

Mission Arlington running low on donations, supplies

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ARLINGTON (1080 KRLD) - The pandemic is putting an extra strain on local nonprofits, and with winter right around the corner, volunteers with Mission Arlington say they're in desperate need of donations.

"Right now the need is so great for food and warm clothes-- in fact, one of the staff came in today and he said, 'I had one blanket and I gave it away ... and I've got to have more,'" says Mission Arlington Executive Director Tillie Burgin.

Burgin says, because of the pandemic, the mission has already been serving more people than usual. And as the holidays approach, she expects that need to grow.

The mission is putting out a call for donations. Burgin says warm clothes and blankets are needed, as well as children's clothing, hats and coats of all sizes.

The organization's food supply is also running low, with lines out the door almost every single day. But Thanksgiving is approaching fast, and Burgin says it's important to keep the food supplies stocked.

Last year, Mission Arlington gave food to 6,000 families on Thanksgiving. Burgin says with COVID-19, the need will likely be greater this year.

Another big thing the mission is in need of? Manpower.

"We really need volunteers to help us prepare for Thanksgiving and Christmas," Burgin says. "People are trying to stay home to stay safe and we understand that. Others are beginning to come back. There's a real need for volunteers."

The big message? Donate if you can, Burgin says. Either with clothes, food, or time.

Donations can be made at 210 West South Street in Arlington. The drop off zone is open every day from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monetary donations can also be made on [Mission Arlington's Website](#). The website has additional information about volunteering, as well