We want to express our deep gratitude to everyone who has reached out to offer their support during this difficult and uncertain time. It is our strong sense of community--our collective kindness, patience and flexibility--that makes such a tremendous difference to the most vulnerable Broomfield residents who are suffering right now. Here is some information about helping FISH and our neighbors in need during this crisis.

**What is the best way to help FISH?**

Financial contributions are the most effective way to help FISH because they allow us to direct dollars where they are needed most. We are using COVID emergency funds to purchase bulk food at discounted rates and offer emergency financial assistance to help stabilize families in this crisis. Purchasing food right now helps us minimize contact between people, reduce the risk of spreading the virus, AND offer a selection of healthy food to neighbors in need. To make a donation, visit [https://www.coloradogives.org/index.php?section=organizations&action=newDonation&fwID=27508](https://www.coloradogives.org/index.php?section=organizations&action=newDonation&fwID=27508) or you can mail checks to 6 Garden Center, Broomfield, CO 80020.

**Can I donate food items?**

At this time, and for the foreseeable future, FISH CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT ANY FOOD DONATIONS at our 6 Garden Center location. We are still picking up donations from our grocery store partners and Community Food Share, but can’t accept individual donations or snack bags at our building. We currently have donation stations at the following grocery stores.

- King Soopers - Hwy 287
- King Soopers - Zuni & 136th
- King Soopers - 120th & Sheridan
- Safeway - 144th & Lowell

People can purchase and donate critical need items like canned meat, cereal and oatmeal. Please check out our website frequently for updates on this.

**Does FISH need volunteers? YES, and...**

We need healthy volunteers between 16-64 years of age to help package and distribute emergency boxes. Sign up for a shift here: [https://signup.com/go/qoNrfxk](https://signup.com/go/qoNrfxk) (Please check the link frequently - shifts may become available last minute due to volunteer cancellations)

We ask that **you do NOT sign up for a shift if:**

- You are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms
- You are concerned about your own health/exposure or if you belong to a group with a higher risk of experiencing complications from COVID
- You have recently traveled internationally, out-of-state, or had contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19
- You are under 16 years old or over 64 years old
What is FISH doing to keep our staff and volunteers safe?

6 GARDEN CENTER BUILDING: The FISH building officially closed to the public on Tuesday, March 18th. We are limiting the number of staff and volunteers IN the building at any given time and are maintaining the guidelines for 6 feet of distance between people. We are cleaning and sanitizing work spaces at least 2 X day. Finally, where possible, we are keeping all doors in the building open, to avoid contact with handles, and are using super strength disinfectant on all work surfaces.

VOLUNTEERS & STAFF: We have asked volunteers who are 65+ years of age, anyone who has traveled outside the country or to hotspot areas in last 14 days, or anyone who has any symptoms of cold/flu or has been in contact with anyone with symptoms in last 14 days, to stay home for the next two weeks. We have also stopped accepting individual donations of food as a way to minimize contact and more efficiently utilize staff and volunteers. Everyone who is working on food distribution at FISH has been asked to wash their hands at the beginning and end of their shift and use hand sanitizer, as it is available.

All staff and volunteers are to notify the Executive Director immediately if they exhibit any symptoms and will be isolated and sent home to self-quarantine. If any confirmed COVID-19 cases are tied to staff or volunteers, we have put in place the following policy--

- Immediate closure for 24 hours and notice to our Public Health Department.
- Deep cleaning by a company that has been vetted by FRC collaborative.
- Same day notification for staff and volunteers in proximity to the affected person (touching same work surfaces, within 6 feet for sustained contact, etc.- grey area) to self-isolate prior to leaving the site, then self-quarantine for 14 days following the date of potential exposure.
- Calling/email tree to notify partners.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION: We have shifted from a self-shop model to emergency boxes of food. During drive up hours, we ask that people stay in their cars, make sure there is space in their trunks before coming to FISH, and allow volunteers to put food in the car. Volunteers working the drive up shifts are asked to remain 6 feet apart at all times.

How does Broomfield’s “Stay At Home” order affect FISH?

Understandably, the City and County of Broomfield wants people to stay home to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and help “flatten the curve” of the virus. This is necessary so as not to overburden our health care system and to make sure that hospitals can function without a spike in critical cases all at once. As a food bank and family resource center, FISH is considered an “essential function” and staff and volunteers are able to travel to FISH to maintain our services to the community. Currently, residents are allowed to get food via takeout or drive-thru, visit a healthcare professional, retrieve supplies to work from home, pick up items needed for remote learning for a child, and get outside to exercise as long as they stay at least six feet away from people who do not live with them. FISH is asking our neighbors in need to come for food JUST ONCE A WEEK during our food distribution times. Learn more about the Stay at Home order here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TDJZnk3aqOyq1DALKG5RZN5eSuPd1irYVWbFKVdh1Pk/edit#

Other Ways To Support Our Community...
1.) Donate to Broomfield Community Foundation in care of “Disaster Relief Fund” at www.broomfieldfoundation.org. 100% of disaster relief funds will support neighbors in need through a variety of organizations.

2.) Donate to A Precious Child, who is currently accepting donations of adult and children’s diapers, personal care items, and cleaning supplies. www.Apreciouschild.org

3.) Learn more about Broomfield Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD): www.broomfieldvoad.org. Consider joining as an individual or through an organization.