



To our valued partners,

We recognize the role Benzie Area Christian Neighbors (BACN) plays in providing food and financial assistance to Neighbors with limited resources and will make every effort to continue these essential services throughout the coronavirus pandemic. We also need to keep the health and safety of Neighbors, volunteers, and staff foremost in our thoughts.

Beginning Monday, March 16, BACN will implement the following modifications. New developments will be closely monitored, and we will continue to make adjustments as needed.

Food Program

- Pre-packaged food bags will be available for pick-up by Neighbors between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Monday – Thursday (two visits per month). Neighbors must call ahead to check-in (231-882-9544). Food bags will be labeled for Neighbors to pick up in the parking lot, and placed into the Benzie Bus.
- BACN will have “Blessings in a Backpack” bags available. Parents must call ahead to arrange to pick-up for their bags each week.
- The Senior Food Bag service will continue as usual.

Clothing Program

- The clothing center (donations and shopping) will be closed until further notice.

Financial Assistance

- Limited financial assistance (bus passes, gas cards) will be available by appointment only. Appointments will be scheduled after 2:30 p.m. Mondays – Thursdays.
- Utility assistance can be coordinated over the phone, with needed applications filled out in the parking lot and faxed to the appropriate agency by BACN
- The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will no longer be available at BACN. Neighbors will be referred to their main office.

Adult Education and Career Assistance

- Adult education and career assistance services will be suspended until further notice.

Thank-you for your ongoing understanding and support for BACN. Each one of you is an important member of our “Caring Community of Neighbors Helping Neighbors”.

Yours truly,
Gerri VanAntwerp and
Staff of BACN