

## Community Engagement

In times of uncertainty like this, many of us may be looking for a way to help those around us or may be in need ourselves. There are several initiatives around Hampton Roads with the knowledge, infrastructure, and resources to meet the needs of our local community during this difficult time.

### *Local Initiatives*

- The Judeo-Christian Outreach Center (JCOC) is providing their usual dinner boxes to the local community on-the-go on Mondays through Fridays at 5:30 pm and Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30 pm. For more information on distribution or to donate, please visit their [website](#). To schedule a drop-off of nonperishable food items, please email [jcoc@jcoc.org](mailto:jcoc@jcoc.org) as their phone system is not working at this time.
- Virginia Beach Public Schools has organized an effort to feed all students in need during the school closures. On weekdays from 9:00 am to noon, many local schools will have a drive by/pickup model meal distribution for a bagged breakfast and lunch for ALL students. For more information about where to receive these services, please visit the [VBCPS COVID-19 Updates website](#).
- Norfolk Public Schools has organized an effort to feed all students in need at several of their local schools, recently adding three more school locations to their distribution centers. The health providers and staff of NPS will pass out a bagged breakfast and lunch meals on a first come, first served basis from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at several local schools. For more information on distribution, please visit the [NPS Website](#).
- [We Are VB](#) has created a program called Beach Bags to help provide shelf-stable meals and healthy snacks to Virginia Beach Public Schools students who might go hungry on extended leave from schools. To donate to this effort, please visit their [website](#) or mail a check to 2512 George Mason Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23456 with “Beach Bags” in the memo line.
- [People in Need \(PIN\) Ministry](#) in Virginia Beach is in need of large (twin size and bigger) blankets and tents to provide shelter to the homeless community, many of whom are looking for shelter especially during this time. Those who are interested can order any [blankets](#) and/or [tents](#) online, and mail them directly to PIN Ministry at 1164 Millers Lane Suite A, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. In addition, PIN Ministry is in need of medical masks to allow them to continue to serve the homeless community safely. If you have any extra masks or know a medical supplier, please reach out to PIN Ministry on [their Facebook page](#).
- [Samaritan House](#) is in great financial need during this difficult time to care for their clients and the increasing number of women and children in search of shelter from domestic violence situations. To comply with Governor Northam’s mandate of only 10 people in a given location, their shelters have reached capacity and they are looking to raise money to help place their clients in hotels. If you are interested in/able to make a



donation, please visit their [donation page](#). If you or someone you know is in need of help to flee a domestic violence situation, please contact the 24-hour Crisis Hotline at (757) 430-2120.

- [United Way of South Hampton Roads](#), an organization committed to recognizing and partnering together to solve large problems within the local community, has set up a Coronavirus Response Hotline for anyone needing assistance as a result of the effects of COVID-19. For more information on the assistance provided by this organization, please visit their [website](#) or call the hotline at (757) 858-7777. At this [website](#), you can also find safe, compliant volunteer opportunities with various local organizations to help serve the community.
- For important updates on how to receive assistance and services from many other organizations throughout the city of Virginia Beach, please visit the city's [COVID-19 Updates Website](#).

If you have any questions or know of more avenues for service, please reach out to Kalin Harrison at [kalin@anchorchurchonline.org](mailto:kalin@anchorchurchonline.org).

