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Food Bank To Continue Normally Scheduled Food Distributions

Contingency Planning Team Formed to Monitor and Act on Developments

PITTSBURGH, PA (March 12, 2020) – Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank continues to be committed to feeding people in need and eliminating hunger in southwestern Pennsylvania.

The Food Bank is continuously monitoring ongoing developments in our region as it pertains to COVID-19 (coronavirus). An internal Contingency Planning Team has been assembled to monitor the evolving situation on a daily basis. We are adhering to all recommendations provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Allegheny County Health Department.

The Food Bank is working closely with our community partners to identify who is in need of food and ensure they will have access to it. As of right now, our mission critical operations are continuing as normal. This includes Produce to People distributions, Green Grocer and volunteer opportunities. We are working to identify if and how those operations could change to best serve our community. We are also working closely our network of pantries, partners and agencies to determine a set of best practices as this situation evolves.

Our guests are being informed about safe hygiene practices and supplying more hand sanitizer, wipes, and other products at the Food Bank. The Food Bank is committed to providing a safe environment for our staff, volunteers and those we serve. This is an absolute priority.

As we continue our core mission services, cash donations are requested over any product donations at this time. If people would like to make a donation to the Food Bank, the best way for them to do that is to visit our website at www.pittsburghfoodbank.org. Furthermore, there may be a need for additional volunteers in the coming weeks. This information will be shared if and when that need becomes a priority.

In these uncertain times, the Food Bank is committed to continuing our nearly 40-year mission of feeding people in need and mobilizing our community to eliminate hunger. We are firmly embedded in the 11 counties we serve in southwestern Pennsylvania—many of them rural with limited access to food.

We will follow this situation as it continues to unfold and will provide any needed updates in the coming days and weeks. Thank you for your continued support of Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

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