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### ***Kent County Community Action Announces Food Distribution Event for Thursday***

**Grand Rapids (July 6, 2020)** — On Thursday, July 9, 2020, the Kent County Community Action (KCAA) will be holding a food distribution event.

The event will be held from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at 121 Franklin SE for the general population with low income. The KCAA and the Grand Rapids Police Department (GRPD) are asking residents to enter southbound on Jefferson Street from Wealthy Street. The GRPD will be barricading all other entrances and side streets to ensure an orderly operation. Residents need to remain in their vehicle and have their trunks open and ready to accept more than 50 pounds of food.

There *will not* be walk up service in an effort to adhere to social distancing requirements for the protection of residents, volunteers, and staff.

“This distribution is our way to respond to those households with food insecurities in an effort to alleviate the causes of poverty,” said KCAA Director Susan Cervantes.

The event is projected to assist 900 households that are struggling to meet their food needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. There will be more than 20 food items in the packet including but not limited to fresh apples and oranges, canned vegetables and fruits, rice, beans, and meats: pork and beef.

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