

Local, state and national organizations are providing assistance to Garrett County residents experiencing difficulties at this time. Friends of Deep Creek Lake have compiled a directory of some of the organizations accepting financial donations to support their efforts ...and information on how to donate. Please give generously.

Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc.

The County Emergency Management Office has asked Community Action to take a lead role in coordinating donations, including cash, food and household items, volunteer services, transportation, masks, and specific needs associated with COVID-19. How to Donate: www.garretthealth.org/community

The Garrett County Public Schools Foundation

The Foundation helps the Garrett County Public Schools provide over 800 meals to students. GCPS is currently providing three meals a day to anyone under 18, through 15 sites throughout the County. How to Donate: By check payable to The GCPS Foundation. Send to P.O. Box 11, Oakland, MD 21550. 301-501-0190.

The House of Hope

The House of Hope is a non-denominational, non-profit "network of concern" for those in need in Garrett County. It operates four free food banks in the County. How to Donate: Send check to P.O. Box 24, Oakland, MD 21550 or online www.houseofhopegc.org

The Maryland Food Bank

The Maryland Food Bank distributes food to eligible soup kitchens, food pantries, and shelters throughout the State. In Garrett County, it operates through the Oak Park Church of the Brethren. How to Donate: www.mdfoodbank.org. Click "Donate"

The Dove Center

The Dove Center is a private non-profit organization providing safety, advocacy, and counseling to individuals affected by domestic violence and/or sexual assault. www.gcdovecenter.org. How to Donate: www.gcdovecenter.org/ways-to-give

It's In The Bag

Serving Garrett County Public Schools, this program fills backpacks with food to send home with children on the weekends, coordinated by St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. How to Donate: By check to It's In The Bag, P. O. Box 303, Oakland, MD 21550.

United Way of Garrett County

The United Way has established COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund to provide micro-grants to local nonprofits to aid with food, shelter, medical co-pays, and supplies. How to Donate: www.cuw.org/garrett/ or send a check to P.O. Box 394, Oakland, MD 21550.

Western Maryland Red Cross

The Red Cross faces a severe blood shortage in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Monetary donations are also needed. How to Donate: www.redcross.org/local/mary-land-delaware/donation or call 1-800-435-7669.

Other organizations needing your help:

• www.governor.maryland.gov/marylandunites • www.211md.org

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Garrett County COVID-19 Related Relief Efforts:



How You Can Help

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