

Suffolk, VA, (May 20, 2023) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Zeta Epsilon Omega Chapter is partnering with the Salvation Army Corp and Community Center to have a 1908 Spring Community Food Drive to fight against food insecurity and hunger in our local community. It will be a drop-off food drive Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at 400 Banks Street, Suffolk, VA.

Before the COVID-19 outbreak, Feeding America estimated 15.5% of Suffolk's overall population and children were victims of food insecurity. Food Insecurity is defined by the United States Department of Agriculture as the lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life. Now considered a critical public health issue, food insecurity has lasting adverse health outcomes and health disparities. Our organization is dedicated to reducing food insecurity and hunger, but we need your support.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Zeta Epsilon Omega Chapter has served the Suffolk community since our chartering in February 1954. We are so pleased to continue our legacy of service with this latest project, which also serves as a gift to our local community. We are asking for our community partners to join hands with us and pledge to donate shelf-stable food items (canned meat, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, ramen, pasta, bottled water, cereal hot/cold, canned beans, soup, dry milk, and canned fruits and vegetables). Our goal is to reach 1,908 items. Any support that you may contribute towards this goal is greatly appreciated. ***Monetary donations should be made payable to The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1000, Suffolk, VA 23439.*** All proceeds of this event will benefit the Salvation Army Potomac Division supporting the City of Suffolk and surrounding communities.

About Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®:

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by International President and CEO Danette Anthony Reed, Alpha Kappa Alpha is often hailed as “America’s premier Greek-letter organization for African American women.” For more information on Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and its programs, visit www.aka1908.com.