



LOAVES & FISHES

Groceries for Neighbors in Need

COVID-19 REPORT



"THIS IS A MARATHON NOT A SPRINT"

The impact of COVID-19 on our community's health and economy has been swift and severe. In early March, we never could have imagined that by month's end we would be feeding three times the number of people, in a brand new way, with limited access to our greatest resource - our volunteers. To meet the demand, Loaves & Fishes has made changes at every level of our operation:

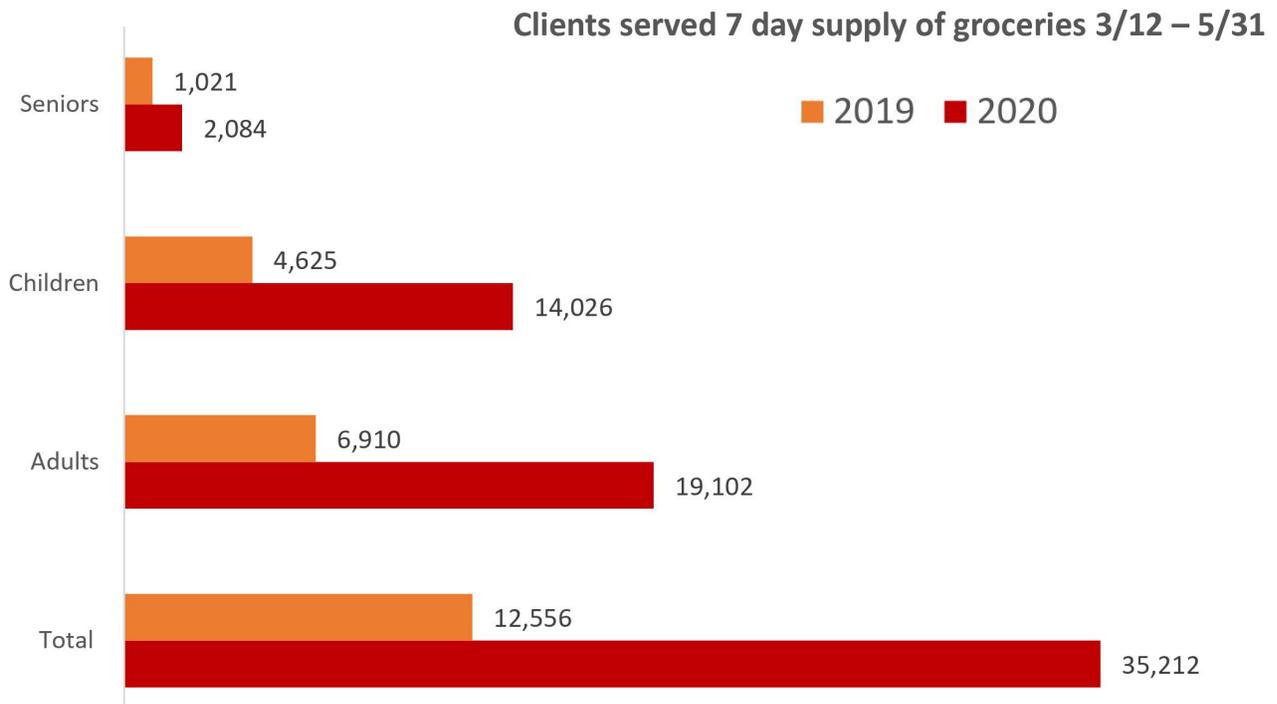
- Switching from brick and mortar pantries to mobile pantry food distribution - 20 locations operating 6 days a week.
- Packing a week's supply of groceries into emergency food boxes.
- Changing client eligibility from 8 visits per year to 12.
- Launching a home delivery program.
- Increasing collaboration with community partners such as Second Harvest Food Bank and CMS Child Nutrition Services.

Through it all, you have been with us every step of the way, ensuring that neighbors like Kristi, (see box at right) who have never needed Loaves & Fishes before, would have food on their table during the worst times of their lives. Thank you!

"Thank you for preserving my dignity during the worst time of my life. I went from a great salary and donating to now being a client. It is a humbling experience. I appreciate you showing me kindness." -Kristi



YOU MAKE IT POSSIBLE



LOAVES & FISHES REMAINS STEADFAST IN OUR MISSION TO FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS IN NEED

For 45 years, Loaves & Fishes has provided nutritionally balanced groceries for Mecklenburg County neighbors in need. Despite all of the recent challenges, our mission remains constant. It is because of you - our donors, volunteers and community partners - that we are able to provide groceries and hope to each and every neighbor who needs us.

In the meantime, in order to continue to serve as many people as safely and efficiently as possible, our drive-through mobile pantry operations will continue throughout the summer, providing pre-packed emergency food boxes, containing a week's supply of non-perishable groceries, as well as fresh produce, meat and dairy.

It is clear that this will be a marathon and not a sprint. We need you now more than ever.



A complete list of COVID-19 donors can be found at loavesandfishes.org/coviddonors

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 **Donate Food:** loavesandfishes.org/donate-food

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