

A few ways to help and get help in the Eau Claire Community in times of crisis

1. **Volunteer at the Community Table**

The Community Table continues to serve hot meals 365 days each year to those in Eau Claire needing food and hospitality. They rely completely on volunteer teams from the community to prepare and serve the hungry.

EMAIL volunteer@thecommunitytable.org, text 715-456-6527, or call 715-835-4977 ext. 7 for volunteer information!

Their address is: 320 Putnam Street (next to Banbury), Eau Claire, WI 54703

**St. John's Group will be serving the meal every 3rd Thursday of the month. This month we meet on April 16th at 9am at the Community Table building.

2. **Volunteer at the Feed My People Food Bank**

a. Volunteers are always needed.

Their address is: 2610 Alpine Road • Eau Claire, WI 54703

info@fmpfoodbank.org or 715.835.9415 ask for Nick

b. Or you can Sponsor a Child

Just \$85 provides Weekend Kids' Meal to a student for an entire school year.

3. **Volunteer Donate Blood for the American Red Cross**

The American Red Cross now faces a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations during this coronavirus outbreak. Healthy individuals are needed to donate now to help patients counting on lifesaving blood. Donating blood is a safe process and people should not hesitate to give or receive blood.

You can make an appointment to give blood or platelets at <http://redcrossblood.org/>.

Donation site

Chippewa Valley Blood Donation Center

3485 E Hamilton Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701

Call (715-835-4020) or go on line www.redcrossblood.org for dates and times

Northwest Chapter

3728 Spooner Avenue

Altoona, WI 54720

Phone: (877) 618-6628

Or Volunteer your time

Their need for volunteers is constant and continues to evolve as we navigate this health crisis. Please rest assured that they are working with public health officials to help keep local communities and our volunteer safe. Volunteer opportunities include supporting blood donations and delivering much-needed services to your community. They even have a wide variety of remote (work-from-home) opportunities available.

4. **Volunteer packing food at Salvation Army in Chippewa Falls**

521 N. Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls (FOOD PANTRY)

Hours: Monday & Wednesday (9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm)

Thursday (9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-5:00pm)

Phone #: 715-726-9506 and ask for Kimberly

For those IN NEED:

***United Way** has a COVID-19 Community Economic Relief Fund. They will help with bills, rent, and food. You can call 1-866-211-9966 and provide zip code and will be given a list of local agencies to provide assistance.

***SNAP (Foodshare), Medical Assistance / BadgerCare Plus, and Child Care**

Eau Claire County is one of 10 counties that make up the Great Rivers Consortium (GRC). The other counties included in the GRC are: Barron, Burnett, Chippewa, Douglas, Dunn, Pierce, Polk, St. Croix, and Washburn. All of these counties' customers can contact the Great Rivers Call Center to report changes to cases, check benefits, process eligibility, complete reviews, etc. Changes can also be reported online via www.access.wisconsin.gov.

Great Rivers Call Center

Phone: 1-888-283-0012

Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 8am-4pm Wed: 8am-11am

Check out our [FAQ's](#) to answer some of the frequently asked questions.

In an effort to enhance and simplify benefits management, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families launched the MyACCESS mobile app. With the MyACCESS mobile app, people are able to:

- See a high-level overview of the programs they are enrolled in.
- Receive reminders of actions they need to take or proof they need to submit.
- Upload, submit, and track documents.



***Salvation Army**

2211 S. Hastings Way, Eau Claire

Hours: Monday-Thursday (10:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm)

Phone #: 715-834-1224 and ask for Amanda

***Pop-Up Food Pantry in Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire**

If you are in need of some extra groceries including fresh produce and meat, stop by this monthly Pop-Up Food Pantry every third Wednesday. Sponsored by Feed My People Food Bank, it is free to you and you do not need to be a resident of Eau Claire to participate. No ID required. Please bring a bag/box to help carry your groceries home. Look for the Feed My People truck and signs to help find the correct entrance.

Weekly Pop-Up Food Pantry in Chippewa Falls

Friday, August 7 | 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Friday, August 14 | 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Friday, August 21 | 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Friday, August 28 | 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Location: Our Saviour's Lutheran Church parking lot (down the street from the high school) 1300 Mansfield St, Chippewa Falls

Weekly Pop-Up Food Pantry in Eau Claire

Friday, August 7 | 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Friday, August 14 | 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Friday, August 21 | 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Friday, August 28 | 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Location: Lakeshore Elementary School parking lot (down the street from Carson Park) 711 Lake St, Eau Claire

and

Wednesday, August 19 | 2 - 3 PM

Location: The Brewing Projekt (across the street from the Children's Theater) 1807 N Oxford Ave, Eau Claire

***COVID-19 Call Center for Eau Claire County**

If you have any questions regarding COVID-19, please contact 2-1-1 or the COVID-19 Call Center at 715-831-7425.

***Volume One helpful ideas and resources**

Check out the information in Volume One. Just go to <https://volumeone.org/browse>

***UWEC Students**

Members of the UW-Eau Claire community are giving back to students through the university's COVID-19 emergency relief fund. The UW-Eau Claire Foundation established the fund to support students who have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Students who have lost their jobs or are unable to work, or who do not have access to technology or internet services to complete online classes are eligible to receive funding. As of today, donors and alumni across the country have contributed over \$70,000 to the fund, and officials expect it to continue to rise moving forward.

"I have every reason to believe that if we continue to express our gratitude, and also share stories of some of the students who are being helped, that this will move people to continue to want to support this," said Kimera Way, president of the UW-Eau Claire Foundation.

The university says about 130 students have received relief from the fund so far, with each relief check ranging between \$300 to \$600 per student.