



# SPRING/SUMMER 2026 CEA NEWSLETTER

## CEA IS ON THE MOVE

This spring is an exciting time for CEA, as we embark on the demolition of our current food pantry at 25 Bloomsbury Avenue and the construction of a new one-story distribution center behind the existing 23 Bloomsbury Avenue building. As a result, our food storage and food distribution service is moving.

Although our normally smooth food distribution will undergo some major changes, we are working to keep disruptions to a minimum. April will mark our last distribution to our neighbors from the 25 Bloomsbury Avenue building. In May, we will begin distributing food from Immanuel United Church of Christ at 1905 Edmondson Avenue in Catonsville.

Throughout the construction project, food will also be stored at Salem Lutheran Church at 905 Frederick Road in Catonsville.

Thank you to both Immanuel UCC and Salem Lutheran for their assistance!

With gratitude,  
Caitlin Kirby, Executive Director





## FOOD DONATIONS BEING PAUSED BRIEFLY

As we transition to the two church locations, we must briefly pause public food donations. After Thursday, March 26th, we will stop taking food donations. Once we are settled in the two church locations, we will begin to receive donations at the Immanual UCC temporary food distribution location. We will also be placing a temporary pause on accepting new volunteers to the organization, as we move to our temporary location.

Please follow @catonsvilleemergencyassistance on social media (Facebook & Instagram) and visit [www.catonsvillehelp.org](http://www.catonsvillehelp.org) for additional information as our project unfolds.

During this transition time your financial support is more important than ever, and we are grateful for monetary contributions. They can be made by scanning the QR code, or by going to our website at [www.catonsvillehelp.org](http://www.catonsvillehelp.org).



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## TASTE OF CATONSVILLE IS SET FOR OCTOBER



**Save the date!** Last year's hugely successful *Taste of Catonsville* fundraiser will return to the Knights of Columbus on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026. This evening of tasting delicious signature dishes from Catonsville restaurants, silent and live auctions, music, and more sold out quickly in the Spring of 2025, and we look forward to hosting this fundraiser again in the Fall of 2026. Look for more details as plans are put in place.



## Our Community Cares

Lots of applause goes to some wonderful businesses and organizations in our community. The **Catonsville Women's Giving Circle** just granted CEA \$3,000 for this coming year for protein purchases. The **Catonsville Men's Civic Association** renewed their grant that provides fresh produce to our neighbors through a partnership with local CSA, **Gene's Greens**. **Simply Made Here** and **Narcissus Salon** served as food drop off points throughout December. **Iamp's at Jennings Café** gave all donations from their holiday customer appreciation night to CEA. The **Beacon Home Team** recently hosted their annual Home Expo at the Rolling Road Golf Club and made CEA a beneficiary of their event's raffles.



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## Grab-and-Go School Bag Project

CEA met the challenge last fall when the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits weren't being paid, and the Baltimore County government asked CEA to assist in expanding food distribution. Using emergency county funding, we partnered with schools for weekend/holiday grab-and-go bag distributions to students and we assisted with the creation of several school pantries in our service area. The bags contained individual portions of a variety of foods such as tuna packs, soup, cereal, juices and snacks. These efforts were well received, and pending funding, we are hoping to continue the program with the schools moving forward, with the possibility of expansion, pending funding.



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