



March 23, 2020

Dear B&B Volunteers,

During these very difficult times, it is my hope that you and your loved ones are safe, healthy, and following the guidelines being provided by the CDC and health authorities to protect yourself against the COVID-19 (coronavirus) threat.

It has been a week since you received a letter explaining what the Bread & Broth organization was prepared to do to help the less fortunate in our community. Since that time:

- 1) There have been two food giveaway events at St. Theresa Grace Hall -  
Monday, 3/16 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. and Friday, 3/20 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Thanks to donations from local grocery stores, restaurants, the El Dorado Food Bank and food purchased by B&B, most clients received at least 4-6 bags of food containing packs of stew, canned goods, rice, fruit, vegetables, dairy products (milk, eggs, butter), bread and pastries and miscellaneous drinks, sandwiches, meats, etc.  
So far, bags have been given to 132 clients, and we anticipate a big increase as the weeks continue during this crisis due to increased awareness of our service.
- 2) The B&B 4 Kids program delivered 180 bags of weekend food on Friday, 3/20 via the LTUSD meal drop off bus routes and the four locations set up by the LTUSD for student meal pickup.  
At this time, only the original 180 participants of the B&B 4 Kids weekend food program are being provided bags since the LTUSD is providing meals to all students up to the age of 18 five days a week.  
In anticipation of the schools being closed until after the Easter break, a team of volunteers on Thursday, 3/19, bagged over 800 weekend bags for use over the next 3-4 weeks.

We are very concerned about the safety of all of our volunteers and have been strongly encouraging the emergency volunteers to follow all of the directions issued by the CDC and health organizations. We will be consistently reviewing the situation as it evolves and will make decisions based on directives/guidance issued by the authorities.

I can only express my deepest appreciation to those who have been volunteering during the past week and to those who have worked selflessly to put all of the procedures in place to accommodate the new parameters made necessary by this viral epidemic.

It is important that everyone assess their personal situation (age, medical conditions, family members, etc.) and do the right thing for yourself and your family and realize that volunteering during this crisis is not for everyone. However, if you are interested in helping, or if you know of an individual who is not a B&B volunteer but still would like to help, please contact or have them contact Beth Wallace at [bethwall53@gmail.com](mailto:bethwall53@gmail.com).

As previously mentioned, we anticipate a major increase in the number of folks needing our food bags. As restaurants and stores close down, B&B will be purchasing the majority of the food which will be given out. If you are interested in donating money to help purchase food during the coronavirus emergency, please make the check payable to: St Theresa Bread & Broth with "COVID-19 Emergency Fund" in the memo section and mail to:

Bread & Broth c/o St. Theresa Church  
1041 Lyons Avenue South Lake Tahoe,  
CA 96150

It has been recommended that at this time we not accept food donations from the general public or from volunteers.

In our last B&B newsletter, I included a quote by Aesop. "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." Again, thank you for your acts of kindness over these past few weeks- you who have volunteered, you who have donated financially, those who have sent the organization emails of support and encouragement, and your prayers for all of those who continue to face food insecurity in our community.

Your care and concern is greatly appreciated.

Carol Gerard Bread & Broth  
Director