

Donations keep coming in and our shelves are nearly full! Thank you to all who have so generously donated! This month we made a total of 34 grocery deliveries (down from our usual 100), and the reason concerns me a little. Recently, the government put additional money on SNAP (food stamp) cards, so clients are buying groceries rather than coming to the pantry. I haven't heard if the additional funds are a one-time thing or if this will continue to happen throughout the pandemic. And many people have received a stimulus check. I just hope that they are using that money to help with rent and utilities and future needs, not on wants. I spoke with Liz at Community Action and we both anticipate that June and July will be difficult months, so I am thankful that the Archbold Fish Pantry is able to use this time to prepare by fully stocking our shelves and saving the financial donations for assistance requests in the coming months. I plan to be in contact with the managers of East Garden, Fox Chase, and Colony Meadows after the first of the month to see if they are receiving rent payments from residents. Their answers may help determine the number of future requests for assistance the pantry will get.

After this week, the Archbold Fish Pantry will only be open to receive donations on pantry distribution Tuesdays, May 12 and May 26 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, and May 19 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Or please call 419-445-0366 to schedule a different day and time to drop off grocery donations. Financial contributions may be mailed to PO Box 5, Archbold.

We plan to have drive-through food distribution service for our clients in May and probably June, although we will also continue making grocery deliveries to those who are uncomfortable getting out and in emergency situations.

It is our hope that we can have five East Garden barbecues again this summer. I am currently checking to see what it will take to make that happen, even if it's postponed until July and August.

If you hear of a need for food or financial assistance, please continue to pass the information along to me! And thank you for your continued support!

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