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PRESS RELEASE

**St. Anthony's Ups Meals and Clothing to Meet the Growing Need,
Opens Tech Lab Pop-Up**

SAN FRANCISCO (March 31, 2020) – **As St. Anthony's moves into its fourth week since modifying its operations in response to COVID-19, there is a significant increase in the number of guests in need of a hot meal.** Prior to March 9th (the date St. Anthony's Dining Room was converted from sit-down service to hot to-go meals in accordance with public health agency guidance), St. Anthony's typically averaged 2,300 meals a day. **Now, the number of meals has increased to 3,200+ daily.**

St. Anthony's Dining Room prepares hot to-go meals fresh daily, and distributes them curbside on 121 Golden Gate Avenue from 10 AM to 1:30 PM. Expenses have risen as the organization works to ensure as many people as possible are fed.

On March 25th, St. Anthony's launched a pop-up version of its Tenderloin Technology Lab. Access to computers, WiFi, and secure charging stations is available for anyone in need. The pop-up is located curbside outside 121 Golden Gate Avenue, and will run on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 AM to 1:30 PM, weather permitting.

On March 20th, our Free Clothing Program moved to our 150 Golden Gate Avenue building to ramp up operations. We are pre-packing bags that include a shirt, pair of socks, pair of underwear, and hygiene kit to expedite the distribution of these items. Emergency clothing such as jackets, coats, and shoes are also available for those who need them. The Free Clothing Program will run on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 AM to 1:30 PM. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, our team will distribute hygiene kits and socks from 10 AM to 1:30 PM.

"It is critical for us to be able to continue serving essential meals and providing vital connection and information to our community," explains St. Anthony's Executive Director Jose Ramirez. "This is a very difficult time for everyone, and that certainly includes our unhoused and unstably-housed neighbors. We intend to do everything in our power to meet them where they are and continue to provide resources."

To support St. Anthony's as we continue to provide essential resources during COVID-19, visit: stanthonysf.org/still-serving-sf.

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About St. Anthony's

Founded in 1950, St. Anthony's provides food, clothing, medical care, addiction recovery services, access to technology, job training, and other critical resources to the community. Every day we support and are supported by thousands of San Franciscans. Everyone who comes through our doors joins the St. Anthony's family and helps us create a future where all people flourish. Learn more at: stanthonysf.org.

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