

## **Sister Carmen Community Center – Update to the Community**

Sister Carmen Community Center is committed to providing assistance to residents of Eastern Boulder County who are in need. In order to keep supporting our community during the COVID-19 situation, we are taking steps to keep our staff, volunteers, participants, and the community at large safe and help prevent the spread of the illness. In order to follow social distancing recommendations from CDC and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, we are changing our operations as follows:

-As of today, March 12, all meetings with outside agencies will be conducted by phone.

-As of Friday, March 13 our food bank will move from a shopping model to distributing pre-packaged food boxes. We have had many questions about whether participants can stock up on extra food. Right now we do not have sufficient supplies on hand to accommodate that. We are working with our partners at Community Food Share and Boulder County to procure additional food. Additionally, we still welcome donations of non-perishable food from the community (see below for more information).

-As of Monday, March 16 all classes and events held at or sponsored by SCCC are cancelled. We do not yet know for how long but for now plan on canceling through the end of April.

-As of Monday, March 16, all appointments for financial or other assistance with SCCC Advocates will be conducted by phone.

-Our thrift store will remain open for now but will close one hour early each day (at 5pm) for additional cleaning and disinfecting.

-We are asking that our volunteers use their best judgement about coming in to help. Your health is important to us. If you are at greater risk or don't feel comfortable coming in, please stay home.

We are in need of cash and food donations in order to prepare for and meet the needs of our community members for food and other assistance. To make a cash donation, please visit our website at [www.sistercarmen.org](http://www.sistercarmen.org). Food donations can be dropped off at the dock at 655 Aspen Ridge Drive from 8:30-5:00pm Monday through Friday. Items currently needed include:

- canned proteins (tuna, chicken)
- soups
- canned fruit
- cereal
- canned meals (chili, ravioli, etc.)
- toilet paper
- household cleaning products