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Covington VA Organizations Come Together to Respond to COVID-19 Pandemic

Covington, VA. (March 23, 2020) — COVID-19, an unprecedented national emergency, is increasing rapidly in communities across the country. These Covington organizations have partnered to provide assistance to the individuals and families that are homebound and have no way of getting food or other necessary items: The Salvation Army, City of Covington and Covington Police Department, Alleghany county and the Alleghany County Sheriff's department, Clifton Forge Police Department, League of Older Adults, Alleghany Chambers of Commerce, and Mountaineer Minuteman Militia.

“Over the last few days, our agencies, have been getting many requests for food. We have decided to work together and coordinate our efforts to target those seniors and homebound individuals who need our help the most,” said Major George Hackbarth from The Salvation Army of Covington.

The Salvation Army will act as a clearing house for seniors and single parents with children who are homebound and who need assistance. They can be reached by calling 540-962-6206. The Mountaineer Minutemen Militia, who will have appropriate identification. will deliver the necessary items to those who qualify. In addition, donations are needed to meet the growing demand for toilet paper, paper towels, adult diapers, hand sanitizers, non-perishable food, and cleaning supplies. Donation bins for those items are at these drop-off locations:

Clark's Performance Diesel
3712 Longdale Furnace Rd
Clifton Forge, VA 24422

Scott's Welding Services
2027 Rayon Drive
Covington VA, 24426

Cliffview Golf Club & Inn
410 Friels Drive
Covington, VA 24426

League of Older Americans
The Salvation Army

Alleghany Highlands Chamber
of Commerce
Alleghany County Sheriff's
Office
City of Covington
Covington Police Department

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Financial donations can be sent to M3 Minute Men at Highlands Community Bank or through The Salvation Army to PO Box 877, Covington, VA 24426. Please designate the donation as “Alleghany Disaster Relief.”

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About The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army annually helps more than 23 million Americans overcome poverty, addiction, and economic hardships through a range of social services. By providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse, and clothing and shelter for people in need, The Salvation Army is doing the most good at 7,600 centers of operation around the country. In the first-ever listing of “America’s Favorite Charities” by *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*, The Salvation Army ranked as the country’s largest privately funded, direct-service nonprofit. For more information, visit <http://virginiasalvationarmy.org/covingtonvacorps/>