

Dear Community Members,

For many of us, COVID-19 has made this year anything but easy. From thousands of lives lost, to individuals battling illness, to social distancing measures we've had to take, this is a year that looks like no other. The struggles are especially being felt by those attending school. While students and families have embraced the distance learning from home model, it is not without its challenges and drawbacks as well. While we all do our best to adjust to what seems like a new normal every week, we are always stronger together.

One of the ways you can get involved is with our ***Fill the Van to Fill the Tummies*** program.

Here is how it works!

1. Our volunteers will greet shoppers at the door and kindly request they make a purchase to be placed in a specially labeled grocery bag.
2. Upon leaving the store we ask they park in designated space and the volunteer will remove donated items from their car to be placed in our church van.

Our targeted date is ***Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 2020***

All items collected will remain in the county it was donated from and help families throughout the holidays and long into the new year. With the strength of our unified community and your support, I am confident that we can meet these challenges facing our families and help them to make the best of their new normal.