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Local Food Pantry Responds to COVID-19

Austin, Texas (March 20, 2020) - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of Austin will continue to open its food pantry at the Vincentian Family Center on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon at Vincentian Family Center, 901 W. Braker Ln., Austin, 78758. The spread of COVID-19 is affecting the community as many people are without work and paychecks. The demand to provide food to those in need has grown.

We are making operational changes to the food pantry. For now, we will distribute pre-packed bags of food, given out according to the number of people in a household. Those being served will be asked to maintain social distancing outdoors while they await to receive their food. This is for the safety of our volunteers, guests, clients, and staff.

The Vincentian Family Center is also requesting donations to continue to reduce poverty for our neighbors. The center is seeking nonperishable snacks, nonperishable meals, and canned vegetables. Monetary donations are being requested to help continue to provide essential services. People can leave donations from Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Kanobia Russell-Blackmon, Director of Development and Marketing, at (512) 251-6995 x101 or at kanobia@ssvdp.org.

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