



## **Finding food assistance from Harry Chapin Food Bank in Charlotte County**

Harry Chapin Food Bank is prepared to do whatever is needed to help ensure that no one will go hungry during this unprecedented crisis. The situation is very fluid, and we will do our best to keep you all informed on where people we serve can get food.

In Charlotte County, we have 26 partner agencies where people can go to receive food. They include a range of churches, community centers, Charlotte County Human Services and the Charlotte County Homeless Coalition. You can find the food pantries that serve Charlotte County by going to our website, [harrychapinfoodbank.org](http://harrychapinfoodbank.org), and clicking on the tab at the top that says "Find Food." You have the choice of clicking on English or Spanish. Then click on "I am looking for food assistance."

You then have the choice to search by zip code or by county. When you click on "Charlotte," a list of the partner agencies in Charlotte County will come up, including location, phone numbers and hours of service.

Please call first before going to one of these pantries. Due to the impact of the coronavirus, many of our partners have changed their hours or changed their distribution to be drive-thru or by appointment only. We are doing our best to keep their hours of operation current on our website. You can also access the food locator directly by going to <https://harrychapinfoodbank.org/food-locator/>

We also have a schedule of Fulfill Mobile Pantries that are held throughout the five-county area we serve. You can access the schedule by going to the food locator and clicking on the Fulfill Mobile Pantries tab next to the Food Pantries tab. You can also access the calendar directly by going to <https://harrychapinfoodbank.org/our-impact/programs/mobile-pantry-schedule>.

We will hold additional emergency mobile pantries to supplement our existing schedule. Nonperishable food will be in pre-packed kits and delivered using a drive-thru method to minimize contact. The emergency pantry schedule dates and times have not been finalized yet, but there will be one in Charlotte County at the Human Services of Port Charlotte office.

We have already started purchasing food and need to buy more to sustain our efforts. In the meantime, we are experiencing a reduction in our food sourcing channels.

We know that we are in a marathon race and not a sprint. Please keep checking our website and our Facebook page for updates. We are here to help!