

Community Food Support: Quick Guide for Schools

Schools play an important role in connecting families to food resources. Use this quick reference to share ways to get help, give help, and answer common questions.

How Schools & Families can GET HELP	◆ GVLfood.org Direct families to GVLfood.org, LiveWell Greenville’s interactive map of food pantries and meal sites. Families can search by ZIP code. ◆ Contact your school’s Social Work or School Counselor. ◆ Food Resource Guide Cards Greenville County Community Food Resource Guide cards and magnets are available (English Spanish) with a QR code linking to the guide. ◆ Visit, Call, or Text 2-1-1 United Way’s 2-1-1 resource line connects people to nearby food programs and emergency assistance. Text: “help” or “ayuda” to 211-211 https://www.sc211.org/#/
How Schools & Families can GIVE HELP	◆ Support the GCS District Food Pantry (Food Needs List; Amazon Wishlist) Donate to the Drew Fowler Food Pantry, managed by the GCS Social Work. To donate, contact Irene Hamilton-Jones, Wendy Riddle, or Cathy Hall, or mail checks to “GCSD Homeless & Social Work” at MT. Anderson (100 Blassingame Road, 29605). ◆ Stock your School Emergency Closet Donate nonperishable food to your school’s emergency resource closet or pantry. ◆ Encourage financial contributions Donations can be made to United Way’s Emergency Relief Fund, which will help individuals and families experience delayed or reduced SNAP benefits, rent and utility emergencies due to lost federal income, and missed paychecks for furloughed federal works and contractors. Donations can also be sent to your local food pantry. ◆ Volunteer! Local partners are working together to meet increased food demand. Share their links and volunteer opportunities.

FAQs:

Q: What should families do if they need immediate help?

A: Give families a copy of this document and the Community Food Resource Guide link.

Q: Are there bilingual resources?

A: Yes — many of the resources listed are available in English and Spanish.

Q: Can families donate to help others?

A: Yes — families can contribute to the GCS Drew Fowler Food Pantry, or local food banks.

Q: Why are financial contributions preferred for food banks and food pantries?

A: Many food resource partners are already working together to meet increased demand. They can purchase items in bulk at reduced cost- stretching funds and reduce the need for extra volunteers to collect, sort, & pack donations.