

# Community Resources – COVID-19

AdventHealth Sebring, AdventHealth Lake Placid and AdventHealth Wauchula

\*Please call ahead or check the organization’s website to confirm resources are still available.

Financial and Housing Resources			
Organization	About	Contact Info	Source
<b>Florida Department of Economic Opportunity</b>	Reemployment Assistance benefits, or unemployment compensation, can be filed online.	Reemployment Assistance Hotline 1-800-204-2418	<a href="http://www.floridajobs.org/Reemployment-Assistance-Service-Center/reemployment-assistance/claimants/apply-for-benefits">http://www.floridajobs.org/Reemployment-Assistance-Service-Center/reemployment-assistance/claimants/apply-for-benefits</a>
<b>Florida Small Business Development Center</b>	Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program is open to small business owners that experienced economic damage as a result of COVID-19.	(866)-737-7232	<a href="https://floridadisasterloan.org/">https://floridadisasterloan.org/</a>
<b>The Salvation Army Sebring (Pathways of Hope)</b>	Financial sources to aid with utility bills and rent.	(863) 385-7548	<a href="https://salvationarmyflorida.org/sebring/">https://salvationarmyflorida.org/sebring/</a>
<b>Alpha-Omega Crisis Lake Placid</b>	Grants available for rent, partial mortgage payments, a security deposit and other housing needs.	140 Dunty Road Lake Placid, FL - 33852 (863) 465-7707	(No website)
<b>St. Vincent DePaul Society</b>	Rental assistance may be offered by the church and its volunteers. They can	Highlands – (863) 402-0900	<a href="https://www.svdpusa.org/Assistance-Services">https://www.svdpusa.org/Assistance-Services</a>

<b>(Highlands, Pasco, and Pinellas)</b>	also provide other social services, vouchers for medications, and other support.		
<b>HELP of Fort Meade, Inc.</b>	Government grants for rent or other housing support.	121 W. Broadway Street Fort Meade, FL - 33841 (863) 285-6600 or (863) 773-0034	(No website)
<b>Florida LifeLine Telephone Assistance</b>	Phone Bill Assistance.	(800) 540-7039	<a href="http://www.floridaopc.gov">www.floridaopc.gov</a> .
<b>Hardee Help Center</b>	Help center offering financial relief, homeless relief, food services and health education classes, disaster and emergency relief services. Providing COVID-19 relief assistance.	(863)-773-0034	<a href="https://www.hardeehelpcenter.org/">https://www.hardeehelpcenter.org/</a>
<b>New Testament Church and Mission</b>	Church organization providing meals and shelter for residents in need in Highlands county.	604 Lemon Avenue Sebring, FL 33870 (863)-385-0035	<a href="http://www.ntcmisionsebring.org">www.ntcmisionsebring.org</a>
<b>The Agricultural and Labor Program (ALPI)</b>	This Emergency Support Services program's focus is to provide emergency support to eligible farm workers who are experiencing multiple barriers that prevent them from accessing and/or obtaining assistance from some other resource to meet their socio-economic needs (i.e.; shelter, food, education, employment, training, transportation and referrals to other resources.	300 Lynchburg Rd Lake Alfred, FL 33850 (863)-956-3491	<a href="https://alpi.org/">https://alpi.org/</a>
<b>Humanity Forward</b>	Humanity Forward believes that the most effective thing we could do is put cash into	Nationwide	<a href="https://movehumanityforward.com/covid-relief/">https://movehumanityforward.com/covid-relief/</a>

	<p>people’s hands. Humanity Forward is committing to delivering one-time, and recurring, basic income payments to individuals and families who stand to be most impacted by the coronavirus crisis. Must be in the lower income brackets who depend on wage work to support them and their families.</p>		
<p><b>Southern Smoke Foundation</b></p>	<p>Southern Smoke Foundation provides funding to individuals in the food and beverage industry who are in crisis. Our Emergency Relief Program provides emergency funding to those employed by or own restaurants or bars or are employed by a restaurant or bar supplier that are faced unforeseen expenses that cannot or will not be covered by insurance. Must have worked in the food and beverage industry for a minimum of 6 months and an average of 30 hours per week minimum.</p>	<p>Nationwide</p>	<p><a href="https://southernSmoke.org/fund/">https://southernSmoke.org/fund/</a></p>
<p><b>Gift Card Bank</b></p>	<p>The Gift Card Bank provides donated gift cards to people and families across the country who are being hit hard by COVID-19. Anyone can apply to receive support from Gift</p>	<p>Nationwide</p>	<p><a href="https://www.giftcardbank.org/">https://www.giftcardbank.org/</a></p>

	Card Bank. Will review the circumstances of financial hardship on an individual basis. Do not have explicit rules around income level or employment status.		
<b>Silent Warrior Foundation</b>	Offering emergency assistance in the form of food, clothing, shelter, or financial assistance. Serving veterans and their families.	Nationwide  No physical address or phone number	Must fill out form online at:  <a href="https://silentwarriorfoundation.com/contact/">https://silentwarriorfoundation.com/contact/</a>
<b>Veterans Inc.</b>	Offering support services for veterans and their families including financial and housing assistance.	Nationwide (800)-482-2565	<a href="http://www.veteransinc.org/2014/1/veterans-inc-application-for-services/">http://www.veteransinc.org/2014/1/veterans-inc-application-for-services/</a>
<b>American Legion-Florida</b>	Providing financial assistance from COVID-19 to veterans and their families.	Serving Florida Veterans and families (800) 393-3378 TOLL FREE	<a href="https://www.floridalegion.org/emergency/">https://www.floridalegion.org/emergency/</a>
<b>Florida Department of Children and Families- ACCESS</b>	Temporary cash assistance, food assistance, etc.	Serving Florida Main line: (407)-245-2769  Hardee County 1016 S. 6th Ave. Wauchula, FL 33873  Highlands County 3750 Hwy.27 Sebring, FL 33870	<a href="https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/access/">https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/access/</a>

### Food Resources

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<b>FL Department of Agriculture &amp; Consumer Services</b>	Summer Break Spots - Free meals for kids.	211 or Text "FLKIDSMEALS" to 211-211	<a href="https://summerbreakspot.freshfromflorida.com/">https://summerbreakspot.freshfromflorida.com/</a>
<b>Senior Connection Center (Hillsborough, Polk, Manatee, Hardee, &amp; Highlands)</b>	SHINE/Medicare, long term care, home health, housing, transportation, food, legal, respite, and many other types of assistance.	Elder Helpline 1-800-96-ELDER 1-800-963-5337	<a href="https://seniorconnectioncenter.org/services/elder-helpline-1-800-96-elder/">https://seniorconnectioncenter.org/services/elder-helpline-1-800-96-elder/</a>
<b>No Kid Hungry (National)</b>	Emergency relief grants to agencies providing food and emergency meals to children and families.	(800) 969-4767	<a href="https://www.nokidhungry.org/coronavirus-grant-request">https://www.nokidhungry.org/coronavirus-grant-request</a>
<b>Faith Lutheran Sebring</b>	Food pantry serving Highlands & Hardee Counties.	(863) 385-7848	<a href="http://www.faithlutheransebring.com/contact-us.php">http://www.faithlutheransebring.com/contact-us.php</a>
<b>Church of the Nazarene</b>	Food pantry serving Highlands & Hardee Counties.	(863) 385-0400	<a href="http://www.sebringnaz.com/home">http://www.sebringnaz.com/home</a>
<b>Emergency Services-Church Services Center</b>	Food pantry serving Highlands & Hardee Counties.	198 W. Walnut Street Avon Park, FL 33825 (863) 452-6464	(No website)
<b>Hardee Help Center</b>	Help center offering financial relief, homeless relief, food services and health education classes, disaster and emergency relief services. Summer break spot offering free meals for kids and teens. Offering crisis food services.	(863)-773-0034	<a href="https://www.hardeehelpcenter.org/">https://www.hardeehelpcenter.org/</a>
<b>Manna Ministries of Lake Placid</b>	Food pantry serving Highlands & Hardee Counties.	(863)-699-0093	<a href="http://mannaministrieslp.weebly.com">http://mannaministrieslp.weebly.com</a>
<b>Cutting Edge Ministries, Inc.</b>	Provides food to needy families living in Hardee County at no cost.	3059 Elm St Zolfo Springs FL 33873 (863)-581-7610	<a href="http://cedgemin.com/">http://cedgemin.com/</a>

<b>Central Florida Health Care</b>	<p>Serving Polk, Highlands, and Hardee Counties that provide healthcare services regardless of patient's ability to pay.</p> <p>Partnering with Feeding Tampa Bay and United Way to offer Food Services at Avon Park facility.</p>	<p>(863)-452-3000 950 C.R. 17-A W Avon Park 33825</p> <p>(863)-767-0696 121 KD REVELL RD Hardee 33873</p>	<p><a href="http://www.cfhconline.org/">http://www.cfhconline.org/</a></p>
<b>RCMA of Hardee and Highlands County</b>	<p>Childcare services (especially for migrant farmworker families). Offer free meals to kids while at center. Now offering food distribution services to parents who are temporarily out of work due to COVID-19.</p>	<p>320 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Ave Wauchula: (863)-767-0222</p> <p>800 S. Delaney Ave. Avon Park: (863)-452-1069</p> <p>1301 Strong Ave. Avon Park: (863)-452-3880</p> <p>1801 Cole Court Sebring: (863)-471-5381</p> <p>121 Martin Luther King Blvd. Sebring: (863)-386-6137</p> <p>2306 Hope Circle Sebring: (863)-314-5924</p>	<p><a href="https://www.rcma.net/">https://www.rcma.net/</a></p>
<b>First United Methodist Church</b>	<p>Church organization offering a food pantry.</p>	<p>207 North 7th Ave Wauchula, FL 33873 United States (863)-773-4267</p>	<p>(No website)</p>
<b>Nu-Hope Elder Care Services Inc.</b>	<p>Free, nutritious, frozen meals during COVID-19 to seniors over age 60.</p>	<p>(863)-382-2134 Highlands County (863)-773-2022 Hardee County</p>	<p>Nuhopecare.com</p>
<b>Meals on Wheels</b>	<p>Delivering healthy meals to elderly, disabled, and other</p>	<p>Meals on Wheels Avon Park, Inc.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:mowavon@gmail.com">mowavon@gmail.com</a></p>

	residents in need. Cost is \$4.80 per meal for full client.	(863)-257-1780 Meals on Wheels – Sebring (863)-402-1818	
<b>New Testament Church and Mission</b>	Church organization providing meals and shelter for residents in need in Highlands county. Meals Monday- Friday Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. Dinner is at 4:00 p.m. Saturday Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. Sunday Dinner follows Church Services.	604 Lemon Avenue Sebring, FL 33870 (863)-385-0035	<a href="http://www.ntcmisionsebring.org">www.ntcmisionsebring.org</a>
<b>Avon Park Seventh Day Adventist Church</b>	Church organization that also provides emergency services including food, disaster services, clothing, check-up and tests, etc.	1410 W Avon Blvd, Avon Park, FL 33825 (863)-453-6641	<a href="https://www.discoverjesus.org/">https://www.discoverjesus.org/</a>
<b>Southside Community Resource Center</b>	The Southside Community Resource Center food pantry serves everyone in need.	1013 South Delaney Avenue Avon Park, FL 33825 (863)-274-5146	No website
<b>The Agricultural and Labor Program (ALPI)</b>	This Emergency Support Services program's focus is to provide emergency support to eligible farm workers who are experiencing multiple barriers that prevent them from accessing and/or obtaining assistance from some other resource to meet their socio-economic needs (i.e.; shelter, food, education, employment and training, transportation and referrals to other resources.	300 Lynchburg Rd Lake Alfred, FL 33850 (863)-956-3491	<a href="https://alpi.org/">https://alpi.org/</a>

<b>St. Michael's Catholic Church</b>	Food pantry serving Hardee County. Hours: Saturday 9:00am to 12:00pm Requirements: SS numbers for applicants and dependent children. For more information, please call.	Wauchula, FL - 33873 (863)-773-4089	<a href="https://www.foodpantries.org/li/st_michaels_catholic_church">https://www.foodpantries.org/li/st_michaels_catholic_church</a>
<b>Parkway Food Ministry at Parkway Freewill Baptist Church</b>	Free bags of food. Hours: Friday 1:00pm	3413 Sebring Parkway Sebring, FL - 33870 (863)-382-3552	No website
<b>Avon Park Church Service Center</b>	Food Pantry.	198 Rowe St, Avon Park, FL 33825 (863)-452-6464	<a href="https://placesearch.co/avon-park-church-service-center-1674902">https://placesearch.co/avon-park-church-service-center-1674902</a>
<b>Feeding Tampa Bay Homebound Help</b>	Food Pantry response to disaster needs and limitations relating to COVID-19 only. Delivery services are reserved to those with no access to transportation, those with immuno-compromised conditions, or are elderly, and/or disabled. If you do not meet these criteria, please visit the website for safe food distribution sites in your area.	Serving Tampa Bay and surrounding areas (including Hardee County)  (813)-254-1190	<a href="https://form.jotform.com/201006254100028">https://form.jotform.com/201006254100028</a>  (Must complete form on above website)
<b>Bowling Green Church of God</b>	Church organization offering food pantry.	121 West Broward Street Bowling Green, FL 33834 (863)-375-2231	No Website
<b>New Jerusalem Church of God</b>	Church with a food pantry.	1514 Lincoln St Wauchula, FL 33873 (863)-781-0982	No Website



<b>Heartland Food Bank/ Heartland Food Reservoir</b>	Food bank serving Highlands County.	227 US Hwy 27 Sebring, FL 33870 (863)-385-7885	<a href="https://www.heartlandfoodbank.com/">https://www.heartlandfoodbank.com/</a>
<b>Community Bible Church</b>	Church with a food pantry.	1400 County Road 17A North Avon Park, FL 33825 (863)-452-5643	<a href="http://www.avonparkchurch.org/">http://www.avonparkchurch.org/</a>
<b>Grace Ministries Lake Placid</b>	Food pantry.	118 N Oak Ave Lake Placid, FL 33852 (863)-243-1456	No website
<b>Placid Lakes Baptist Church</b>	Church with a food pantry..	116 Cleveland Ave NE Lake Placid, FL 33852 863-465-5126	<a href="https://www.placidlakesbc.com/">https://www.placidlakesbc.com/</a>
<b>Ridge Area Seventh Day Adventist Church</b>	Church with a food pantry.	507 W Hal Mcrae Blvd, Avon Park, FL 33825 (863) 452-5514	<a href="https://www.theridgesda.org/">https://www.theridgesda.org/</a>
<b>Victory Tabernacle Apostolic Church</b>	Church with a food pantry.	1008 Peel St, Avon Park, FL 33825 (863) 452-0855	No website
<b>Silent Warrior Foundation</b>	Offering emergency assistance in the form of food, clothing, shelter, or financial assistance. Serving veterans and their families.	Nationwide  No physical address or phone number	Must fill out form online at: <a href="https://silentwarriorfoundation.com/contact/">https://silentwarriorfoundation.com/contact/</a>

### Healthcare and Other Resources

Organization	About	Contact Info	Source
<b>AdventHealth</b>	COVID-19 Hotline for information, testing, and other resources	(877)-VIRUS-HQ or 877-847-8747	<a href="https://www.adventhealth.com/coronavirus-resource-hub">https://www.adventhealth.com/coronavirus-resource-hub</a>
<b>Heartland Rural Health Network</b>	Non-profit network of partners offering resources for improving access to care.	(863)-452-6530	<a href="http://www.hrhn.org/covid19resources.html">http://www.hrhn.org/covid19resources.html</a>

	Information about COVID-19, hotline, and testing information		
<b>U.S. Department of Health &amp; Human Services</b>	For anyone experiencing emotional distress	Disaster Distress Helpline 1-800-985-5990 or Text "TalkWithUs" to 66746	<a href="https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline">https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline</a>
<b>FL Office of the Attorney General</b>	Report suspected price gouging and unlicensed contractors	Call Hotline 1-866-9-NO-SCAM or 1-866-966-7226	<a href="https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/public-safety/emergency-management/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-consumers-and-travel">https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/public-safety/emergency-management/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-consumers-and-travel</a>
<b>FL Department of Health in Highlands County</b>	If sick in Highlands County	(863)-386-6040	
<b>FL Department of Health in Hardee County</b>	If sick in Hardee County	(863)-773-4161	<a href="http://highlands.floridahealth.gov/">http://highlands.floridahealth.gov/</a>
<b>Spectrum</b>	Free Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and college students	To enroll call 1-844-488-8395	<a href="http://hardee.floridahealth.gov/">http://hardee.floridahealth.gov/</a>
<b>Central Florida Health Care</b>	Serving Polk, Highlands, and Hardee Counties to provide healthcare services regardless of patient's ability to pay. Offering COVID-19 information.	(863)-452-3000 950 C.R. 17-A W Avon Park 33825  (863)-767-0696 121 KD REVELL RD Hardee 33873	<a href="http://www.cfhconline.org/">http://www.cfhconline.org/</a>
<b>Samaritan's Touch Care Center</b>	Faith-based, charitable healthcare center that provides free medical, dental, and vision services to uninsured residents of Highlands County and those whose income level is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.	3015 Herring Ave. Sebring, Florida 33870 (863) 471-1870	<a href="https://www.samaritanstouch.org/">https://www.samaritanstouch.org/</a>