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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Food Bank discouraging food drives until further notice**

**PITTSBURGH, PA (March 30, 2020)** – Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (the Food Bank) is discouraging traditional food drives until further notice. The Food Bank has made this decision in order to ensure the safety of its staff and the community it serves, as well as to better allocate employee time to mission-critical activities like packing food boxes, sorting bulk produce and conducting enhanced cleaning procedures.

“Every food drive donation that comes through our doors requires a staff or volunteer to sort, organize and repack,” said Lisa Scales, president and CEO of the Food Bank. “With our current temporary restriction of volunteers at our warehouse and the need to get food to our neighbors experiencing hunger in a timely and safe fashion, we are requesting monetary donations in lieu of food donations at this time.”

Monetary donations will allow the Food Bank to purchase food in large quantities, reduce physical contact and quickly re-distribute to those in need. For every \$1 donated, the Food Bank is able to provide enough food for five meals to those in need. Donations can be made at [pittsburghfoodbank.org/donate](http://pittsburghfoodbank.org/donate) or mail a donation to 1 N Linden St, Duquesne, PA 15110.

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### ***About Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank***

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is a nonprofit organization that distributes enough food for 35.5 million meals annually across 11 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania through a network of agencies, partners and programs. The Food Bank was founded in 1980 and is a member of Feeding America, the leading domestic hunger-relief charity in the U.S. For more

information on hunger in our region or how to get involved, visit [pittsburghfoodbank.org](http://pittsburghfoodbank.org).