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City of Rancho Cucamonga Supporting our Seniors 65+ Drive-Thru Donation Center at Central Park

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Rancho Cucamonga, California – The City of Rancho Cucamonga is dedicated to ensuring the Seniors in our community receive essential items during the COVID-19 pandemic. The demand for essential goods during this time has created an unexpected shortage in our community which has also created new challenges for access to goods for our Seniors.

On Wednesday, March 18th, the City of Rancho Cucamonga City Council adopted a resolution encouraging grocery stores and markets to provide exclusive and/or extended hours for vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 emergency. In addition to this encouragement from City Council's resolution, the City understands there is still a need among our Seniors for essential goods and continues to work alongside the community to support this population.

On Thursday, March 26th, the City began to collect curbside donations at Central Park (Goldy S. Lewis Community Center), 11200 Base Line Road, from willing members of the community in order to serve our Seniors 65+ in need. The City will collect donations Tuesday through Saturday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Business donations are welcome by appointment to allow staff an opportunity to prepare for larger deliveries. Please call (909) 774-3804 to schedule an appointment for your business.

While shopping for yourself, please consider picking up a few extra items for your fellow Senior neighbors. Essential items accepted for donations include: canned goods (soup, vegetables, fruit), non-perishables, pre-packaged food, food vouchers from restaurants, grocery store gift cards, travel size toiletries, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, new grocery bags/boxes for food, and gloves. Packages of individually wrapped or small serving items that can be broken down are optimal and will serve more people (for example: single serve oatmeal, sleeves of crackers, granola bars, etc.). No other items or expired food will be accepted.

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Donations will be collected on the Community Center side of Central Park, which is closest to the entrance on Base Line Road. Those wanting to donate are asked to place donations in the trunk of their car prior to the arrival at the Center. Onsite personnel will direct cars and retrieve donations from the vehicle trunk to ensure the health and wellness of the donor as well as the staff. Once the donation has been received, staff will leave a letter in the trunk for donation tax verification.

Distribution dates and times will be made available when sufficient resources have been received. The City looks forward to continuing to serve and support our community during this unparalleled time by assisting with providing necessities to our Seniors. Seniors 65 years of age and older in need of resources can e-mail at Seniors@CityofRC.us or call the Senior Hotline at (909) 477-2788 for more information. For updates and service information, please visit www.cityofrc.us/coronavirus.

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The City of Rancho Cucamonga encompasses 40.1 square miles and is located 40 miles east of Los Angeles; considered to be the premier city in the Inland Empire, Rancho Cucamonga is one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in Southern California with a current population of over 179,000 residents. Information regarding the City and the programs and services provided to the community can be found at www.CityofRC.us, via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.