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Community First Food Pantry opens at 384 Grand Street, New York City on 6/11/20

The effect of COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing injustice death of George Floyd leading to protests and riots throughout the city have caused our community members further concerns for their physical, mental health, and economic wellbeing. Many continue to struggle with hunger and food insecurity due to loss of income and diminished access to food due to closures of schools, senior centers, and food assistance programs. Undocumented and marginalized immigrants continue to be overlooked and excluded from emergency policies, reliefs and benefits, therefore, resulting in no means of income or support.



Now more than ever, we, at UA3, will continue to forge our commitment to support the community. To combat food insecurity, UA3 is proud to announce that in partnership with Councilmember Margaret Chen, the Community First Food Pantry will officially open its operation at 384 Grand Street, New York City on Thursday, June 11, 2020.

This newly established program is made possible through UA3's ongoing affiliation with the Manor Community Church Food Pantry, and with the generous donation of groceries from Trader's Joe, as well as the support of Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer. With additional investment of infrastructure (refrigerated truck and equipment) from UA3, this arrangement will greatly increase the program's capacity to serve many more individuals and families in the local communities.



A special thank you is extend to 384 Grand Street, HDFC for donating the space needed for the operation of this program. The pantry will operate twice a week and an average of 450 to 500 packages of food per day is expected to be delivered to a variety of locations, including Chung Pak Senior Housing, CPC Open Door Senior Center, the Bowery Mission, Grand Street Guild, and multiple tenement buildings in Chinatown, and lower eastside Manhattan.



Donations and volunteers will be needed to make this program successful. Anyone interested in volunteering at the Community First Food Pantry should contact: Mr. Chi Loek, UA3 Board Secretary / Email: Chiloek12@gmail.com / Tel: (917) 697-2842

UA3 MISSION STATEMENT:

Founded in 2015, UA3 is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization whose mission is to make positive impact and lasting improvements in the underserved segments of our communities through youth empowerment, education, promotion of health and mental health, to support creation of socio-economic opportunities, and to channel needed resources for the betterment of those in need. UA3 strives to accomplish our goals through partnerships with public and private sectors, educational institutions and community social and service organizations.



UA3 urges all members of the community to help, and anyone wishing to support our efforts can scan the QR Code to the UA3 Charity-GoFundMe site to the left in order to donate.

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