



Mayoral Proclamation

Proclamation Recognizing Small Things Matter for Distributing Food to the Community During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- WHEREAS,** Small Things Matter is a nonprofit founded on the idea that small acts of kindness can make a big impact on someone's life and the organization has been involved in food distribution, literacy, and charity efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** as the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the organization worked to provide fresh produce, dairy and staples to people in the community in need of food; and
- WHEREAS,** the organization scaled up from 10,000 pounds of food for 300 families in April to 100,000 pounds of food per month for more than one thousand families by June; and
- WHEREAS,** the organization partnered with the TPSS Co-op, Wegmans, Imperfect Foods, Guru Gobind Singh Foundation, the Montgomery County Food Council, Montgomery County Public Schools and accepted community donations; and
- WHEREAS,** food distribution has taken place at a number of locations including at the TPSS Co-op, more than 15 apartment complexes and retirement homes, and at a number of elementary schools; and
- WHEREAS,** over 10,000 hot meals have been distributed in partnership with Silver Spring Cares, Guru Gobind Singh Foundation, and No Kid Hungry in Montgomery County and the organization engaged teens in providing food support by making 999 casseroles, 43,917 baked items, 22,413 sandwiches, and 8,441 bags of rice and beans to share at their food distributions and with LGBTQ+ youth at Casa Ruby; and
- WHEREAS,** in addition to food, 4,000 new books and more than 1,000 member-made cloth masks have been distributed and teens also spread kindness by putting together 879 school supply bags, 1,787 friendship bracelets and 16,414 cards for the elderly.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, do hereby express appreciation to Small Things Matter for their remarkable assistance to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dated this 30th day of September, 2020.

Kate Stewart
Mayor