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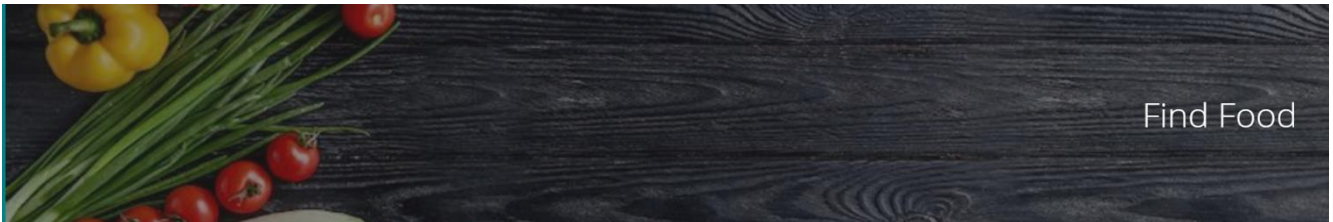


OUR MISSION:

TO ALLEVIATE FOOD INSECURITY THROUGHOUT ST. MARY'S COUNTY

OUR VISION:

A ST. MARY'S COUNTY FREE FROM HUNGER



Are you looking for information about where someone can find food in St. Mary's County? Feed St. Mary's maintains an up-to-date database that is posted on our website. The page is: <https://feedstmarys.org/services> or you can scan the QR code with your mobile device and it will take you directly to the site.

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FEED ST. MARY'S IN THE COMMUNITY:

FSM staff and volunteers carried the message of food insecurity and community involvement to the Sotterley Riverside Community Marketplace. It is important, especially during these difficult times, that we remind people of the need as well as the resources that are available in the community.



COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE DAYS

Feed St. Mary's is also partnering with the St. Mary's County Homelessness Prevention Board to reach out to community members who are in need of food and other assistance as the cold weather approaches. During the week of November 2 an outreach team made up of community partners will be connecting participants with assistance for food, housing, utilities, jobs, mental and physical healthcare, and more. The team will be visiting the Lexington Park Library on November 2 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. On November 4 they will be at the Charlotte Hall Library from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, then the Charlotte Hall Market from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. They will be at Church of the Ascension on November 5 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. In addition to these primary sites, they will be at other community partner locations throughout the week. They will have giveaways available for outreach participants at each location.



TURKEY DINNER DISTRIBUTION AND AVAILABILITY



Feed St. Mary's, the Maryland Food Bank and a variety of local entities are partnering together to bring individual turkey dinners to those who could use a little extra joy during the holiday season. While the opportunity begins in early November, the majority of the turkey dinners are scheduled to be delivered on or around November 20-21.

If you are looking for a way to help, please reach out to your local food pantry to find out what type of assistance they need or contact Feed St. Mary's to make a donation to help offset the cost of delivering these meals to our friends and families.

SPOTLIGHT ON FIRST FRIENDSHIP FOOD PANTRY:



One of Feed St. Mary's newest partner pantries is the First Friendship Pantry located at 13723 Point Lookout Road in Ridge. This pantry routinely serves over a dozen families in southern St. Mary's County. While they will not turn anyone away, their primary focus is on the Ridge, Dameron, Scotland and St. Indigos area. First Friendship is currently participating in the initial partnership phase with Feed St. Mary's Food Bank but has been providing food to southern St. Mary's County for years. Hours of operation are every Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.



Do you know of a food pantry or soup kitchen doing great things in St. Mary's County? We would enjoy telling their story and spotlighting the good that is being done to help eliminate hunger and food insecurity in our community. If you have an idea for a spotlight, please contact Charlie Wharton at marketing.feedstmarys@gmail.com with their story. Maybe they will be next food pantry in the spotlight.

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