The Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen helps feed those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic

The organization said it feeds the hungry, seniors, sick/shut-in, homeless and poverty-stricken members of the Lowcountry community.

"During these times of the coronavirus pandemic, our No. 1 priority is the health, well being and safety of all members of our community," organizers said.

The soup kitchen said there are many residents that live in rural areas without grocery stores or transportation. Organizers said each Wednesday they cook and deliver hot meals to families in need as part of their hot meal delivery program.

On Mondays and Thursdays, the soup kitchen offers an outdoor food pantry, which is located at 25 Boundary St. in Bluffton, South Carolina. Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen is housed in Campbell Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Organizers are asking participating residents to arrive and take a number then remain in their car until their number is called. Everyone is asked to stay at least 6 feet apart at all times.

The number of people participating in the outdoor food pantry is growing daily, according to organizers.

Being outdoors on Boundary Street is a very visible venue for many people who are unaware of the service. Walk-ups are welcomed.

Organizers said items needed for home delivery hot meal program include fresh or frozen string beans, corn, lima beans, green peas, black eyed peas, fresh broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, apples, coleslaw, yellow, green, red peppers, onions, white or brown rice and baked beans.

Other needs include form fitting gloves, hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, disposable aprons, fabric sanitizer, hair nets, bleach, surgical mask, paper towel and toilet paper. Monetary donations are always acceptable. For more information on how to get involved or donate, visit the Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen's website or email sesconnie@gmail.com.

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