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Dear Community Members,

We understand the anxiety and hardship that comes with changes to, or the temporary suspension of, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. We want to assure you that there are still many vital resources and assistance programs available to help bridge this gap.

Below is a list of programs and organizations prepared to offer immediate food and essential needs assistance. Please reach out to them directly for support.

1. Local Food Pantries

The Salvation Army - Tonawanda 46 Broad Street Tonawanda, NY 14150 (716) 693-3110 Tuesday/Thursday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	St. Vincent DePaul St. Francis of Assisi 73 Adam Street Tonawanda, NY 14150 (716) 693-6247 Wednesday 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Thursday: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM <i>Use front door of St. Clare, at 144 Broad St.</i>
St. Christopher Parish Pantry 550 Ellicott Creek Road Tonawanda, NY 14150 (716) 564-9023 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	New Covenant Tabernacle 345 McConkey Drive Buffalo, NY 14223 (716) 877-9882 Thursdays 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
St. Vincent DePaul - St. Amelia 210 St. Amelia Drive Town of Tonawanda, NY 14150 (716) 692-2660 ext. 109 Tuesday 6:30 - 8:30 PM Thursday 1:30 - 3:30 PM Call (716) 692-2660 ext. 109 for assistance By Appointment: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday	St. Vincent DePaul St. Timothy's 565 East Park Drive Tonawanda, NY 14150 (716) 939-2018 Monday and Thursday: 8:30 AM -11:00 AM

Catholic Charities - Kenmore 3370 Delaware Ave Kenmore, NY 14217 (716) 362-0225 Monday and Thursday 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM and 12:30 - 2:30 PM	New Beginnings Food Pantry 100 Willow Ridge Drive Amherst, NY 14228 (716) 339-7163 Tuesday, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM; 2nd & 4th Friday, 9 - 11:00 AM; 3rd Saturday, 9:45 AM - 11:45 AM; 1st Friday of each month by appointment, 9-11:00 AM
North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry 100 Ridge Road North Tonawanda, NY 14120 (716) 692-8552 Monday thru Friday, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Hearts Food Pantry Express 1270 Kenmore Ave Buffalo, NY 14216 (716) 877-3536 Thursdays 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
St. Faustina's Gate 263 Claremont Avenue Tonawanda, NY 14223 (716) 837-2544 Tuesday and Thursday 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	St. Vincent DePaul - St. Leo 885 Sweet Home Road Amherst, NY 14226 (716) 800-8020 Monday 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Wednesday 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Saturday 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Hearts Harvest Food Pantry 870 Tonawanda Street Buffalo, NY 14207 (716) 877-3536 Tuesday 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Friday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	

For more information, directions and pantry information for other communities, please go to the FeedMore WNY Pantry Locator [here](#).

Please note that when receiving assistance at a FeedMore WNY affiliated pantry partner, you will be required to attest to meeting USDA eligibility. In order to be eligible to receive household TEFAP products, the total household income for all household members must be at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines. Also, applicants who participate in one or more of the following programs – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Medicaid, or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are automatically eligible for the TEFAP program.

2. Tonawanda City School District Family Support Center (FSC)

Provides free access to nonperishable food items, hygiene products, and clothing for TCSD families.

How to access:

- Call 716-213-5095 or email FamilySupportCenter@tonacsd.org

- Ask your child's school counselor or administrator to connect you
- All services are confidential and available to TCSD families at no cost

3. HEAP – Home Energy Assistance Program (NY State)

Provides low-income households with financial assistance to help pay heating and/or cooling costs.

How to access:

- Apply online at myBenefits.ny.gov for residents outside NYC.
- Apply in person or by mail via your local county social services office.
- Call the statewide HEAP hotline: **1-800-342-3009** for questions or assistance

4. Backpack Program – Tonawanda Elementary School

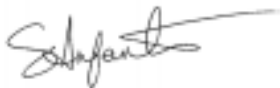
Provides weekly bags of nutritious, kid-friendly, nonperishable food for students in grades K–5. Free through a partnership with FeedMore WNY. Limited to 125 students, first come, first served.

How to access:

- Contact Mrs. Wittman, call 716-694-7691 ext.6306 or email mwittman@tonacsd.org
- Participation does **not** impact eligibility for other food assistance programs

We are committed to helping you navigate this challenge. Please utilize these resources, and remember that you are not alone in this.

Sincerely,



Sarah Infante



Zakiyyah Missert, Family Support Center Director