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VAIL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

A Plea for Help Senior Resources

April 4, 2020

This is an Emergency. Vail Valley has been hit hard by the coronavirus crisis. The Mountain is closed, restaurants and businesses are shut down, schools are closed, and thousands are suddenly unemployed. For some this will be an inconvenience, but for many others, it will be devastating. Suddenly, school teachers, front-line employees, wait staff, service workers, clerks, cashiers, beauticians, carpenters, plumbers, maids, landscape workers and all sorts of other rank and file workers—all our neighbors—are without income. And many have no financial resources to carry them through this crisis. They have, therefore, just as suddenly joined the ranks of those who were already facing a food crisis in our valley, exponentially growing the numbers of the food insecure. And to further compound the picture, with area schools closed, many children have lost access to hot meals.

It's Going to Get Worse. All indications are that the situation is going to get worse. Vail Resorts just furloughed all hourly employees. It looks increasingly clear that there will be no summer season this year. The valley will probably face severe economic depression for months to come. Local schools will probably not reopen before the fall. Valley NGOs are rushing to help, as are local governments. But for the most vulnerable

in the valley, it is going to take an all-in effort. The VHA does not wish to diminish the heroic work being done by many of these organizations, but it does believe that one need in particular stands out, and it needs immediate help. It is the Eagle Valley Community Foundation which runs the Community Food Market.

The Community Food Market Can Help. The Community Food Market is an important asset in Vail Valley to help those in need. Founded in 2018, the Market responds to food insecurity needs in the valley. So that those in our community will not go hungry, the EVCF purchases discounted food from Food Bank of the Rockies and other cost-efficient sources and rescues food from local grocers and restaurants. That food is made available at the Community Food Market at **no charge to local families** in obvious need of assistance. In good times, the Market feeds about 1,000 families a week. Now the numbers of those needing assistance has jumped to 2,400, and the EVCF estimates that it will reach 4,200 during this month—a 300 % increase that is projected to last throughout 2020.



Volunteers Preparing Food Bags and Boxes for Distribution in Eagle County.

COVID 19 Hunger Relief Response which will provide a food package to each family in need of 10 pounds of produce and a bag of staples. But it can't do this without massive community support. Right now the EVCF has only about \$140,000 in liquidity. That would have been sufficient had there been no crisis, but now, everything has changed. Now that will only fund operations to about mid-May. And to make matters even more dire, with most restaurants closed, grocery rescue which had been about 25,000 pounds per month (and about 50% of the food distributed) is likely to plummet to 10,000 pounds per month which means that most of the food will have to be purchased from other sources.

Help is Needed RIGHT NOW. To scale up to meet the need, the COVID-19 Hunger Relief Response requires significant new resources. The current estimate is that the Plan will take an additional \$950,000 to provide food supplies through 2020. To raise what is needed will require extraordinary community support. The VHA, therefore, asks that you stop right now and go on-line to the EVCF website at: www.eaglevalleyvcf.org/ and make a donation.

The next weeks and months are going to be very critical. **If ever there was a time to step up, it is now.** Please open your hearts and wallets and give generously. And please share this request with friends and neighbors.

Senior Resources

The Town of Vail has requested that the VHA pass along resource information for the senior members of the community. Here is information concerning Senior Shopping times in the Vail Valley:

VAIL

City Market
2109 N Frontage Rd W, Vail, CO 81657 970.476.1017
Open Daily 7am – 8pm
> Senior Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 7 – 8am

Safeway
2131 N Frontage Rd W, Vail, CO 81657 970.476.3561
Open Daily 7:00am – 8:00pm
> Senior Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 7 – 9am

The Market at Vail
450 E Lionshead Cir, Vail, CO 81657 970.393.5098
Open Daily 8am – 6pm
> Senior Hours: None but only 10 people allowed in the store at time including employees

AVON

City Market
72 Beaver Creek Pl, Avon, CO 81620 970.949.5409
Open Daily 7am – 8pm
> Senior Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 7 – 8am

Walmart Supercenter
171 Yoder Ave, Avon, CO 81620 970.949.6442
Open Daily 7am - 8:30pm
> Senior Hours: Tuesdays 6 – 7am

EDWARDS

The Village Market
34295 Highway 6, Edwards, CO 81632 970.926.1113
Open Daily 7am – 9pm
> No Senior Hours

EAGLE

City Market

103 Market St, Eagle, CO 81631
Open Daily 7am – 8pm
> Senior Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 7 – 8am

970.328-1311

GYPSUM

Costco Wholesale
170 Cooley Mesa Rd, Gypsum, CO 81637
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am - 8:30pm
Tuesday & Thursday 8am - 8:30pm
Saturday 9:30am - 6pm | Sunday 10am - 6pm
> Senior Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 8 – 9am

970.328.7603

Here also is additional information from Eagle County Public Health:

During these uncertain times, we at Eagle County Healthy Aging want you to know that we are here for you if you need us. Below is a list of ways we can help you during the weeks ahead of staying home.

- Weekly phone calls to check in on your needs
- Volunteer help for grocery shopping, errand running, post office, medication pick up and more
- Hot meal delivery or pick up every Wednesday and Friday over the noon hour
- Access to up to date information through County media, social media platforms and e-blasts
- Access to any Eagle County School District Grab & Go lunch site, Monday – Friday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For more information on any of the above, contact us at: 970.328.8831/healthyaging@eaglecounty.us.

More importation information:

Important Phone Numbers:

• If You Feel Sick	vailhealth.org/COVID-19	970.476.2451
• Eagle County COVID-19 Information	ECEmergency.org & bit.ly/EagleCountyReliefPrograms	211
• Statewide COVID-19 Information	covid19.colorado.gov	211
• Vail COVID-19 Information	vailgov.com/COVID-19	970.479.2100

LOCAL INFORMATION & RESOURCES

• Eagle County Healthy Aging	eaglecounty.us/PublicHealth/Healthy_Aging/Overview	970.328.8831
• Eagle County Economic Assistance	eaglecounty.us/economicservices	970.328.8888
• Eagle Hope Center	ourhopecenter.org/eagleteam	970.306.4673
• Eagle Valley Behavioral Health	eaglevalleybh.org	844.493.8255
• Emergencies (Police & Fire Departments are fully staffed)		911
• The Community Market	eaglevalleycf.org/the-community-market	970.328.7900

LOCAL PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS

• Colorado Mountain Medical	970.926.6340 (option 2)
• Doctors On Call PC	970.949.5434
• Mountain Family Health Centers	970.945.2840
• Vail Health - Avon Urgent Care	970.949.6100

LOCAL PHARMACIES

- Avon City Market 970.949.5437
- Avon Walgreens 970.949.8097
- Eagle City Market 970.328.1311
- Edwards Pharmacy 970.569.7676
- Edwards Vail Valley Pharmacy 970.569.4150
- Vail City Market 970.476.1621
- Vail Pharmacy 970.479.7253

These are difficult, scary times. The scope and magnitude of this crisis is only now coming into focus. In the last two days, Eagle County cases have doubled. Nationally, the death rate is 1,000 per day and climbing. Field hospitals are rapidly being built across the country as medical supplies and respirators are about to run out; medical staffs have been pushed to the limit, and families have been torn apart. The economic impacts are on an unprecedented scale. Entire industries are shut down, and others are barely limping along. Ten million have already filed unemployment claims, and offices across the country are overwhelmed. The suffering is going to get worse in the days ahead, but we all need to realize that we can all get through this if we come together and support one another. Please help and stay safe and healthy.

VHA welcomes your participation and support.

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