



MAYOR CHRIS BOLLWAGE

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## **CITY OF ELIZABETH AND THE COUNTY OF UNION PARTNER WITH WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN TO DISTRIBUTE FREE MEALS TO COMMUNITY**

**ELIZABETH, NJ— April 1, 2020** — Mayor J. Christian Bollwage announced this afternoon that the City of Elizabeth in conjunction with Union County Freeholder Sergio Granados, World Central Kitchen, International Rescue Committee, the Department of Health & Human Services and the Union County Office of Community Engagement & Diversity, will begin a meal distribution program to families and those in need as the effects of COVID-19 continue to impact the country.

“With children home due to schools closing, and residents who are out of work due to the shutdown, providing our residents with free meals is one less thing families will have to worry about,” said Mayor J. Christian Bollwage. “I would like to thank our partners for making this program possible and all of the volunteers who are helping to distribute these meals.”

“Now more than ever, we need to come together and put our residents first. Not only as a Freeholder, but as an Elizabeth resident, this is why I think this collaboration of government and nonprofit agencies is a great and vital service,” said Freeholder Sergio Granados. “The Freeholder Board is working to identify the needs of our residents across the county and will continue to work with different organizations to offer any programs or services to those who need extra support at this time.”

Starting Thursday, April 2, 2020, the World Central Kitchen is providing one thousand free meals each day to those in need. Each person will receive a lunch and a dinner individually packaged, grab-and-go meals will be available at two locations in Elizabeth for pick up.

Residents can pick up food at the following locations from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (or until supplies last), Monday through Saturday:

O’ Donnell Dempsey Senior Center  
618 Salem Avenue  
Elizabeth, NJ

Stephen Sampson Center  
800 Anna Street  
Elizabeth, NJ

Social distancing will be a priority during this distribution. Each volunteer will be equipped with a mask and gloves, and there will be lines marking a 6-foot distance for those picking up food.

For more information, please call the City of Elizabeth Office Public Information at 908-820-4124 or the Office of Union County Community Engagement & Diversity at 908-527-4880.