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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

## **House of Mercy Food Pantry To Remain Open Despite Suspending Donation Center and Thrift Store Operations in Response to COVID-19**

***Manassas, Virginia*** - House of Mercy will temporarily be suspending operations in our Thrift Store and Donation Center starting at 12:00pm on Thursday, March 19, 2020. **Our food pantry will remain open as long as possible serving clients and accepting non-perishable food and monetary donations at our food pantry receiving door at the back of our building.** We will continue these operations as long as it's safe to do so, or until any government direction to close. There are still a lot of people depending on us for food to survive.

As we continue to be updated by Health and Government officials, it has become clear that we need to do our part in helping to contain the spread of COVID-19. In addition, we work with many who are more vulnerable to this virus through our food pantry and volunteer programs. Our priority is the safety of all in the House of Mercy family. We appreciate your continued prayers and support through this most difficult and uncertain time. We will be in communication once we can open our donation center and thrift store again.

Donations are declining as we see an increase in need from both existing clients and new clients seeking help. **Please help us spread the word that we are available to help needy families and are accepting non-perishable food and monetary donations.**

Additional information can be found on our website at <https://houseofmercyva.org>.

### **ABOUT HOUSE OF MERCY**

House of Mercy is a 501(c)3 nonprofit working to provide food, clothing, education and prayer to those in need in our community. We are work with over 350 families per month through our food pantry and thrift store to help with basic needs.

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