



St. Marys Salvation Army director Allison Ellerbrock (left) and administrative assistant Marlaina Reed accepted a donation from the Camden COVID-19 Community Fund to help their agency provide relief to the community. Camden Connection distributed funds to several area organizations who are providing services directly related to the pandemic.

Community fund raises \$40,000 for COVID-19 relief

Responding to the loss of jobs and income due to the pandemic, Coastal Georgia residents raised more than \$40,000 over the last several months for agencies and programs in Camden County.

Camden Connection, a collaborative of social service organizations, spearheaded the effort and partnered with the Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation, which agreed to match every dollar donated.

The mayors of each city in Camden — St. Marys Mayor John Morrissey, Woodbine Mayor Kizzy Knight and Kingsland Mayor Grayson Day — also started a friendly competition among residents of those cities to help drive donations.

“Every dollar donated went directly to an organization that is working to meet the most pressing needs of our community. The fund has a working committee operating under the oversight of the organizations’ board of directors,” said a news release from Camden Connection.

Most of the funds from the initial wave of fundraising were distributed to the following agencies: Ravens of Elijah, Hunger Hotline, Camden Community Food Bank, Helping Hands Food Pantry, Salvation Army — St. Marys, Camden House, Coastal Counseling Center and Camden Connection’s Pick-Up to Porch Program for seniors and medically vulnerable and provision of re-useable masks for vulnerable populations.

“The Camden COVID-19 Community Fund committee members will continue to not only look at organizations who need added funding and supplies to serve citizens, but also look at gaps in assistance that are not currently being addressed. Where social service and public health gaps are identified, the fund will be leveraged in building the capacity to fill those needs,” the release added.

Unfortunately, the need still exists, so Camden Connection plans to launch a second round of fundraising and details will be announced soon.

The mission of Camden Connection is to promote healthy, happy and productive lives in caring relationships with others. Camden Connection is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 comprehensive community development organization designed to plan, create and communicate meaningful solutions to the problems Camden’s families and children are facing.

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 Whitney Bounds Licensed Master Social Worker “How to advocate for the socially isolated elderly”	 Hadas Maimon, MD Psychiatrist “How medication can help to combat anxiety”	 Alloceia Hall Licensed Professional Counselor “Knowing when to reach out for help”
 Moderator: Lena B. Brathwaite Bell, M.Ed	 Moderator: Mary Gail Lindsey, MSW	

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