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Emergency response fund started for Ashland City Schools lunch program

ASHLAND – An emergency response fund has been established At Ashland County Community Foundation to help Ashland City Schools and The Salvation Army Kroc Center provide free lunches to the school district’s students during the upcoming remote learning period.

Following Thursday’s order from Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Ashland City Schools announced plans to close all school buildings for at least three weeks starting after school Friday.

Throughout that time, the district plans to offer meals to students in need. However, the district is asking for the community’s help in funding the emergency lunch program.

Ashland County Community Foundation Executive Director James Cutright agreed to house an emergency fund at the foundation to collect donations.

Unlike a majority of the foundation’s funds, the emergency response fund is a pass-through fund rather than an endowment fund. This means the money that is donated will be directed to the lunch program rather than invested to generate annual income. ACCF will take no fees from the money donated. Only a 3 percent credit card fee will be deducted.

To donate to the “Emergency Response (Pass-Through) Fund online,” visit <https://www.accfdonations.org/Details.cfm?ProdID=555&category=0>. Checks also may be sent to Ashland County Community Foundation, 300 College Ave., Ashland.

Food pick-up is available for at Ashland Middle School from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following dates: Tuesday 3/17, Thursday 3/19, Monday 3/23, Wednesday 3/25, Friday 3/27.

Ashland City Schools will also deliver food to selected locations throughout the school district beginning Tuesday, March 17. Associated Charities and The Salvation Army Kroc Center will provide food on days when the school district does not.

To sign up for food deliveries, families can send text messages through Remind, texting @73h6k to 81010; or call Business Manager Steve Paramore at (419) 289-4502.

For further information and updates on the lunch program, visit Ashland City Schools’ website, www.ashlandcityschools.org.

About Ashland County Community Foundation: Ashland County Community Foundation advances philanthropy and improves the quality of life in Ashland County by supporting charitable activities, providing and administering planned giving programs, and serving as responsible stewards of scholarship, as well as individual and organizational funds for specific charities. ACCF has awarded over \$15.3 million in scholarships, grants and distributions.

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