

Helping Our Communities and Neighbors

There are many ways to support our community and local folks and families during the COVID-19 crisis. See below for opportunities to donate or volunteer.

Many of our local businesses are gradually providing more of their goods and services. Please support these folks as they get back on their feet. If you're not comfortable going out, many businesses are selling gift cards or doing home and curbside deliveries! Check this link at the Bishop Chamber of Commerce page for a list of restaurants and businesses: <https://bishopchamberofcommerce.com/gift-cards/>

If you are looking for assistance:

People with non-medical COVID-19 related assistance may call (760) 878-8559 Monday – Friday, 9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm. Volunteers will direct you to the appropriate organization or agency.

Would you like to volunteer?

Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA) has volunteer opportunities at its food bank to pack and delivery the over 1,200 bags of food they are now providing folks in our area. As the need in our community has grown, so has the need for volunteers. Please call Jeannie to volunteer to help pack and/or delivery food at (760) 873-8557, ext. 115.

The Bishop Chamber of Commerce is also coordinating a volunteers program with many other great opportunities to help others. Volunteer opportunities include personal shoppers, delivery service, running errands, delivering meals, food warehouse work, making wellness check telephone calls. If you're interested in volunteering go to the Bishop Chamber of Commerce website to register:

<https://bishopchamberofcommerce.com/volunteer>

Here are options for donations:

IMACA

Inyo-Mono Advocates for Community Action is providing food and hotel vouchers to people facing emergencies and economic hardships. You can donate to IMACA via a “donate” button their web page: <https://www.imaca.net/take-action>

St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul is providing a variety of types of assistance (food, utility bills, temporary shelter, laundry, transportation needs, etc.) tailored to the needs of individuals and families experiencing hardships. You can donate to their efforts via the “donate” button on this page: <https://svdvpbishop.org/donations>. You can also mail a check made out to St. Vincent de Paul to:

St. Vincent de Paul
c/o Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
849 Home Street,
Bishop, CA 93514

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is providing ‘grab and go’ lunches three days a week and ‘grab and go’ breakfasts on Sundays. You can donate to the Salvation Army by sending a check to 621 W Line St, Bishop 93514. They also need volunteers to pack and hand out lunches. To volunteer, call (760) 872-2124. And here is a list of their current food bank needs:

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| 1. Crackers | 6. Beans in bags | 9. Soups |
| 2. Chili | 7. Snack foods | 10. Can fruit |
| 3. Tuna | 8. Single size fruit cups
or jello cups or pudding | 11. Small box of cereal |
| 4. Jelly | | 12. Vienna Sausages |
| 5. Rice | | |

Bishop United Methodist Church

The Bishop United Methodist Church has volunteer personal shoppers to assist people in Lone Pine and Bishop. The Church is also providing food assistance from its food pantry and has a longstanding Nicodemus Fund to provide emergency financial help to people in need. The Church has also established a new COVID-19 emergency fund for persons affected by the COVID-19 situation who have emergency needs. To donate to either or both of these funds, send a check made out to BUMC with COVID Fund and/or Nicodemus Fund in the memo line and mail to:

Bishop First United Methodist Church
205 N. Fowler St.
Bishop, CA 93514

They are also in the process of re-starting their soup kitchen in a grab-and-go capacity. Please call (760) 872-7701 if you would like to assist with food preparation and distribution.

Wild Iris

In these difficult times, Wild Iris's work to provide free and confidential support for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or child abuse and their families takes on added urgency. You can donate to their work via the "donate" button on this page:

<https://wild-iris.org/get-involved/donate/>

Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care

The ESCOC is a coalition of service providers in Alpine, Inyo and Mono Counties dedicated to ending the cycle of homelessness. ESCOC stakeholders provide street outreach, emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing and other types of assistance to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Donation can be made at: <https://www.eastersierracoc.org/>

Amazon Smiles

Please consider buying locally whenever possible. However, if you do some shopping via Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com and choose Bishop Rotary Foundation as your charity and the funds will be distributed to the organizations mentioned above.