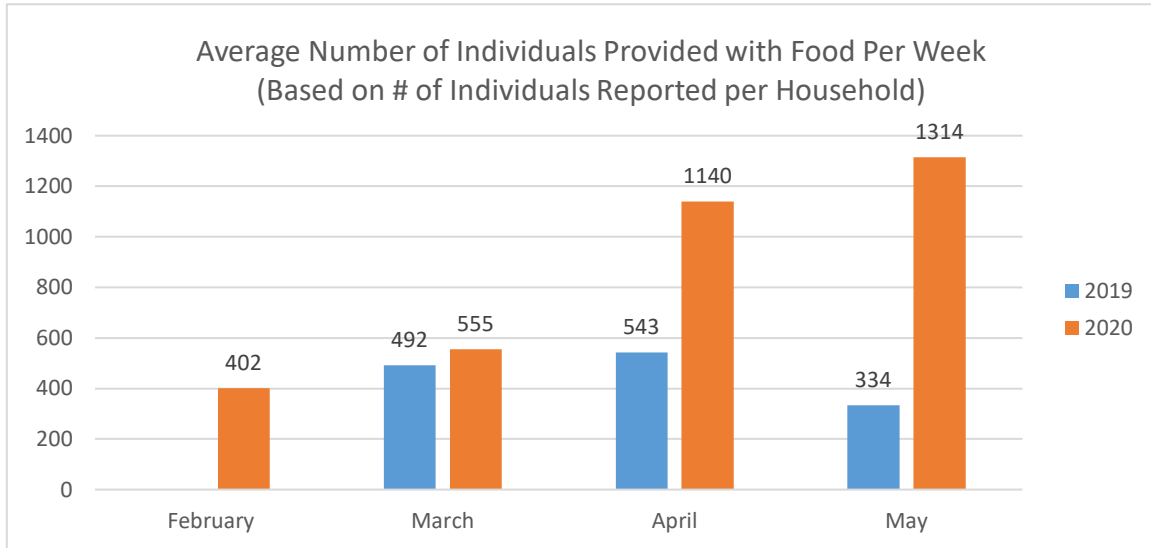
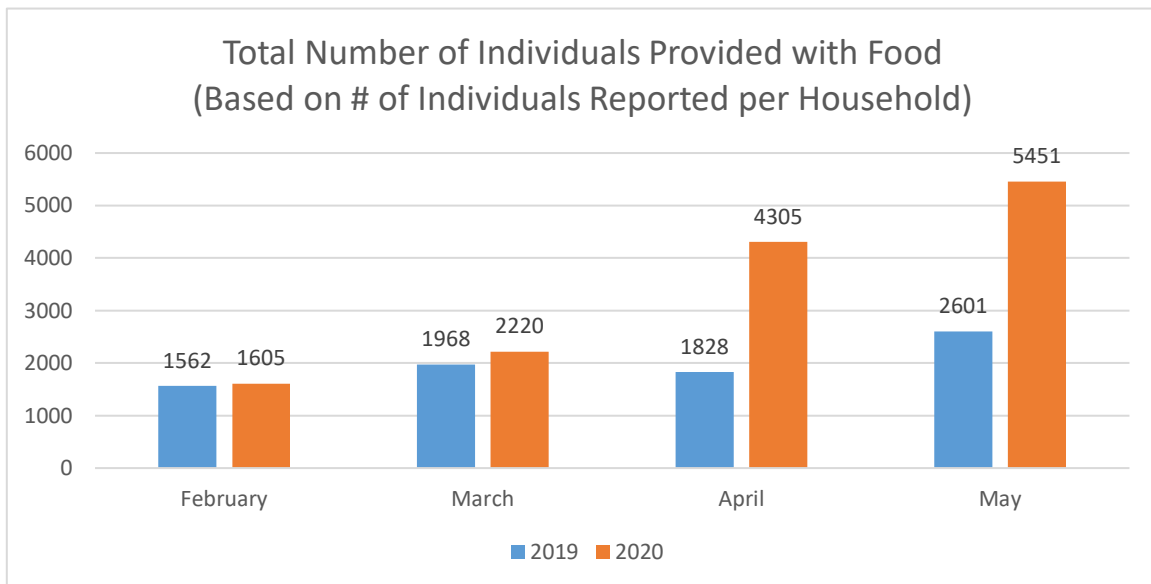


**United Community COVID-19 Food Distribution – 7511 Fordson Rd, Alexandria VA 22306**

- The following numbers represent food distribution efforts at United Community’s food pantry. The numbers for United Community’s mobile food distribution program or our partnership with Neighborhood Health to deliver food to COVID-19 positive families are included separately.

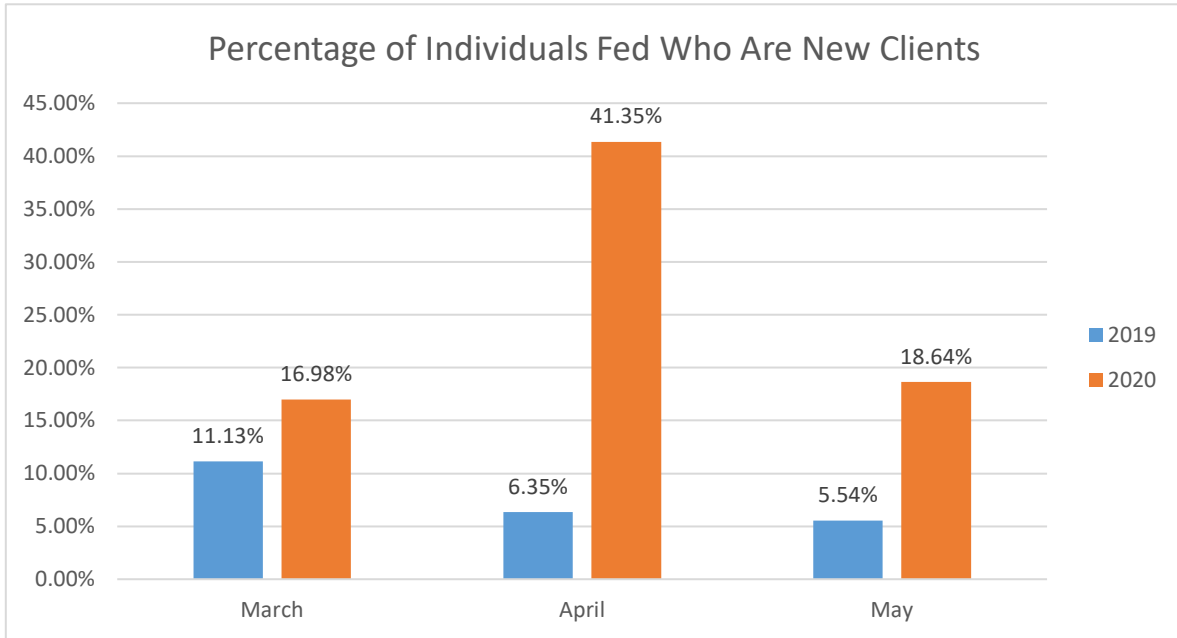


- Between March and April 2020, **the average number of individuals per week doubled.**
- On average, the food pantry fed 1,314 individuals a week during the May 2020 – **a 293% increase over the weekly average from a year ago.** That’s also 15.26% increase from the weekly average of the previous month (1140 in April 2020)

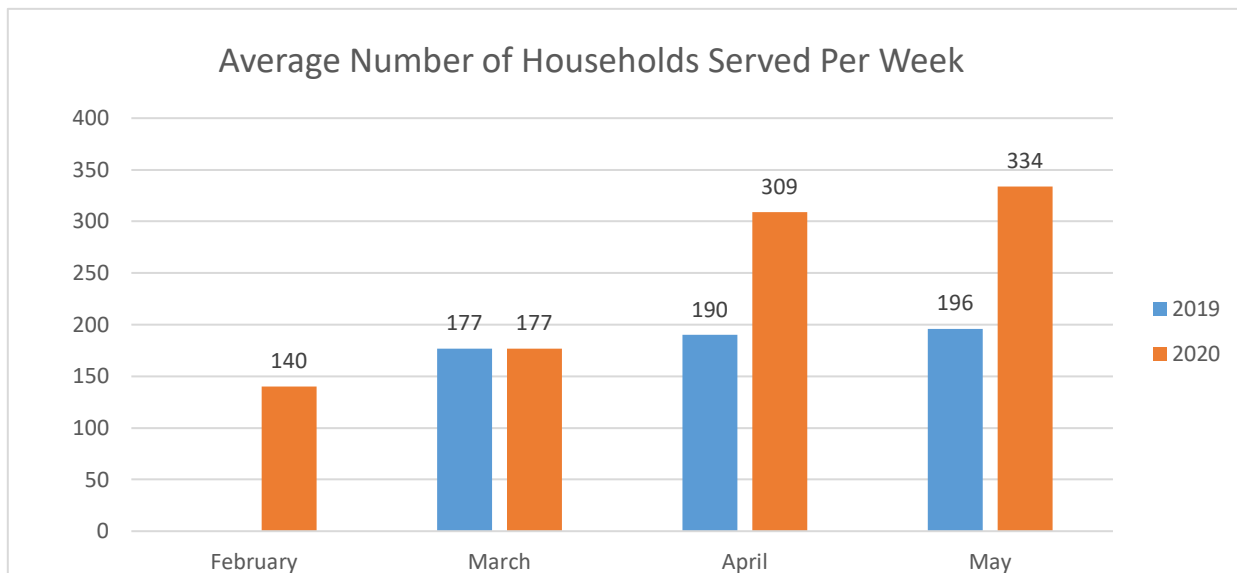


- The number of individuals who received food from our food pantry **increased by 26.62% from April 2020 to May 2020.**

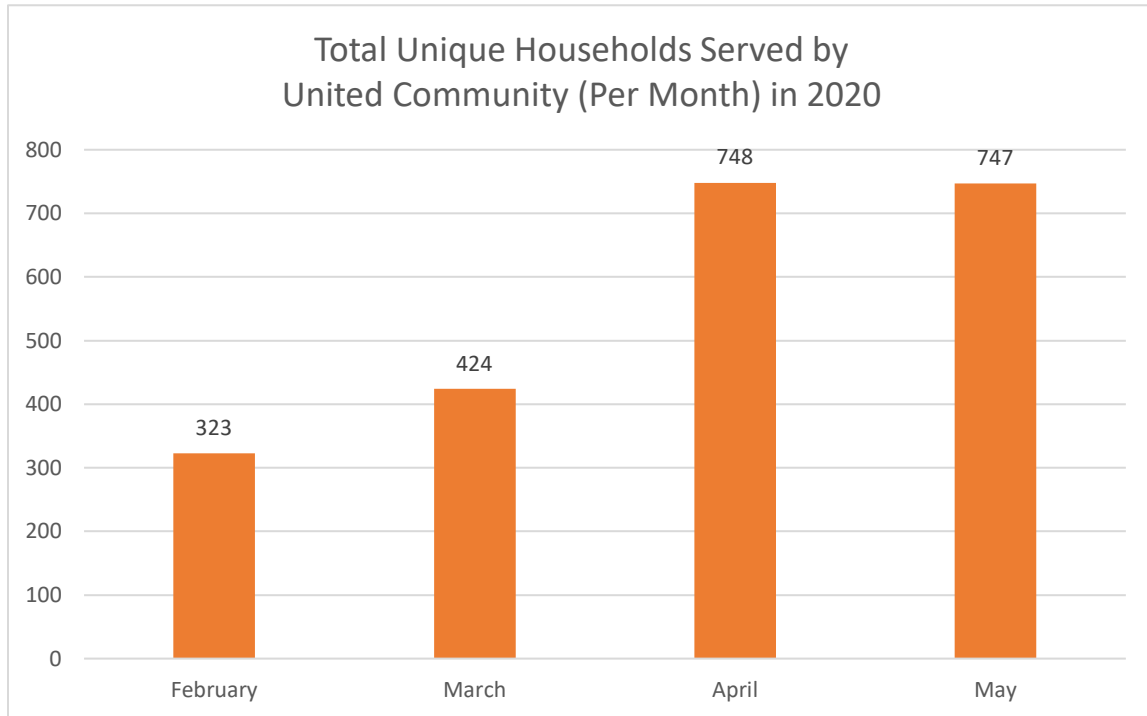
- Our food pantry saw a **110% increase in the total number of individuals receiving food from May 2019 to May 2020.**
- Note: “New Clients” are defined as anyone who was not an existing United Community client before March 1, 2020.



- In April, we saw a huge spike in families visiting our food pantry from outside our service area (zip codes 22306, 22307, 22308, 22309 and East of Telegraph 22303 and 22310). While we provided these families with initial services, we also directed them to alternative resources nearby. Despite this, **our food pantry still saw a 26.62% increase in the total number of meals (including a 15.26% increase in the average number of meals provided each week).**



- The exact amount of food provided to a household may vary based on the family size and United Community food supply.
- As of May 7<sup>th</sup>, United Community's food pantry is distributing a 3-day supply of food for each family.
- It is important to note that clients within our service area can receive food assistance at our food pantry on a **weekly basis**. Many clients visit our food pantry multiple times within any given month, depending on their need and situation. The graph below represents the total number of unique households that United Community has served over the past four months.



#### **Additional Food Distribution Efforts:**

- **Mobile Food Distribution:** On May 12, 2020, United Community launched a mobile food distribution program to provide relief to families who do not access to our food pantry. **Over four days of distribution, the program provided more than 1,800 meals** at three different community locations.
- **Neighborhood Health Partnership:** On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, United Community launched a partnership with Neighborhood Health Clinic to provide food for families in area who have tested positive for COVID-19. As May 29<sup>th</sup>, this partnership has resulted in **128 deliveries which have fed 620 individuals**.

## Service Area Statistics -- Hybla Valley & Woodlawn (Zip Code 22306)

Hybla Valley is the neighborhood immediately surrounding United Community's food pantry on Fordson Road. Hybla Valley has an extremely high Hispanic population at 41.5%+ (compared to 26.9% Blacks and 24.3% Whites). In 2018, [Hybla Valley ES reported a Hispanic student enrollment rate of 80% -- the fifth highest such rate in the state](#). At the same time, 2017 Government data showed that only 79.2% of Hybla Valley residents were US citizens (the DMV average is 88.7%).

In 2017, the median household income for a Hybla Valley resident is \$58,095. Prior to COVID-19, **16.1% of residents lived below the poverty level** – with the largest demographic impacted being females aged 25-34. In 2017, the most common race or ethnicity living below the poverty level were Blacks (30.9% of all poverty cases in the neighborhood) followed by Hispanics at 24.8%.

Most residents were employed in either Construction and Extraction (14.9% of employed residents), Office and Administrative Support (12.3%), or Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (10.9%). One in five residents of Hybla Valley did not have health care coverage in 2017. Fifteen percent of working residents relied on public transit to get to work. -- <https://datausa.io/profile/geo/hybla-valley-va>

- Median Age 32.7 (Native-Born residents are much younger than foreign-born – 23 vs 41)
- 16.1% Below Poverty Level (30.9% Blacks, 24.8% Hispanic)
- Residents are 41.5% Hispanic, 26.9% Black, 24.3% White.
- 10.8% Non-U.S. Citizens

### Woodlawn

United Community is also mindful of our neighbors in need that do not have ready access to our headquarters at Fordson Road. Adjacent to Hybla Valley, the Woodlawn census track covers several low-income neighborhoods including Janna Lee and Sequoyah communities, as well as several trailer parks in Audubon and Harmony Place (please refer to the United Community video to the Board of Supervisors).

According to 2017 US Government data, only an estimated 72.3% of Woodlawn residents are US citizens. Nearly 44% of Woodlawn residents are Hispanics, followed by 28.2% Blacks and 14.7% Whites.

The median household income for a Woodlawn resident is \$64,188. In 2017, **15.6% of residents in Woodlawn lived below the poverty level** – with the largest demographic impacted being males aged 6-11 and females aged 25-34. In 2017, the most common race or ethnicity living below the poverty line in Woodlawn were Hispanics (33% of all poverty cases in the census track) followed by Whites at 27.2% and Blacks at 19.1%

In 2017, most residents were employed in either Construction & Extraction (13.5% of employed residents), Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (11.5%), or Building & Grounds Cleaning/Maintenance (11.4%). One in four residents of Woodlawn do not have health care coverage. Fifteen percent of working residents relied on public transit to get to work. --

<https://datausa.io/profile/geo/woodlawn-va>

- Median Age of 32.9 (Native-Born residents are much younger than foreign-born – 25 vs 40)
- 15.6% Below Poverty Level (33% Hispanic, 27.2% Whites)
- 44% Hispanic, 28.2% Black
- 27.7% Non-US Citizens

## **United Community List of Programs and Services**

### ***Stepping Stones***

Stepping Stones is the basic needs assistance program for United Community based out of the main office on Fordson Rd. Before COVID-19, Stepping Stones provided a wide range of essential services including:

- Rent and Utilities Assistance
- Food Assistance
- Financial Counseling
- Medical and Dental Assistance
- Job Readiness Programs

When the COVID-19 outbreak began, United Community suspended most Stepping Stones services, except for food assistance, in an effort to consolidate resources and prioritize community needs.

On May 5th, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors authorized United Community to distribute \$2.3 Million in CARES Act funding through Fairfax County's Coordinated Services Planning (CSP) team. Funds will be used to meet the following needs: rent mortgage, security deposits, housing fees (late, condo, HOA, etc.), food, utilities, and prescription assistance. Community members should call Coordinated Services Planning for more information (703-222-0880, TTY 711).

### ***Healthy Families Fairfax***

Healthy Families Fairfax operates through a partnership with the Fairfax County Department of Family Services. Certified counselors meet virtually in one-on-one consultations with young parents to help promote child development and healthy family habits and prevent child abuse.

### ***Progreso Center***

The Progreso Center provides ESL and Citizenship classes for the large immigrant population in the area. Legal services are also available for those applying for citizenship. The Center serves immigrants from a wide range of cultures and countries. In 2018, they served 226 adults – 23 of whom attained citizenship.

Since the COVID-19 outbreak began, the Progreso Center has begun limited ESL & Citizenship classes via Zoom. Appointments for legal services have also continued.

### ***Opportunity Neighborhood Mount Vernon***

Opportunity Neighborhood Mount Vernon (ONMV) is the very essence of a "grassroots" organization. It's "collective impact" model is designed to directly connect residents with the resources they most desperately need. The major program facets are:

- Community Centers at Sacramento Neighborhood Center and Creekside Village Apartments focused on community outreach and youth programming and development
- Community Schools through partnerships with FCSP and United Way at Walt Whitman Middle School and Mt. Vernon Woods Elementary School

- Neighborhood Ambassadors – A network of neighborhood representatives that work with United Community to identify community needs and issues and connect residents with needed resources.

Since the COVID-19 outbreak began, all site-based youth programming and group activities at centers and schools have been suspended -- however, staff continue to provide outreach to their community groups remotely.

### ***Early Learning Center***

The Early Learning Center provides Virginia State Certified high quality care and social-emotional development for young children aged six weeks to five years old. The ELC is proud to partner with Fairfax County Public School's "Project Opportunity" initiative to provide affordable childcare to young parents so they can continue their high school education. The ELC also partners with Fairfax County's Office for Children to provide tuition subsidies for qualifying families.

The ELC is located on the campus of Bryant Alternative High School. Due to FCPS facility closures, the ELC has been closed since March 13<sup>th</sup>. United Community continues to monitor the COVID-19 outbreak and hopes to resume ELC operations as soon as conditions permit.