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Food Bank RGV Responds to Increase in Need Amid CoronaVirus

PHARR, TX – The Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, the largest charity organization of South Texas and lead supplier of food, water, and supplies is responding to the increase in demand for food in the community. There has seen a significant rise in the number of people accessing the Food Bank RGV's on-site Emergency Pantry. Whereas in a typical day, the on-site pantry would normally service an average of 60 families a day, the pantry has now been serving 300 + families a day.

Amid the progression of the Coronavirus and in the interest of the health and safety of the community, our on-site Emergency Food Pantry has now moved to a mobile distribution model that will now serve clients two days a week. The Food Bank RGV urges anyone in need of assistance, to please contact the Food Bank RGV at 956-682-8101 for a referral to a pantry close to them. If clients are unable to access their assigned pantry then they may attend an Emergency Pantry distribution at the Food Bank. General public may access Emergency Pantry services on Tuesdays from 9am – 11am or until capacity is reached. There will be a special distribution for Senior Citizens, aged 60 and older, on Thursdays from 9am – 11am or until capacity is reached. Both groups must bring a photo i.d. and proof of address.

The Food Bank RGV launched its Resource Readiness and Response Campaign in early February, to prepare for the possibility of closures of schools and businesses, the Food Bank RGV is monitoring and continuing to provide support and reinforce its network of 275 partner agencies with food to serve the community.

To help support the Food Bank, you may make a donation at foodbankrgv.com.

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About the Food Bank RGV:

The Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, Inc. was incorporated in 1986 and has grown to be the largest charity in south Texas based on clients served. In fiscal year 2019, over 40 million pounds of food and fresh produce were distributed to Cameron, Hidalgo, and Willacy counties and the Feeding America network of food banks. Up to 146,000 people in the Valley experience hunger.

The Food Bank RGV is an equal opportunity provider.