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Mobile food pantry comes to Wisconsin Rapids in October

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. – Feeding Our Communities with United Services (FOCUS) has partnered with Alliant Energy and Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin to distribute free boxes of food. The drive-through food pantry will be held on Tuesday, October 12th, at the Wisconsin Rapids City Garage, 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 16th or 17th Avenues.

The food boxes will contain produce, meat and dairy items. Anyone who wishes to participate in the distribution is asked to come no earlier than 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 provided by Alliant Energy. “Fighting hunger in our communities is just one way we build stronger communities,” said Julie Bauer, Alliant Energy Foundation Executive Director. “We want to help lighten the load for families who are struggling to make ends meet, so they can focus on more important things.”

Food boxes 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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