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CATHOLIC CHARITIES' SENIOR FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM DISTRIBUTING \$40 FARMERS MARKET VOUCHERS

Eligible seniors will receive \$40 in checks to use for fresh produce at authorized farmers markets.

Since 2014, the Catholic Charities Eastern Washington Food For All program has worked with Aging and Long-Term Care of Eastern Washington (ALTCEW) to distribute \$40 Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) vouchers in Spokane County. The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program is designed to improve the nutritional health of low-income seniors by providing them with \$40 in vouchers that can be used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables from authorized farmers markets. Farmers markets will be open and will follow all mandated COVID-19 health precautions.

Over \$70,000 in vouchers will be distributed following a random drawing in June. All affidavits received or postmarked by June 1, 2021 that meet the eligibility guidelines will be included in the drawing. Late submissions will be placed on a wait list.

Affidavits, which include eligibility requirements, will be available on-line from April 1st through June 1st at:

Catholic Charities Eastern Washington Food For All: https://www.cceasternwa.org/foodforall Aging and Long-Term Care of Eastern Washington: https://www.altcew.org/programs-services/nutrition-assistance/

To be eligible for the SFMNP, you must meet all of the following:

- You must be 60 years old or older (or 55+ if you are Native American /Alaska Native)
- Your income must be below 185% of Federal Poverty Level. That means:
 - \$23,828 Annual or \$1,986 Monthly Income for 1 person
 - \$32,227 Annual or \$2,686 Monthly Income for 2 people
 - For larger households, add \$700 month for each additional person
- You must be a resident of Spokane County

For more information, please visit our website at <u>Food For All | Catholic Charities Eastern Washington</u> (cceasternwa.org).

About Catholic Charities Eastern Washington

Catholic Charities Eastern Washington affirms the dignity of our most vulnerable neighbors by providing social services across 13 counties. With our community partners in government, industry,

and social services, we tackle the region's biggest challenges, including homelessness and intergenerational poverty. We respond to community members in crisis by providing disaster relief, emergency assistance and rapid rehousing. We stabilize lives by building affordable housing for veterans, seniors, farmworkers and chronically homeless individuals and families, as well as providing access to fresh produce and connecting seniors with volunteers to help with household chores. We advocate in hope by providing childbirth and parenting support and early learning, counseling, immigration legal services and support for parishes.