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### **Recent Information and Resources in response to COVID-19**

**Safety precautions are being implemented at all levels of operations and more than ever, the ministry of Faith Hope and Love Community continues to serve the neighborhoods.**

**(Indianapolis, IN) – March 17, 2020** – Faith Hope and Love Community (FHL) is in full operation to provide food to those in need.

In these challenging times, we would like to thank our staff, donors, partners, volunteers, the clients and their respective families for their understanding and support of FHL's ministry operations in accordance with government guidelines to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Safety precaution are being implemented in compliance to [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

FHL is in communication with several partners such as Midwest Food Bank, Indy Hunger Network, ReadyIndy and keeping informed with local, state and national government through various media.

Each of the Missional Food Pantry (MFP) operates autonomously and the final decisions in their system of operation depend on their leadership. However, FHL is communicating best practices in person and virtually to ensure safety of everyone while providing food in this challenging time.

Below are the MFP and their contact information (operations and schedule could change anytime); it is highly suggested to call them first before visiting due to the fluidity of the current challenges:

- Indy Vineyard – 317-841-3510
- Esperanza Viva – 317-787-2754
- Barnes UMC – 317-923-9197
- Nu Corinthian – 317- 329-4076
- Mt. Nebo MBC – 317-924-2737
- University UMC – 317-257-0237
- Divine Direction – 317-251-8122
- Cross Church – 317-787-8274
- IUPUI (For students, staff and faculty only) – 317-274-8831
- Shiloh MBC – 317-545-8253
- Zion Hope MBC (non network member) – 317-547-4387
- Glendale Seventh Day Adventist (non network member) - 317-253-3711



*"...And I'm in a bind because I don't get paid til Friday and I'm in desperate need of food seriously so desperately. I don't know what to do right now except reach out and ask for help. Are you guys able to give any food out right now at this point? Anything will be appropriated and a blessing to our family right now..."*

– from a single mother's email 3/17/20

There are many ways to help our neighborhoods in need and due to the complexity of COVID19, FHL is taking all precautions in recruiting, training and mobilizing volunteers. Your financial help is most needed at this time. Please send your financial contribution to: Faith Hope and Love Community, 1100 W. 42<sup>nd</sup> St. Ste.#365 or Online at <https://www.fhlcommunity.org/help-us-support-central-indiana-food-pantries/>

Faith Hope and Love Community is a nonprofit organization based in Indianapolis. It's main focus is solving the root issues of food insecurity in the Indianapolis community. By training 30+ food pantries, FHL has been given the ability to impact thousands of people who are accosted by food insecurity in their daily lives. FHL is specifically designed as a missional food pantry, which provides referrals to resources like health services, financial literacy courses, education and life skills training, and behavior-based assessments (Beyond this Hunger), etc.

### **About Faith Hope and Love Community**

Faith Hope and Love Community [www.fhlcommunity.org](http://www.fhlcommunity.org) is a catalyst for change by engaging in relationships with food insecure neighbors on their path to self- sufficiency. Poverty and issues with food access create real challenges for individuals, their families and our communities. Growing numbers of Indianapolis residents are struggling to make enough money to consistently feed and support their families, and those who make enough money still may not be able to easily find nutritious food. Despite our community's heroic efforts, far too many people continue to go hungry and require food assistance. Faith Hope and Love Community is redefining the deeper role of a food pantry in a neighborhood. It's about people, not just about food.

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