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**Subject:** Re: FW: !Asheville Update!
**Date:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:18:05 AM

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Looping in Debra and Avril.
Dave - what would you need from the city and/or county to make it happen?

On Mon, Apr 20, 2020 at 5:44 PM David Nash <dnash@haca.org> wrote:

> FYI, on the potential collaboration with World Central Kitchen. We would love for this to happen, if it can, in support of capacity building for the ongoing public-private partnership at the Southside Kitchen.
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> I'll add my thanks to Mark's, both to Linton and Katie for reaching out and starting this conversation. We welcome any opportunity to work with WCK in support of the Southside Kitchen effort. Here is my estimate of need for meals prioritizing elderly, homebound, and quarantined residents of Asheville Housing communities:
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> - 270–350 meals/day for Public Housing residents in those categories, based on the current group we are serving and a modest estimate of quarantine growth
> - 200–250 meals/day to add elderly and disabled residents at Asheville Terrace Apartments
> - 350–500 meals/day to add elderly and disabled participants renting from private landlords in our tenant-based (Section 8) program – delivery to this group will be a challenge
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> Total estimate of 820 to 1,100 meals per day. Only the first group is included in our current production, though an expansion to 500 meals/day next week could cover the first two groups, if quarantine growth is more moderate.

Beyond Asheville Housing's residents and participants, other groups we could consider with a major increase in capacity (and probably another kitchen) are residents of other low-income elderly developments in Asheville (Battery Park, Vanderbilt, and Arrowhead, for example). Just as a broad-brush estimate, that could be another 500–1,000 meals/day.

I hope this helps demonstrate the need. Thanks to you all for participating in this important effort.

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Linton,

Thanks for bringing your support to our table. As we discussed, here is an update on what is happening at Southside Kitchen.

Please fell free to share this with your friends at WCK.

Southside Kitchen in its current life is the out growth of Green Opportunities (GO) Kitchen Ready training program and Southside Kitchen food services. The training program is the result of an initiative led by the Asheville Independent Restaurant Association, (AIR) which they started in 2012.

At the end of 2019, the program led by GO was winding down. An ad hoc group formed to handle the transition to a new entity. Included in that group: Housing Authority of the City of Asheville (HACA - David Nash), AIR (Jane Anderson), AB Tech (Cathy Horton), AIR members (John Fleer - Rhubarb & Liz Button - Curate') and 2 graduates of the original Kitchen Ready training class (Hanan Shabazz & Kikkomon Shaw), and me.

Our original date to assume responsibility for the kitchen and restart was July 1. COVID-19 pushed that date forward to mid-March.

Our immediate focus is to serve elderly HACA residents who can not or should not venture out. On March 24 we served our first meals. 100 people were served. Now in our fourth week, we are averaging 300 meals a day (270 meals 4 days a week and 540 meals 2 days a week). We have set a new goal of 500 meals everyday to begin Monday, April 27. We anticipate that number increasing.

Our funding is coming from 2 sources: remaining City of Asheville funding for the GO kitchen program and Buncombe County funds flowing through HACA. Our team is paid and most of the food we prepare is purchased. Funding is semi-secure until June 30.

A cooperative effort is in the early stages with another local community kitchen--Downtown Welcome Table--organized by the Haywood Street Congregation. At this stage it is by sharing donated food resources. We have also heard from a number of chef/owners to participate in this effort.

The Southside Kitchen is part of another initiative--We Give A Share--that ties together donors, a local farm, and our team, (visit www.wegiveashare.org).

7 days after launching our site, Monday, April 20, almost $34,000.00 has been raised to pay Gaining Ground Farm to grow organic produce for our meals program. We are building this program to be sustainable and include many other local farms.

Here are some immediate needs that we have:

- A developed menu cycle - including volume recipes, nutritional guidelines, and purchasing standards.
- Develop, train, and implement food handling procedures consistent with current CDC guidelines.
- Packaging resources.
- Recruitment, training, and supervision of volunteers.
- Donations of ingredients and supplies (i.e. packaging)

In the longer term we will need:

- Strategy for scaling up and for sustaining our efforts.
- Additional financial resources, including donor, foundation, and government support.
- Expansion of the "community supported community" way of thinking.

What you are doing, what WCK is doing and what the team here in Asheville is doing will lead us to the other side of this pandemic.

Thanks again.

Gratefully,

Mark Rosenstein

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