

# MEDIA ALERT

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## Amid School Closures, Community Serves Food, Packs Weekend Snack Bags

**WHO:** Kevin Dalton, Greater NWO AFL-CIO, Toledo Federation of Teachers  
Shaun Enright, Greater NWO AFL-CIO, NWO Building & Construction Trades Council  
Wendi Huntley, Connecting Kids to Meals  
Wendy Pestrue, United Way of Greater Toledo  
Representation from the City of Toledo  
Representation from Fifth Third Bank

**WHAT: NEWS CONFERENCE**

Given recent school closures across Northwest Ohio due to COVID-19, community partners in the region have come together to support school-age-children seeking food.

Connecting Kids to Meals (CKTM) will be establishing 15 meal sites across Lucas County, as well as distribute 12,000 weekend snack bags.

As previously announced: Toledo Public Schools will also be serving meals to students out of eight school-locations. Parents / guardians can reserve a meal at a school by calling or texting United Way 2-1-1. Additionally, if a parent is in closer proximity to a CKTM serving site, they can reserve a meal at one of those 15 locations, as mentioned above. If a parent / guardian cannot physically access one of the eight schools or one of the 15 CKTM sites, they will be given a private, "emergency" food number to call. At that number, they will leave a message and TPS representatives will coordinate home-food-delivery.

United Way of Greater Toledo will be hosting small volunteer events over the next three weeks to assemble the 12,000 weekend snack bags. You can sign up for a volunteer shift to pack a bag or volunteer at a CKTM serving site by visiting "FeedToledoKids.org."

The cost of these bags total \$42,000 for three weekends, and partners from City of Toledo, Fifth Third Bank, Mercy Health, NWO AFL-CIO, NWO Building & Construction Trades Council, ProMedica, Toledo Federation of Teachers, Toledo Refining Co. and United Way have stepped forward to cover these current, and future, meal costs.

**WHEN: Monday, March 16, 2020**  
11:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** United Way of Greater Toledo  
First Floor Lobby  
424 Jackson St.  
Toledo, OH 43604

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