MEDIA ALERT
April 7, 2020

ATLANTA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK RECEIVES ASSISTANCE FROM GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD

WHAT:
The Atlanta Community Food Bank, along with the Georgia Food Bank Association are grateful to Governor Brian Kemp, Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan, Georgia Adjutant Major General Thomas Carden, Georgia Department of Family and Children Services Director Tom Rawlings, General John King, and GEMA Director Homer Bryson for their steadfast support and leadership, and we support their action to deploy the National Guard to help feed Georgia families.

The National Guard members will serve alongside the Atlanta Community Food Bank staff to assist in procuring, sorting, and packing food; distributing food; protecting public health and safety; and coordinating other logistics.

NEED FOR THIS ACTION:
Georgia’s seniors, people living with disabilities, and low-income working families continue to need the Food Bank’s help. As the economic ramifications of this public health crisis continue to unfold, hundreds of thousands of workers in every sector are losing wages, being laid-off or furloughed. For Georgia’s school children who rely on free or reduced meals at school, recent closures mean they may not receive the nutrition they need to grow and be healthy. The Atlanta Community Food Bank’s mission is to be there for anyone in our community that needs our help, and we’re working to secure and coordinate every resource we can to make that possible.

Much of our emergency hunger relief network is led by older adults and retirees who give of their time every day to help their neighbors in need. Now is the time to protect them, keep them safe and quarantined in their homes, and continue to do what’s necessary to provide access to emergency food to struggling Georgians. This unique and extraordinary situation has also required the Food Bank to significantly modify and adjust the way we do our work.

WHEN:
Monday, April 6, 2020

OTHER DETAILS:
The National Guard members serving at the Atlanta Community Food Bank are our fellow citizens and neighbors. They will report each morning to help us be the helpers our community needs, and we thank them for their support and courage. We look forward to being there, as a team, for our neighbors.

If you are seeking help with food and need information about where emergency food will be distributed in your area, please contact us at www.acfb.org, text the word “findfood” in English or “comida” in Spanish to 888-976-2232 to find food pantries close to you, or call Atlanta Community Food Bank directly at 404-892-3333.

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