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Bread of Life Meal Team Update

Re: COVID-19

Boone, NC – Thank you for your service and support of the Bread of Life Community Kitchen at Hospitality House of Northwest North Carolina. Thank you for adapting with us during these unprecedented times and thank you for all of the delicious meals you continue to provide.

Executive Director Tina B. Krause is in consistent communication with local health departments and we continue to follow their lead and directives; as well as those of Governor Roy Cooper and NC DHHS Secretary Dr. Mandy Cohen as they come. It is important to note that no one here has tested positive for COVID-19.

As you know, we operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, serving three meals a day as a vital safety-net for hundreds of individuals and families in need. We remain committed to adapting; however necessary, to meet those needs throughout this pandemic.

Although the Stay-at-Home order was partially lifted as North Carolina moved into Phase 1 on Friday May 8th at 5:00 p.m., as a congregate living facility, no ease of restrictions will apply to Hospitality House until Phase 3. At this time, we plan to continue operating our Community Kitchen (and Food Pantry) using current COVID-19 protocols, at least, through the end of June.

As a reminder, we have prepared a list of local restaurants that will work with our volunteer meal teams to prepare and deliver dinner meals to Hospitality House. Each of these restaurants are committed to working within a reasonable budget to **provide 100 dinner meals**.

The food should be prepared / delivered family-style <u>between 4:45pm – 5:00pm</u>. Food does not have to be divided into individual servings by the restaurant or meal team volunteers. Our staff will continue to individually plate the meals in the kitchen and serve them in takeout containers, along with individually wrapped plastic cutlery and condiments.

If your meal team plans to use this local restaurant option, please plan ahead and to give the restaurant ample time – minimum of 48 hours. It is important to note that your team will provide the budget and your team leader will communicate with the local restaurant to select available menu options and plan delivery.

Also, please email, call or text Director of Development Todd Carter <u>todd@hosphouse.org</u> / (949) 632-2584 to let him know the day and time of restaurant delivery. Food Service Coordinator Keith Nelsen, the only paid staff member for the kitchen and food pantry, is packing food boxes and cooking almost non-stop, so please direct questions and inquiries to Todd.

The protocol for delivery remains the same. We've set up a table outside the loading dock to allow for meal drop-off without you having to enter the building. Prior to or immediately after delivering the food, please call the front desk (828) 264-1237 ext. 0 (or text Todd) and let them/him know that you are leaving food on the outside back table.

Finally, if you know of a local restaurant that would like to be added to the list, please have them email Todd. We really want to do all that we can to not only continue feeding our hungry neighbors, but supporting our local businesses.

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