



## **News Release**

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#### **Nourish Now Partners with Nearby Restaurants to Nourish Neighborhoods through Dinner Donations and Groceries**

ROCKVILLE, Md. — Local food bank Nourish Now began the year with big news and new plans. As the 7 year-old nonprofit approached its most recent milestone, Founder and Executive Director Brett Meyers and the Nourish Now team enhance our Family Distribution program. Meyers said, “We know that by focusing on neighborhoods where hunger is most dire, we can expand our impact and improve the lives of more families in this county.”

This new program increases donations to the most vulnerable populations in Montgomery County. Thanks to partnerships with local restaurants and caterers, freshly prepared meals and household staples are combined to donate a 3-day of food for each family.

The Nourish Neighborhoods program launched with a monthly distribution at Rockville Housing Enterprises. 2019 Title Restaurant Sponsor Mamma Lucia Restaurants owners Jimmy Fragoyannis and Bruno Fabi said, “We have to keep on giving it away to remember how blessed we truly are.” According to one Rockville mothers, the program “helped feed my family, my kids with prepared meals and healthy foods when my job cut hours short.”

During 2019, they will expand the program and continue to partner with food donors to create localized coalitions working together to end hunger in each target area. Nourish Now has identified neighborhoods experiencing the greatest need for food assistance by using FoodStat, a tool developed by Montgomery County to map food insecurity.

As of December 2018, more than 2 million pounds of food have been recovered and donated to families in need through the organization’s cornerstone Food Recovery operation, which began in 2011.

Ending Hunger Through Food Recovery