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Blue Grass Farms Charities: Covid19 Preparedness

Plea for Assistance

Blue Grass Farms Charities is “assistance-ready” regarding to the Covid19 crisis for those who work in Central Kentucky’s Thoroughbred Industry. BGFC requests your help communicating how we’re able to assist. If you have access to other means of distributing this information, please do so – through your church, neighbors or social media. Like the rest of the world, the next few weeks will be critical for controlling the spread of the Covid19 virus. Food and extra funds are going to be difficult for farm workers to acquire and their extended families will need additional help. BGFC will do its best for them!

“The world is in a flux right now and everyone is going to need support, especially Central Kentucky’s Thoroughbred farm worker,” says Julie Berry, Executive Director for Blue Grass Farms Charities. “We partner with God’s Pantry in Lexington where we have access to fresh produce and breads, along with a limited amount of non-perishables at this time.”

BGFC has specific hours scheduled for pickup of food at 2339 Sandersville Road, Lexington, (currently Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 to 5:00 pm,) but will re-evaluate based on demand. We are anticipating a significant increase in assistance requests as the Corona virus spread continues.

BGFC will make deliveries of produce and breads that are available through God’s Pantry to the farms by appointment. Please call our office (859) 219-0910 to make arrangements.

Farm workers need to review their pantries at home and have at least 2 weeks of food on hand in case they become sick. If they are ill, they will need to stay home in quarantine which is normally two weeks. The H2A workers who are here for the season are most vulnerable because they have just arrived and know they cannot go

back home if they become ill. If they have not been in the area before, Kentucky is new to them and they will not know where to get supplies, so it is up to the farms to support them. Farms will need assistances for their workers; therefore, Blue Grass Farms Charities will assist with food and other assistance. BGFC's policy is to verify employment before any assistance is given.

BGFC is accepting contributions for its benevolence services, which include food assistance, utility/housing assistance and healthcare/medical expenses. BGFC anticipates all services will be needed during this crisis, as well as afterwards. If you are able to make a donation, please visit www.bgfcky.org, hit the "Donate" button, and you will be directed to Blue Grass Community Foundation link. Or you can mail your check to: 2339 Sandersville Road, Lexington, KY 40511. We appreciate your support and we will do our best to provide health and human services to those who work in Central Kentucky's Thoroughbred Industry.



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