooling. Particularly, they are working to support the families that are still living in hotels. The Crayons2Calculators non-profit is giving away any school supplies from their warehouse that teachers and students need; they are not holding back. Doing this will deplete their supplies. They are asking the Triangle community to financially contribute to C2C so they can continue to support teachers, students, and families in the future: www.crayons2calculators.org/financial-donations.html.