

Hello String-playing friends,

Save the date--Hope Twinkles! is happening again on Sunday, November 29 (right after Thanksgiving)

We gather together to turn *music into money into ministry*, this time for food for the hungry.

The Samaritan Center, with whom we've been privileged to partner in the past, operates a **food pantry** (among many other services). They rely largely on food/non-perishable donations collected at businesses around the area, and on the annual Thanksgiving church services where church members bring canned goods and other non-perishables to stock the pantry.

This year, **the need is up by 60%**. That means it takes \$160 worth of food to fill the need that \$100 would have filled before. That is a HUGE increase.

And this year, thanks to COVID-19, many churches are not having their annual Thanksgiving services, when they would have collected food for the Samaritan Center to give away.

That means many fewer donations than before.

Need is up. Donations are down. We want to help!

So what can we do? We can make music! We can ask our friends, family, neighbors, classmates, business associates to come listen--and do one or more of these things:

- 1) Sponsor us for time we play. "How much will you donate for every 15 minutes I play music?"
- 2) Bring food and non-perishable items to donate on site.
- 3) Donate cash (checks) on the day of Hope Twinkles, or go to the Samaritan Center website and donate online there.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to fill the Samaritan Center's shelves to overflowing, so no-one needs to go hungry this winter?

I'm attaching a poster for Hope Twinkles '20 -- yes, *Hope Twinkles!*

We want to play in-person. Here's how:

Location: Weather permitting, we'll be outdoors. If it's too cold or wet, we'll be in a large enclosed space (details yet to come).

Distance: We can't be as close to each other as before, so we're calling on hula hoops to help us find our spaces! Each one of us will have a hula-hoop to stand in as our "space circle," so we're calling it "**Hoope Twinkles!**"

WEBSITE REGISTRATION: On the bottom of the poster you'll see a web address. **ALL PLAYERS NEED TO REGISTER!** Please Click [HERE](#)

The updates and information will go ONLY to people who have registered, so please be sure you do it right away!

You can contact Mrs. Francisco or Mrs. King through the [Hope Twinkles website](#), with any questions or ideas you have.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Mrs. Ellen Francisco
Mrs. Tami King