



## 同心协力：社会各界携手支援受政府关门影响的联邦雇员

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2025年11月2日,随着美国联邦政府关门持续超过一个月,华盛顿华府地区的许多联邦雇员们,已经连续两次未能收到工资,加上不断上涨的生活成本,使得许多家庭陷入经济压力,不少人甚至开始为餐桌上的食物而发愁,生活正面临困境。

面对这一紧迫形势,马里兰州蒙哥马利郡最大的非营利性食物银行之一,So What Else (SWE)迅速行动,启动了特别的援助计划,帮助受到政府关门影响的联邦雇员及合同工。除了在位于罗克维尔6011 Executive Blvd的分发点每周三为联邦雇员提供食物外,SWE还于11月2日星期日在其位于4924 Wyaconda Road, Rockville的主仓库举办了一场大规模的“联邦雇员工援食品发放日”活动。

活动当天,共有近600名联邦雇员及其家庭成员前来领取新鲜食材、日常粮油及生活必需品。从上午9点到下午3点,仓库内外一片忙碌与温情,SWE的工作人员与志愿者们全力以赴,确保每一个家庭都能得到帮助。多家本地餐厅及社区组织也加入进来,提供热餐与额外资源,展现出社区在艰难时期的团结与关怀。

在众多志愿者中,华府青年(Capital Youth Outreach Club, CYOC)志愿者的身影

格外引人注目。作为华府地区规模最大的亚裔青少年义工组织之一,CYOC在得知SWE的特殊援助项目启动后,迅速组织了近30名青少年志愿者,分批参与当天的各个时段工作。从交通引导、食物打包、物资分发到现场清理,青年义工们各司其职,默契合作,用热情 and 责任感确保活动顺利进行。

仅在一天之内,本次食物发放活动就为超过500名联邦雇员及其家庭送去了基本的食物与真挚的关怀。这场行动不仅缓解了许多家庭的燃眉之急,更展现了社区团结互助的力量。正如这次活动所证明的那样,当人们怀着共同的目标与善意携手同行时,我们就能化解困难,传递希望,让爱与温暖延续在社区的每一个角落。

**United in Service:  
Community Unites to  
Support Federal  
Workers During  
Shutdown**  
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Volunteers

Rockville, MD, November 2, 2025 — As the U.S. federal government shutdown extends beyond one month, many federal employees in the Washington metropolitan area are struggling to make ends meet. With two consecutive missed paychecks and rising living costs, families across the DMV region are facing growing financial hardship, including concerns about putting food on the table.

Recognizing this urgent need, So What Else (SWE)—one of Montgomery County's largest nonprofit food banks—quickly launched a special relief initiative to support federal employees and contractors affected by the shutdown. In addition to hosting weekly food distributions every Wednesday at 6011 Executive Blvd, Rockville, SWE organized a large-scale Federal Employee Food Distribution Day on Sunday, November 2, at its main warehouse located at 4924 Wyaconda Road, Rockville.

The event drew nearly 600 federal employees and their families, who received fresh groceries, pantry staples, and essential household supplies. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the distribution center was filled with energy and compassion as SWE staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure every family left supported. Local restaurants and community partners also joined hands to provide

additional resources and warm meals, demonstrating the community's spirit of solidarity during this difficult time.

Among the many volunteers was the Capital Youth Outreach Club (CYOC)—one of the largest Asian-American youth-led nonprofit volunteer organizations in the greater Washington area. In response to SWE's call, CYOC quickly mobilized nearly 30 youth volunteers to assist throughout the day, covering shifts from morning to afternoon. The young volunteers took on a variety of critical roles, including traffic coordination, food packaging, grocery distribution, and site cleanup. Their dedication and teamwork ensured the event ran efficiently and with care.

In just one day, the food drive delivered essential groceries and heartfelt support to more than 500 federal employees and their families impacted by the furlough. The event stood as a testament to the power of unity and compassion, showing that when communities come together with purpose and care, we can ease hardship and bring hope to those who need it most.

