CEC Update and Needs Regarding COVID-19

The CEC is open and providing support to the community. We are following guidelines established by our national, state & local officials along with the recommendations of the CDC as we amend normal procedures to continue providing compassionate, Christ centered support for those most affected by the everyday struggles of homelessness, violence and low or no income who we know are also struggling with the Coronavirus spread.

The following describes amended processes for each of our service areas:

**CEC Food Pantry**

- Hours of operation, Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm *(No Thursday Evening hours until further notice)*

- Check-in for Food Distribution is now in the Welcome Center. Please enter through the left door. Safety precautions are in place to comply with social distancing recommendations.

**Second Glance Resale Shop** – OPEN REGULAR HOURS with 25% capacity in the store at one time. Donations will be accepted at the back of the store Mon-Fri 9 am to 4:30 pm.

**Senior Network** – canceled until further notice.

**VITA Free Tax Preparation** – canceled until further notice.

**High School Equivalency Classes (GED)** – Teachers and tutors are working directly with students via phone or Zoom to assist with online lessons. Contact coaching@cechope.org for more info.

**All CEC Meetings and Events are cancelled until further notice.**

The CEC appreciates our faithful donors and volunteers who make everything possible. COVID-19 precautions will no doubt increase the need for food & support as many families experience a loss of income due to mandated closures and lack of public gatherings.

**We need your help!**

If you feel able to volunteer to help distribute food or stock donations in the CEC Food Pantry, please visit CECHope.org and click on "Volunteer" at the top of the page to sign up. If you aren't able to volunteer, please consider making a monetary or food donation so that we may keep the food pantry up and running for those who need it.

*Thank you for your understanding and help as we all work to prevent the spread of the virus!*