

CHATHAM COMMUNITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION



**Every Wednesday Afternoon
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

Rear of Chatham United Methodist Church
460 Main Street: Across from CVS

THE NEED

COVID lockdown begins in March of 2020

- Chatham United Methodist Church created a “Pop-Up” Pantry with non-perishable items available 24/7. Food distribution concept arose out of a weekly Mayor’s Roundtable discussion with clergy.
- By May, more needed to be done, families did not have fresh produce.
- Additional help provided by “Helping Hands of Chatham” in the form of ShopRite gift cards
- Produce, milk, eggs, breads, shelf-stable lunches and other necessities began May 2020.

March 10th
will be our
44th week
of operation

**NO ONE
SHOULD FEEL
EMBARRASSED
TO COME.**

HOW DID WE ORGANIZE RELIEF?

Worked with Boxcar

to be the platform for produce, milk & eggs donations

Worked with DPW

to pick up donated boxes at Madison High School

Worked with the Fire Department

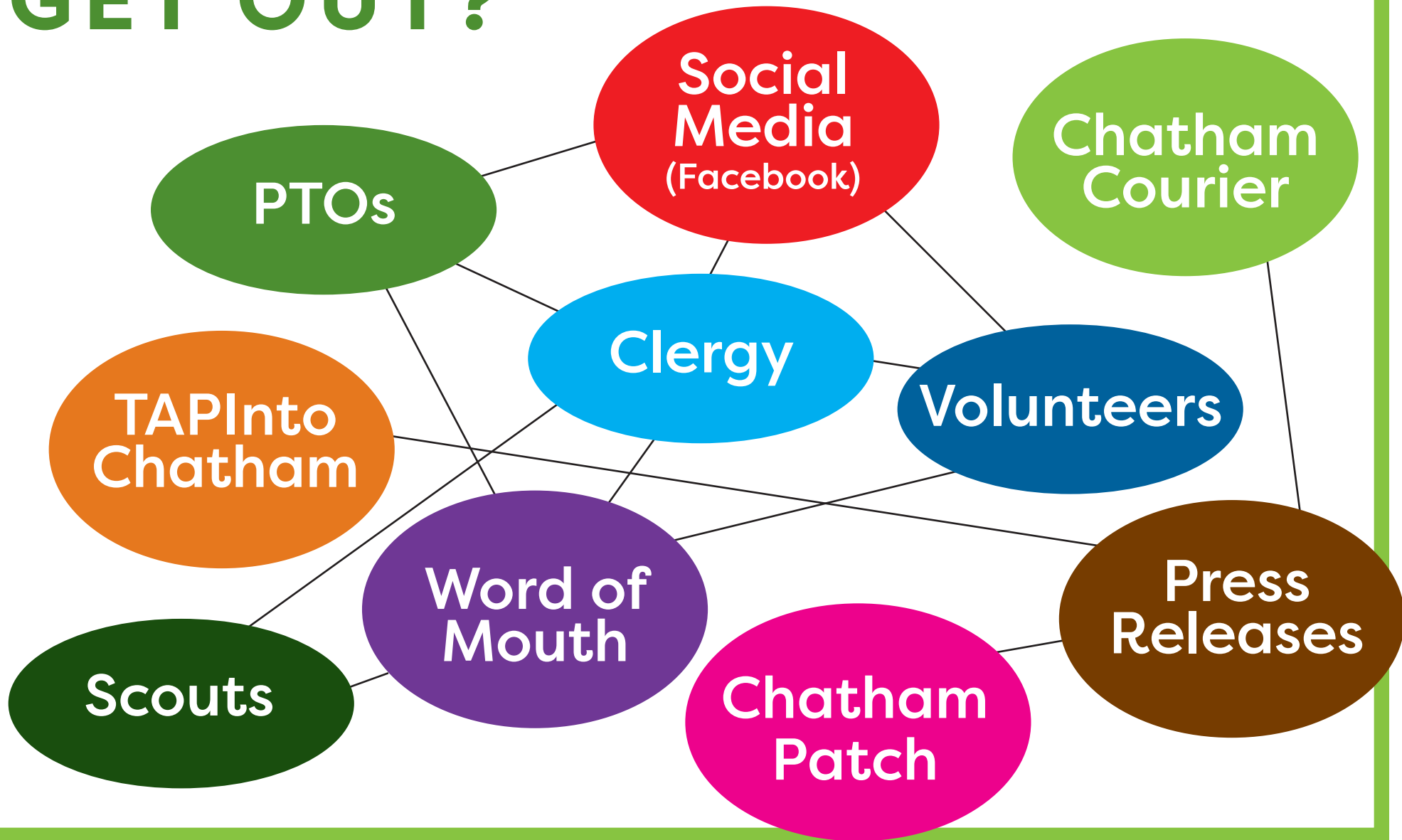
for coolers to keep milk & eggs cold

Worked with Panera Bread and Chatham Bagel

for breads & baked goods



HOW DID WORD GET OUT?



HOW ARE PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES HELPING?

Fresh Produce Donations

via Boxcar

Cash Donations

to the Chatham United Methodist Church (Covid Relief Fund)

Shelf-Stable Lunches

organized by Laura Bojanowski (scouts, neighbors, etc.)

ShopRite Gift Cards

from Joann Carroll of Helping Hands of Chatham



BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Food Storage

inside CUMC



24-Hour Food Pantry

outdoors behind CUMC



Distribution Line

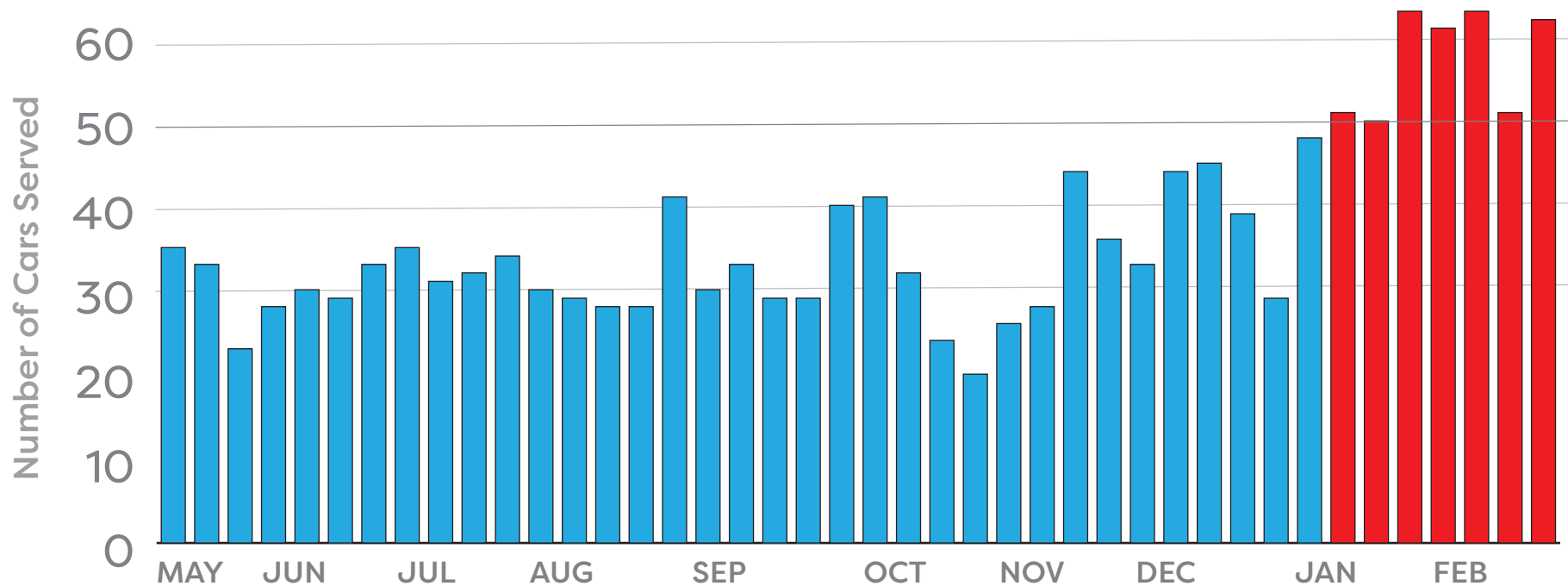
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INCREASED NEED

May 2020-February 2021

The last seven weeks have **averaged 57 cars** and many of those cars are picking up food for multiple families.



SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

Thanksgiving

- Donated frozen turkeys & food boxes arranged through “20 days of thanks”—generated everything needed for a Thanksgiving meal.

Christmas

- Donated frozen turkeys and fresh hams, candy canes, other candy
- Organized “**Shop Small for a Big Impact**” program where residents would donate gift certificates from local merchants distributed to those in need. Win-win-win.

Valentine’s Day

- Gave out flowers donated by Sunnywoods Florist

Easter

- Conducting a ham drive, donated candy from T.M. Ward Coffee & Easter baskets from Green Village Methodist Church. We are reprising the “**Shop Small for a Big Impact**” program.

WHAT DO WE NEED OTHER THAN FRESH FOOD?



Non-perishable items



Baby Products: baby food, formula, pediasure, etc.



Toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, dental floss



Feminine hygiene products



Toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins



Shampoo, shaving cream, razors



Laundry detergent, dishwashing detergents

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Donate via Boxcar

www.boxcarapp.com/chatham-donation

Donate via Amazon Wish List

www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1EUI3767QVAZR

Checks made out to Chatham United Methodist Church

Memo section "Covid Relief Fund"

Drop off donations of non-perishables at outdoor food pantry behind CUMC

Venmo to
@JoannCarroll
for ShopRite
Gift Cards

Drop off donations of non-perishables and toiletries, etc. at 35 Center Street in the Borough

QUESTIONS/CONTACTS

Questions can be directed to:



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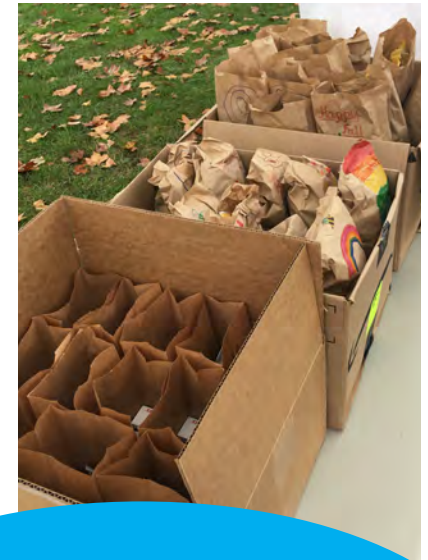
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**Thank You,
ALL!**