VIRTUAL SERVE SUNDAY August 30

Even though we can't gather for community outreach in person due to COVID-19 safe distancing measures, Palmer will still serve our community, but this season, we are going VIRTUAL!!!!

The focus will be on financial contributions that you can make from your home, but we will also have a few options for individuals to participate in tangible ways.

Virtual Financial Support

Below are links to financially support some organizations that Palmer has connection with.

The Beacon

The Beacon is a non-profit organization that serves the Houston homeless community through daily services, civil legal aid, counseling and mentoring and access to housing. **Website:** <u>https://www.beaconhomeless.org/</u> **Donation Link:** <u>https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/TheBeacon/Donate.html</u>

Interfaith Ministries Refugee COVID-19 Emergency Fund

For more than 50 years Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston has united people of all faiths to provide services to citizens of the Greater Houston area. The Refugee Services welcomes and helps our new neighbors become self-sufficient within six months. **Website:** https://www.imgh.org/

Donation Link:

https://secure2.convio.net/imfgh/site/Donation2;jsessionid=00000000.app20120b?df_id=1661& mfc_pref=T&1661.donation=form1&NONCE_TOKEN=E0A666E9D0F9FB54F16BFFF18748345 0

St. Peter / San Pedro, North Pasadena Community Outreach

The North Pasadena Community Outreach (NPCO) is a nonprofit organization of St. Peter / San Pedro Episcopal Church. NPCO provides many services to the community. Please see a link to a recent article about the extreme needs of their food pantry during the pandemic.

Website: <u>https://www.stpeterspasadena.org/</u>

https://www.facebook.com/NorthPasadenaCommunityOutreach/?ref=page_internal **Article Link:** https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2020/04/03/houston-area-episcopallatino-mission-feeds-thousands-feeling-coronavirus-impact/

Donation Method: Write a check and mail to the church with COVID in the memo line: Iglesia San Pedro

705 Williams Street

Pasadena, TX 77506

Palmers Assisting Reentry (PAR)

PAR is an in-house ministry that seeks to welcome and assist former prison inmates as they rejoin the Houston community, as well as, their families and communities.

Donation Method:

Give through Palmer's website noting "PAR" in the memo line. <u>https://palmerchurch.org/give/</u> Or, write a check and mail to the church with PAR in the memo line: Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church 6221 Main Street Houston, TX 77030

Family Houston

Family Houston has been serving this region for more than 100 years. Last year Family Houston assisted more than 6,500 individuals through its case management, mental health, and financial stability programs.

Website: www.familyhouston.org

Donation Link: https://www.familyhouston.org/donate/

The Women's Home

The Women's Home is an impressive organization with a long history of intervention with adult women beginning recovery from substance abuse. Founded in 1957, The Women's Home, has expanded to residential facilities, as well as programs that help prepare its clients for a return to their families, communities, and work environment.

Website: www.thewomenshome.org

Donation Link: <u>https://www.thewomenshome.org/donate/</u>

Emergency Aid Coalition

The EAC is an interfaith organization that collaborates to provide food, clothing and other basic needs, with an emphasis on serving the working poor. In addition to donations to their general fund, you may also purchase items from their Amazon Wish List. Palmer has had a long-standing relationship with the EAC.

Website: https://eachouston.org/

Donation Link: <u>https://eachouston.org/donations/</u> Amazon Wish List: <u>https://a.co/3b79tEQ</u>

Tangible Support Offerings

For those who prefer to support our neighbors in tangible ways, here are some options for you.

New Hope Housing Notes of Encouragement

New Hope Housing provides permanent supportive housing to the homeless and those on very limited incomes.

Website: <u>https://www.newhopehousing.com/</u>

Donation Link: https://www.newhopehousing.com/donate/

Activity: Please write a letter of encouragement to the residents at any of the the three locations we typically serve. They are currently receiving meals from a local organization that prevents food waste, and have been given masks and gloves. What they really need are reminders that they are important and they matter; they haven't disappeared from our thoughts and concerns. Hand drawn pictures from your kids would be great.

Please send your letters to either:

New Hope Housing Bray Crossing

6311 Gulf Fwy, Houston, TX 77023

New Hope Housing Sakowitz

2424 Sakowitz St, Houston, TX 77020

New Hope Housing Perry Street

4415 Perry St, Houston, TX 77021

Kids' Meals Inc.

Since 2006, Kids' Meals has been making and delivering free, healthy meals directly to the homes of hungry children. Since inception, we have given more than **6.7 million free meals** to food insecure children in 43 Houston-area zip codes. Kids' Meals is a firstresponder to children ages five years-old and under facing debilitating hunger due to extreme poverty. As of May 2020, we are delivering **7,000 meals every weekday**. **Website:** https://kidsmealsinc.org/

Donation Link: https://www.giveffect.com/checkout/4136

Activity: Pack lunches and deliver to Kids' Meals for the organization to deliver. Purchase pre-packaged foods and standard lunch bags from the list, decorate and assemble, then deliver to 330 Garden Oaks Blvd. and the organization will take it from there.

Link to Instructions: <u>https://kidsmealsinc.org/wp-content/uploads/DIY-Lunch-Pack-Instructions-1-1-20.pdf</u>