**LINKAGES TO LEARNING PROGRAM/ SUMMIT HALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

March 30, 2020

**Dear Summit Hall Families**:

Although the Linkages offices at Summit Hall are closed, we want to let you know that we are thinking about you and will continue supporting you in this time of crisis. Please contact your case manager Lucy at 240-550-3792, or Kathy at 240- 550-3791, or the mental health therapist Alyssa, at 240-672-4260 if you need assistance. You can also call/text Ana Schmitz at 240-550-3790, or at ana\_schmitz@mcpsmd.org. Below, is a list of community resources that you may access to meet your family needs. Please feel free to share this resources with other Summit Hall families:

**FOOD ASSISTANCE**

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| **MANNA FOOD**. Call at 301-424-1130 to make an appointment the day before you want to pick up. They provide pre-package boxes/bag. Food distribution in Gaithersburg is **Tuesdays and Thursdays 2 – 4pm at the Gaithersburg Middle School Parking Lot, 2 Teacher Way, Gaithersburg MD 20877****MCPS.** No appointment is necessary. Meals provided in a Grab-and-Go format. Meals will be available Monday through Friday from 11 a.m.–1 p.m.at Gaithersburg High School and Gaithersburg Middle School.**NOURISH NOW. Call**301-330-0222**to schedule your appointment to pick food from 10:30AM – 3:30 PM, Monday – Friday.****SMART SACKS:** Manna will distribute the smart sacks to families participating in the program at Gaithersburg Elementary School on Fridays from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM **GAITHERSBURG HELP**. Call 301-216-2510  and leave a message with your request. They will call you back to assign a pick up date and time. Pick up location is 301 Muddy Branch Road, Gaithersburg, MD  20877.   **SAINT MARTIN CHURCH** .Food distribution is every Monday. Distribution of numbers to get a turn starts at 5:45 AM. Church address is 201 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg MD 20877.**SNAP** **PROGRAM**, (known as Food Stamps). It is a monthly government benefit for food purchase. Eligibility to this program is based on income, and household size. Although US citizenship is a requirement, non-citizens with qualified immigrant status may also apply to the program. Call 311 for more information on how to apply.**UTILITIES ASSISTANCE**Utilities companies (water, gas, electricity) are prohibited from shutting off services or charging late fees. If residents cannot make the monthly payments call the utility company to work on a payment plan or future payment arrangements. * 1.

**HOUSING**Evictions and foreclosures are prohibited during this time of national crisis. **HEALTH SERVICES**If insured, and you are experiencing Corona Virus symptoms please contact your primary care doctor or insurance provider. Your provider will coordinate any testing if appropriate. The School Based Health Center clinic is currently closed. **All Day Medical Care** in Gaithersburg will provide services for the **Care for Kids** children that are usually seeing at the Summit Hall clinic. There will be a **$15.00 co-payment** for office visits. All Medical Care is located at 702 Russell Avenue, Suite 100, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Telephone 301-330-000If individuals do not have insurance **Maryland Health Connection** has launched a special enrollment period until April 15. Visit https://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov/coronavirus-sep/ For those without insurance, visit the **Montgomery County Office of Eligibility and Support Services** at https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/Program.aspx?id=PHS/PHSProgramEligibilty-p732.html or call 311 for assistance to enroll in the **Montgomery Cares Program.** **MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES****CRISIS CENTER**. For 24-hour assistance, call the Montgomery County Crisis Center at 240-777-4000**EVERYMIND**. Has resources for those struggling to cope with anxiety, stress, and other mental health issues. Visit their website at https://www.every-mind.org/7493-2/**CRISIS TEXT LINE**. If you need to talk to someone, call or text 301-738-2255. -Crisis Text Line: Text "HELLO" to 741-741S**UICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE**: 1-800-273-8255**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSISTANCE.** For free, confidential help on weekdays from 8:30am-5:00pm, contact either The Family Justice Center at 240-773-0444 or the Abused Persons Program at 240-777-4195 **EMPLOYMENT** COVID-19 has resulted in different job opportunities, mainly with essential businesses. Companies currently hiring include: 7-Eleven, Amazon, Domino’s, Giant Foods, Walmart, Adventist HealthCare, AKAL Security (for BWI Airport), and more. Some are temporary in support of COVID-19 operations. Visit each company website to get more information about available employment opportunitiesThe MD State has expanded temporary unemployment benefits. To file a claim for unemployment benefits, go to https://www.dllr.state.md.us/employment/unemployment.shtml . The call center hours are 7:30am to 3:30pm at 140-949-0022. Please note that due to high volume, you will experience unusually long wait times. If possible, file online.  |