



Village of Mount Prospect **Press Release**

FOOD PANTRY REQUESTING DONATION OF GIFT CARDS

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The COVID-19 crisis has impacted many Mount Prospect residents who have seen a reduction in work hours and are now without pay due to closures in the service industry. The Village's Human Services Department is anticipating a dramatic increase in the usage of the Village's food pantry.

The generosity of the community is evident in the number of calls received over the last week with offers to help. Thankfully, the food pantry is currently well-stocked due to generous holiday donations. Due to staffing conditions and the Governor's order to shelter in place, the Village has determined that limiting food donations at this time is the best course of action for the safety of both staff and residents. Residents who would like to assist the food pantry are asked to donate gift cards to local grocery stores in increments of \$15 and \$25. Donations can be deposited in the water bill depository outside of Village Hall (50 S. Emerson St.), or mailed to the Human Services Department at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street, Mount Prospect, IL 60056. The gifts cards will be provided to residents using the food from the pantry so that they can also obtain needed perishable items to supplement the dried goods we provide.

Residents who may be experiencing financial difficulties during this time are encouraged to call the Human Services Department at 847/870-5680 to schedule an appointment for a food pick up. Staff is prepared to screen new participants via phone. Those whose health is compromised may be eligible to have their food delivered.

Village staff continues to monitor the situation and to partner with community organizations to help serve those in our community that are in need. The Mayor, Village Board and staff thanks everyone for their concern and generosity.

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