Martha’s Kitchen URGENTLY needs your help during COVID-19 emergency conditions!

Martha’s Kitchen serves meals at more than 60 locations in 6 counties, not just here at 311 Willows Street in San Jose. Over the past few weeks, the demand for meals has risen substantially due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we need your help to ensure we can keep up with this increased need for meals and food.

Some of the homeless shelters that we serve are now keeping their residents “sheltered-in-place” and not turning them out on the streets during the day. Other day-centers are reporting an overwhelming increase in demand for food due to school closures and newly unemployed and furloughed workers. We are seeing these numbers increase daily.

Silicon Valley is one of the wealthiest places on earth, yet we have some of the greatest needs in our own backyard. We’re doing what we can to step up and meet this need, but we need your financial support in order to continue our mission to feed the hungry in our communities, now more than ever.

We’ve also implemented extra precautions in place to comply with the COVID-19 restrictions, including safety measures for our volunteers and clients, and to-go meals versus the traditional sit-down dinners we offered prior to the epidemic. Many of our regular volunteers are staying at home because their ages put them in a high-risk category. While the increased demand for food means we’ve had to hire additional staff members to prepare and deliver meals throughout the region. To help us meet this growing need and additional deliveries we project an increased cost of $75,000 per month.

Please donate today to help us meet this goal and ensure the hungry in our community are fed and our volunteers and staff have the tools they need to stay safe. Every little bit helps.

We are feeding nearly 1000 extra meals PER DAY above and beyond the normal 1800 meals per day that we have been preparing for service. We provide this for our clients free of charge, but the increase in demand as a result of COVID-19 is staggering. Our costs have risen significantly too, as during this time our regular food supply chain has been disrupted. At times we have struggled to obtain the ingredients needed to meet our commitments, and when we have found the needed items, they have come at substantially higher costs.

Give your gift online at www.marthas-kitchen.org/donate

Please accept my ☐ one-time gift ☐ monthly gift of: ☐ $25 ☐ $50 ☐ $100 ☐ $200 ☐ or, specify an amount $_________ (surprise us!)

I authorize payments to be made through my ☐ Bank Name ___________________________ ☐ Phone ___________________________
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Please note any corrections below:

311 Willow Street, San Jose, CA 95110 at Sacred Heart Church
NO GALA IN 2020
Due to COVID-19, Martha’s Kitchen will not be having a fundraiser GALA in 2020. We still need your sponsorship to keep our operations afloat during COVID-19 and throughout the year. Please consider continuing to support us in any fashion that you can.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH POSTPONED
Our normal early June volunteer appreciation lunch has been postponed. If conditions allow, we would still like to hold this event in August or September 2020.

We cannot run our operation without the hundreds of volunteers who help us with food preparation, food service, and gleaning food from supermarkets. Stay tuned for an updated schedule as conditions evolve.

DONOR/SPONSOR APPRECIATION EVENT
If conditions allow, we would like to hold a donor/ sponsor appreciation event in the Fall of 2020 for all of those who have donated $2500 or more to Martha’s Kitchen in 2020. We couldn’t continue to feed those less fortunate in our community without your financial support. It is important to us that we have an opportunity to recognize your valuable contributions to help us keep the hungry fed. When conditions allow, we will announce a date and other details for this event later this year.

SPREAD THE WORD
If you know someone who would like to know more about Martha’s Kitchen, and could be a potential sponsor, donor, or volunteer – please spread the word.
You may also direct them to our Executive Director, Bill Lee, for more information. bill@marthaskitchensj.org

HOURS OF OPERATION
Monday - Friday: 6 am - 4 pm
Receiving, Delivery, and Administration
Volunteering
Tuesday and Wednesday: 6 am - 10:30 am
Food and sandwich making
Tuesday and Wednesday: 3:15 pm - 5:15 pm
Dinner service (ages 16+)
Meals Served On-site
Tuesday & Wednesday: 4 pm - 5 pm
Dinner service
Thursday: 8:30 am - 9:30 am
Breakfast
Free showers, laundry, mobile health clinic
Wednesday: 1:30 pm - 4 pm

All meals will be served in “to go” containers along with bottled beverages

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