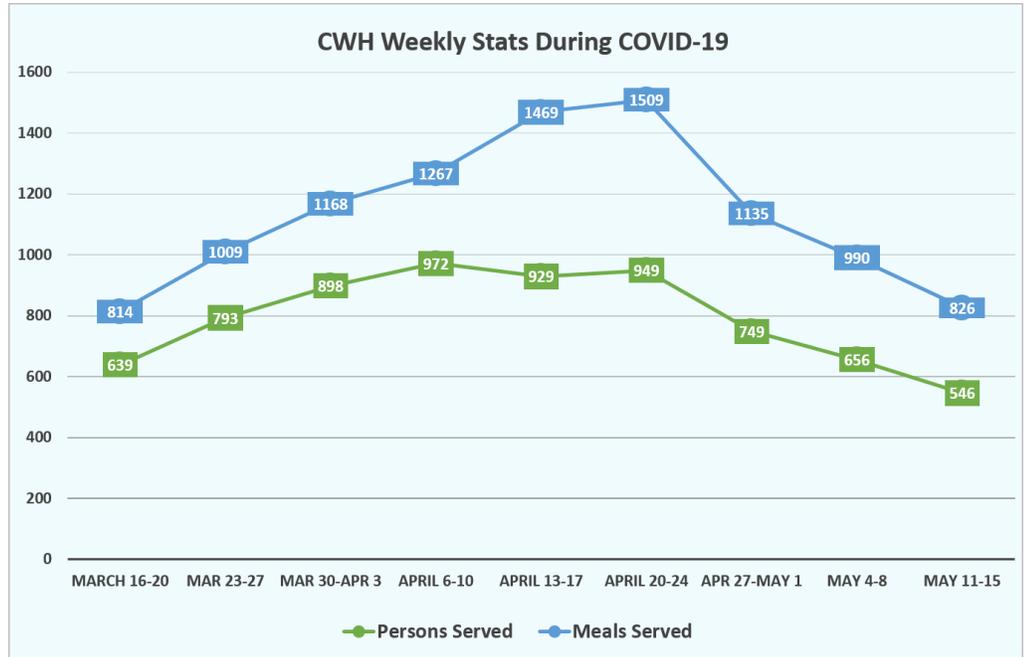


# San Antonio Catholic Worker House Newsletter — May 22, 2020

## We Made It Over The Hump... Thanks For Being There When We Needed You!

Thank you again for responding to our SOS email on Good Friday and the following weeks when the numbers soared and our donor restaurants were closed... we were taken by surprise! Later the City (COSA) partnered with the Food Bank and various ministries to create food-serving Care Hubs throughout the city. Thus, meals became more readily available and diverse. CWH definitely noticed a difference in numbers once the Hubs began to open and ministries expanded their services. Kudos to everyone for making the Care Hubs possible!!!



When the crisis erupted in March, CWH served “all-comers” even though we had been restricted to serving only seniors (ages 50+ years) since early 2019. As more meal options became available, we were highly encouraged by our neighbors and city officials to return to our “Seniors” program. The transition occurred by May 1st and went much smoother than a year ago... mainly because there are more meal options today for younger folks than there were in 2019. The smooth transition was facilitated by a huge donation of backpacks filled with all types of items and food that was given to everyone under age 50 years when they received their last meal at CWH. The “Farewell Gift” was made possible by **Boy Scout Troop 70** sponsored by **Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church** and lead by Janie Lopez with her team of volunteers. They have been our Easter “angels” for several years!

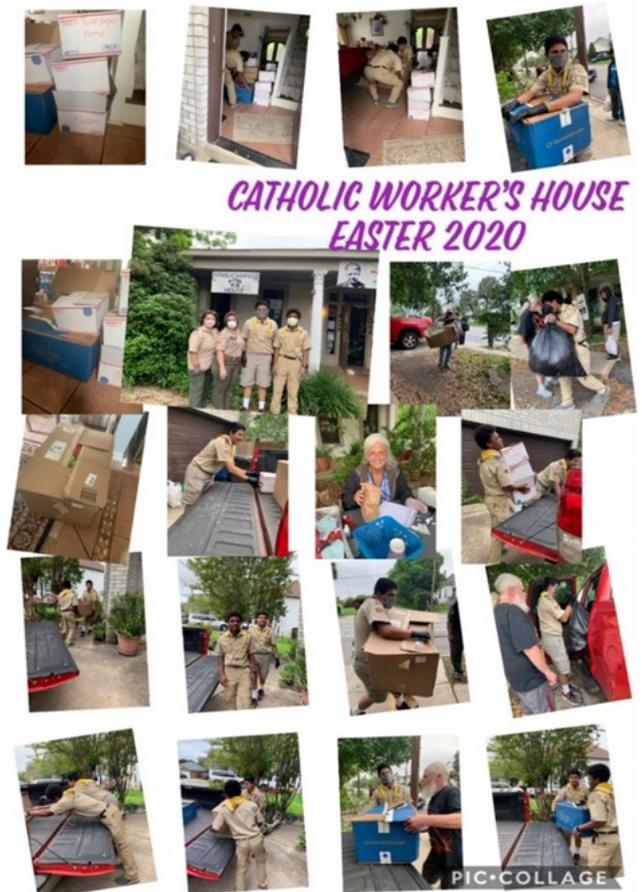


**Above:** two sample hot meals provided by Chow Train (meat by Bill Miller) - Thanks!



**Left:** An “under-50” CWH guest receives his farewell backpack on May 1st when CWH returned to seniors-only.

**Right:** These backpacks were made possible by Boy Scout Troop 70.



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## **Needs as of Week 7 of Covid-19 Protocol**

As the numbers decreased over the past couple weeks due to the opening of the Care Hubs, returning to a “seniors only” program, and the arrival of both regular SSI and stimulus checks, we feel we have enough supplies to last until June 10th. But it is hard to predict anything these days. CWH’s situation is very dependent on when our major donor restaurants re-open. We certainly thank the Chow Train and Traveling Loaves & Fishes for their continued partnership throughout this period. And a special thanks to Full Force Foundation in partnership with Got It Covered caterers and Chela’s Tacos for catering Thursday lunches.

If you still feel a desire to continue to support CWH... and we hope you do... we could certainly use some of the items we need year around, as well as right now, such as:

- 1) Men’s underwear, mainly medium and large.**
- 2) Kitchen 13-gallon drawstring bags and gallon zip locks bags.**
- 3) Sugar: large bags or restaurant-style cannisters of sugar.**
- 4) Funding for VIA day passes (\$2.75 each).**

**MASKS** — CWH has distributed about 500 masks! Thank you to all of the mask-makers. We are STILL good at least until June 10th! We started a “mask-exchange” program to recycle soiled ones, so that has helped. We appreciate your talent and efforts.

Two of our coffee pots fizzled out, but before we could add this need to the newsletter, Mark Wittig and Karl Graf brought us three new commercial ones. Thanks!!

## **Special Tribute to Eileen Moxley!!**

About seven years ago, Eileen had just retired from the military and moved to San Antonio. She was looking for a place to volunteer. She found the CWH website and our “Wish List”. A few days later, she went to Costco and brought in a month’s supply of ALL the items. AND she has been donating them ALL ever since... EVERY month! She has been a real blessing to CWH! Eileen has moved out of town and since seeing the support of the San Antonio community to our Covid-19 pandemic needs, she thought it was a good time to retire and volunteer at a ministry in her own hometown. We so appreciate all of her help over the years. She leaves big shoes to fill!! If anyone is interested in adopting just one or several of the items on a monthly basis... that would be wonderful! Please let us know.

## **Reflection... What Has COVID-19 Taught Us?**

- The compassion and generosity of the SA community...some ongoing donors, some new, and some anonymous... and the discovery that so many of our nearby neighbors support us.
- Stronger collaboration with similar ministries and government entities that serve our population. Covid brought down the walls of many of our silos.
- Flexibility, patience, and the need to give up control....Covid is an unseen and mysterious foe that has affected so many lives in so many different ways... Covid has required all of us to adapt... re-adapt... and then adapt again!

***COVID is far from over yet.***

***Let’s pray and be cautious so there is not another hump!***