

# FOCUS

## Feeding Our Communities with United Services



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### Drive-through food pantries return for February

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. – Feeding Our Communities with United Services (FOCUS) has again partnered with Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin and the USDA to distribute free boxes of food. The drive-through food pantries will be held on Tuesdays, February 2, 9, 16 and 23 at the Wisconsin Rapids City Garage at 1411 Chase Street from 10 am until 12 noon while supplies last. Participants are asked to enter the distribution area off of Clark Street via 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> Avenues.

The food boxes will contain produce, meat and dairy items. Anyone who wishes to participate in the distribution is asked to come starting at 10 am to allow volunteers to set-up for the distribution. To help prevent traffic congestion, arriving after 10:30 am is recommended.

These food boxes are paid for by the USDA. Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin worked with Valley Cooperative Association to provide this healthy food directly to high-need areas free of charge. Quantities are limited and will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis (no pre-registration necessary). The limit will be one box per vehicle unless the party is also picking up for a home-bound individual.

Participants should make sure there is room available in their vehicle's trunk or backseat for the box of food, and to be patient while others are being served. Since this is a contact-free pantry, participants are asked to remain in their vehicles while receiving the food and practice social distancing. Anyone feeling ill should remain home and not participate in this distribution.

### About FOCUS

Feeding Our Communities with United Services (FOCUS) was formed in February of 2020 when the South Wood Emerging Pantry Shelf, The Neighborhood Table and the Rapids Family Backpacks program merged as one nonprofit organization to better combat food insecurity and develop related services in the South Wood County area.

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