

Toco Hills Community Alliance Update

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As a supporter of Toco Hills Community Alliance, we want to keep you up to date with the latest news...



As we are in the midst of the longest government shutdown in our nation's history, we here at Toco Hills Community Alliance are beginning to see direct effects as some furloughed federal employees have begun to seek help. As neighbors helping neighbors, our response to federal employees impacted by the shutdown is, at this point, twofold:

- 1) We will provide groceries to furloughed federal employees with their government agency ID, regardless of their zip code.
- 2) Starting next week, every Wednesday afternoon, we will have a Mobile Food Pantry from 2pm until 3:30 pm. During Mobile Food Pantry, a truck comes full of product and we distribute from the parking lot into the trunks of people's cars or their rolling bags.

Both of these will be in effect until the government re-opens.

We are also paying close attention to what impact we may experience due to any changes in federal benefits. For example, those receiving SNAP benefits (what used to be called food stamps) have already received their February benefits and will not receive any further until March. That is, if SNAP benefits are funded by then. As you can imagine, this is likely to affect when and how people access our services. We are very likely to see a quite dramatic increase near the end of February and into March. If there are any changes to other government programs, that will also impact us.

In order to help those who need it, we need your support more than ever. Any financial donations you give, we will be able to stretch because we are able to obtain food at prices that are cents on the retail dollar. We will, of course, take donations of food, and with people in a workplace, school, or subdivision coming together, a food drive could result in thousands of pounds of food to distribute. And, please, support us in our participation in the Atlanta Food Bank Hunger Walk/Run. It is our biggest fundraiser of the year and with your help, we can raise our goal of \$25,000 to help eliminate food insecurity. See below for information on all of these ways to support THCA as we seek to support those in need.

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On Sunday, April 28, 2019 thousands of people will come together to raise awareness and funds to help fight hunger in our community. Our team will be there – and we need your support!

Hunger Walk Run is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so go join our team, get others to join, make a donation, and share widely.

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www.hungerwalkrun.org

Link to [THCA Team](#)

If you want to donate food or coordinate a food drive, the food we need most includes:

- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni and cheese
- Rice
- Canned fruits
- Soups
- Beans
- Coffee

Someone is available to take donations at Toco Hills Community Alliance building on Monday 9am to 3pm, Tuesday through Thursday 9am to 4pm, and Friday 9am to 1pm.

Did you know Toco Hills Community Alliance has a Facebook page?
Please "like" us at the link below so you can follow our activities.
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