

What is

BRIGADA DE VÍVERES?

Brigada de Víveres, or the Food Brigade, is a community-centered and community-led response to food insecurity during COVID 19. Poor people, people of color, undocumented people, oppressed people are even more vulnerable during this time of uncertainty. We want to avoid spread of infection by following public health guidelines, but our community cannot do that unless their other survival needs are met. The Food Brigade commits to delivering food to community members in need during this time as a show of solidarity, to alleviate stress from lack of access to food and to affirm that even when we are ignored by the system, that we, the community, will come through for each other.

Why are we going out?

We are taking the necessary precautions to protect ourselves and our community. We want people to stay inside, and not feel pressured to work and expose themselves and their families. Our families should not have to choose between adhering to public health guidelines and eating. We are preparing food deliveries using universal precautions. We are making food drops at doorsteps with no direct contact. We are being brave because there is no separate survival.

Who is the food for?

While Presente! Maine pays special attention to the Latinx community, because of the history of exclusion, exploitation, oppression, disenfranchisement and invisibility here and across the Americas, as well as the lack of aid that is available to this community right now, we recognize that all poor people are vulnerable and deserving of food. We are doing our best to meet the needs of whomever needs food at this moment.

What do we need?

We need funds to continue to provide food to our community. We are doing daily drops in poor neighborhoods. We want to serve as many people as we can for as long as we can, so that we can make sure to reduce the spread of COVID 19. Providing cash or packing supplies will contribute to the nourishment of hundreds of people.

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