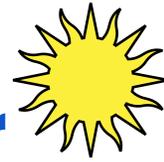


CCC4U Summer Newsletter



Rolling With the Changes!

CCC has been an organization of constant change since it began in March 2020. We have worked very hard to adapt and grow as we learned the needs of our community. Our initial purpose of filling the nutrition gap when schools closed grew into so much more.

Because we were operating during a pandemic, we were able to secure funding from various emergency programs, grants and resources available to help in a crisis. A lot of that funding is now going away. Programs that supported us are redirecting their funding back to their normal operations.

So, once again, CCC is working to adapt to the changes. We are back to the initial source of our operation, community donations. Our sites will still be open, though we will only be able to offer items that are brought to us as donations. We will continue to purchase produce with monetary donations to CCC, and supplemented by local farm donations.

Please know that food and nutrition will continue to be a priority as we move forward in launching CCCPJC. During this transition, we will continue to direct money donated to CCC to our sites and pantry and keep as much food as possible available for the families in our community who have come to rely on us for help. We will post a list of the most needed items at our sites/pantry so our generous community members can know the most helpful items they can donate.

We love and appreciate the support, generosity and spirit of community that everyone has shown CCC. We hope you will continue to help in any way that you can, and we will share what you can give to our extremely grateful neighbors in need.

What We Need Now

The following items are the most needed at our sites. If you are shopping and can add a couple items to your cart, it would help us out greatly!

Dry Goods: plain pasta, rice, dried beans, flour, maseca (masa), *(if you are able to divide these items into quart-sized bags for distribution, that would help! If not, we can do it!)*, sugar, salt *(divided into sandwich-sized bags if possible)*

Canned/jarred foods: pasta sauce, regular tomato sauce, canned tomatoes, corn, black/red/kidney/garbanzo beans, canned meats (tuna, chicken, Vienna sausage, salmon, sardines), canned fruit

Other food items: cooking oil, ketchup, mustard, mayo, salad dressings, spices/seasonings

Personal items: sanitary pads, toothpaste, diapers (sizes 3 - 6 are most requested), baby wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent

Produce of any kind

Site supplies: quart & sandwich sized ziploc bags, medium rubber bands, plastic grocery bags

We are grateful for any type of unexpired food donations, these are the most requested, and frequently taken items.



ALL CCC sites and the New Hope pantry are CLOSED on Saturday, July 3rd for the holiday weekend.

Where Are We Now?

The 3 CCC sites are open for food distribution and donation drop-off at the following locations and times:

Wednesdays - 5:30 - 7:30pm Volunteers and donation drop-off begin at 4:30pm

Saturdays - 10:00am - Noon Volunteers and donation drop-off begin at 9:00am

Wilde Lake Interfaith Center 10431 Twin Rivers Rd. Columbia, MD 21044

Oakland Mills Middle School 9540 Kilimanjaro Rd. Columbia, MD 21045

Long Reach Village Center 8775 Cloudleap Ct. Columbia, MD 21045

Collection bins for non-perishable food/personal items will be available at the following locations after site hours:

NEW HOPE Seventh Day Adventist Church - 12350 Hall Shop Rd, Fulton, MD 20759

Tuesday-Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 12:30-6:00pm or place in collection bin outside the door to the pantry

Bethel Korean Presbyterian Church - 3165 St. John's Lane, Ellicott City, MD Place items in green bin located near the gym area of the church

Wilde Lake Interfaith Center (address above) - collection containers near church office entrance

Thank you so much for any support you can give!

Learn and Grow this Summer

The Grow Together Project was created in the Fall of 2020 to foster a safe space for cultural exchange and horticultural therapy while growing healthy and organic produce. This season, we have teamed up with [Freetown Farm](#) to expand our program!

Please join Equity4hc, Association of Community Services, The Howard County Chinese School, The Horizon Foundation, and

The African American Community Roundtable, known as The Howard County Equity Collaborative as we move toward creating a healthier and more loving community.

This pilot program will teach participants how to care for crops from beginning to end and engage in transformative dialogue with neighbors to make a positive impact on our community. Farm days are every Saturday through the Summer growing season. Please use this [link](https://app.vomo.org/project/60c0cab56452e) (<https://app.vomo.org/project/60c0cab56452e>) to sign up to participate and receive detailed information on the program.



We have the BEST volunteers and donors!

I don't think we can say it enough, CCC is only the groundbreaking community organization because of everyone that:

- Volunteers/Coordinates at a site
- Shops for families
- Shops for pantry items
- Picks up items and drives them where they need to go
- Brings donations weekly
- Sends money monthly
- Brings donations from time to time
- Sends money when they can
- Helps out newbies on Facebook

Everyone who has played even what they think is the smallest role has made CCC a success! I would love to name everyone, but I wouldn't want to forget anyone. Consider yourself hugged!!! THANK YOU!