

Toro Pantry Distribution

During the first weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic, CSUDH's Toro Food Pantry stock ran low

Thanks to donations from fellow Toros and community partners, the pantry continues to address students' food needs during this time of crisis.

Morgan Kirk, Basic Needs Coordinator:

We are providing Everytable meals to current CSUDH students. We are providing about four meals to 100 students every other Thursday, and then the farmer's market is providing farm boxes. And so, we have asked faculty and staff on campus to donate and purchase a farm box for our students, and they break up into different bags. So that may include produce like lettuce, kale, eggs, strawberries. That's a way folks have been contributing to this effort. And then, we've been really partnering with Everytable, which has been a huge success for our students.

Each bag includes: Pre-packaged microwaveable meals courtesy of Everytable, produce from CSUDH's Urban Farm and local farmers

Dr. Zach Ritter: I think there's a big kind of blind spot where we think students should just show up and they're gonna be ready to thrive. But how you gonna do that if you're not housed and fed? And so, Basic Needs is trying to meet that need. We are looking at ways to get more folks involved. One is contact Morgan or I, and you can come and help do the food distribution like today. We also need produce. We need people to volunteer those types of things 'cause the Everytable meals are delicious, but we want more produce and stuff that people can use to cook throughout the week as well.

Support the Toro Food Pantry at csudh.edu/onlinegiving.

To donate produce, visit venaver.org/product/toro

To volunteer, email mkirt@csudh.edu or zritter@csudh.edu