



Food Pantry Supplies Dwindle | Local Organizations Respond

Community Works together to Fight Summer Hunger

July 10, 2018, RALEIGH, N.C.—Urban Ministries of Wake County is partnering with local organizations to alleviate summer hunger through the Fight Summer Hunger food drive.

In partnership with Kiwanis of Raleigh and AlphaGraphics of Cary and North Raleigh, Urban Ministries has launched its month-long food drive—Fight Summer Hunger. The food drive comes at a vital time of the year when kids are out of school and parents have extra meals to provide. Children who were receiving free or reduced price meals from school are now looking to parents to make up for the extra meals.

Urban Ministries' Crisis: Hunger and Nutrition program, which houses the food pantry, serves low income families with a week's worth of healthy groceries. The Program can see up to 50 families each weekday and often reaches peak numbers during the summer months. With the increase in families in need of food, and many regular food donors traveling, the pantry is in desperate need of food to continue helping hungry families.

To help alleviate summer hunger, donations can be dropped off at AlphaGraphics Cary, First Baptist Church, HQ Raleigh, The Lighthouse Project, and Urban Ministries of Wake County. Most needed foods include cereal, oatmeal, brown rice, canned fruit, canned vegetables, and canned tuna and chicken.

Urban Ministries' food pantry houses the largest client-choice pantry in the county, allowing for families to select their own foods. The Agency provides shoppers with options to pick from a mix of both canned goods and fresh items, including vegetables and meats.

In addition to food, Urban Ministries seeks financial donations, which can be used to purchase food in bulk from the Agency's food partners.

To learn more about the food drive, drop off locations, or to make a donation, please visit www.urbanmin.org/fight-hunger

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About Urban Ministries of Wake County: For 37 years, Urban Ministries has worked to meet the basic needs – food, shelter, and healthcare – of Wake County's most vulnerable residents. Urban Ministries serves more than 30,000 individuals each year, including 10,000 children. More than 90 cents of every dollar contributed goes directly to client services. www.urbanmin.org