Durham County's response to COVID-19

- **March**: Started virtual meetings with a small group of partners.
- **April**: Formalized the Durham COVID-19 Food Security Task Force out of our Emergency Operation Center.
  - Weekly virtual meetings of 50+ community partners
  - Resource and information sharing
- **July**: Moved meetings to every other week.
Major Accomplishments

• Connected farmers and food sources with agencies that could store and disseminate the item
• Connected agencies with grant opportunities; assisted with grant writing
• Created volunteer portal to connect volunteers with agencies
• Assisted agencies with Food and COVID-19 safety protocols
• Created an online interactive map of food agencies
Major Accomplishments

• Assisted with plan to reopen farmers markets; created farmers market workgroup
• Created, funded and executing plan to provide food insecure households testing positive for COVID-19 with food and supplies
• Securing food to provide at testing sites
• Coordinated funding for meals for seniors and Latinx community with Board of Commissioners
• Secured funding for a new food security/policy position
Emanuel Iglesia Presbyteriana

On Roxboro Street, north of I-85, in Durham

Operates Wednesday afternoon drive-through food distribution
Need: By the Numbers

Mid-March 2020

250
Families & Individuals served per week

1000
Meals served per week

Mid-June 2020

350
Families & Individuals served per week

1400
Meals served per week

40% increase

Source: Food Security Task Force community partners survey, Summer 2020
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