

## Homewood COVID-19 Stimulus Checks for Charity Campaign

Dear Homewood Friends: The COVID-19 pandemic is resulting in suffering in our city, nationally and internationally. Stimulus checks are now arriving. Some of us are in need while others are not. We encourage those of you who can to donate some or all of this check to a charity of your choice. If you would like to donate your stimulus check to someone who needs it more than you, we encourage you to consider the following local organizations, which have been compiled and vetted by the Homewood Friends Peace and Social Justice Committee.

We would like to gather data on how much money Homewood Friends donated during the COVID-19 crisis. Please complete the anonymous survey at [this link](#) so we can determine how much money was donated as part of this effort. The survey includes options for including organizations that are not on this list.

Organization	URL	Description
<b>Food</b>		
Maryland Food Bank	<a href="https://mdfoodbank.org/donate/">https://mdfoodbank.org/donate/</a>	Supplies more than 1200 distribution sites with food for their local communities. They have seen significantly increased demand with the COVID-19 pandemic.
GEDCO (CARES Food Pantry)	<a href="https://gedco.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/online-giving/">https://gedco.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/online-giving/</a>	Food pantry on York Road in Baltimore; directed by our own Rachael Neill. Provides food and direct financial assistance. If donating to CARES online the money will go to GEDCO with a portion going to CARES. To specify the whole donation for CARES: email Melodie Cunningham at <a href="mailto:mcunningham@gedco.org">mcunningham@gedco.org</a> or call at 410-433-2442 x15.
Meals on Wheels	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/donate2MealsOnWheels">https://tinyurl.com/donate2MealsOnWheels</a>	Provides meals for the elderly.
<b>Homeless Support</b>		
Healthcare for the Homeless	<a href="https://giving.hchmd.org/give/157165/#!/donation/checkout">https://giving.hchmd.org/give/157165/#!/donation/checkout</a>	Provides comprehensive health care services and supportive services to people experiencing homelessness in Baltimore
Youth Empowered Society (YES)	<a href="https://yesdropincenter.wedid.it/">https://yesdropincenter.wedid.it/</a>	YES is the only dedicated drop-in center in Maryland where youth experiencing homelessness can gather, access basic need resources, give and receive peer support, and engage in case management and other programming towards stability and wellness.
House of Ruth	<a href="https://hruth.org/donate/">https://hruth.org/donate/</a>	House of Ruth serves women and their children, running a domestic violence center, transitional housing units, and a homeless shelter in Baltimore.
<b>Returning citizens</b>		
Out4Justice	<a href="https://www.out4justice.org/programs-resources-1">https://www.out4justice.org/programs-resources-1</a>	Organization comprised of individuals who are both directly and indirectly impacted by the criminal justice system advocating for the reform of policies and practices that adversely affect successful reintegration into society.
Baltimore Action Legal Team (BALT)	<a href="https://www.baltimoreactionlegal.org/donate">https://www.baltimoreactionlegal.org/donate</a>	Provides legal services including expungement services and 24/7 jail support, in addition to a direct community bail fund to help release prisoners held on low level bail.
<b>Baltimore Yearly Meeting</b>		
Baltimore Yearly Meeting (BYM)	<a href="https://www.bym-rsf.org/giving/gifts/ymgiving.html">https://www.bym-rsf.org/giving/gifts/ymgiving.html</a>	BYM is the regional organizing unit for Quakers in central Pennsylvania, Maryland, parts of West Virginia, Virginia, and DC. BYM is experiencing serious financial difficulties related to COVID-19 and is in need of increased contributions from Friends at this time.

\* If you would like to give in-kind donations such as food, please consider Tubman House or CARES food pantry.