

TAKE AND MAKE MEAL BOXES

FAQS

Do I have to register to attend United Way's Take & Make Meal Box distribution?

Yes, registration is required. To register please text "UTICAFOOD" to 898-211.

Am I eligible for United Way's Take & Make Meal Box distribution?

To be eligible for this event, you must live within the City of Utica. Take and Make meal boxes are meant for City of Utica residents in need of food assistance.

Where is the event taking place?

There will be three different Take & Make Meal Box events over the coming months, each held in separate locations throughout the City of Utica. The first distribution event is in East Utica on Sunday, October 25, 2020. The exact location will given upon registration. Other dates and locations will be announced in the near future.

When is the event taking place?

To accommodate busy schedules our Take & Make distributions are held on Sundays after 11. The exact times will be available upon registration. When you register you will choose a time window to show up during, please arrive to the event during this window.

Should I show up early?

There is no need to show up early, your box of food has been reserved specifically for you when you made your reservation.

What if I am unable to show up to the event that day and would like to receive a box of food?

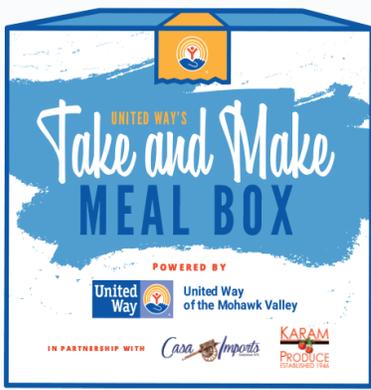
Unfortunately, the boxes of food are only available during the event. However, we will be holding more events in the future.

What type of documentation will be required to prove I live in the City of Utica?

Please bring documentation in the form of:

- Drivers license
- Utility bill
- Tax bill
- Mortgage statement
- Bank statement
- Payroll stub
- Passport





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Can I register to receive more than one box of food?

No, each household is only eligible to receive one box of food. Duplicate registrations at one household will be canceled.

Can I walk to the event, or do I have to drive?

There will be an area reserved for individuals who are walking to the event, to ensure their safety among the cars. The directions for walkers are given when making your reservation.

What comes in the box?

In the box being given out on October 25, items will include products to make 5 meals for 5 family members. The box will include items to make the following meals, plus other items:

- Spaghetti & homemade sauce
- Spaghetti & meatballs
- Pasta primavera
- Seafood over pasta
- Pizza

I am unable to eat the contents of the meal box being offered due to dietary restrictions or allergies, do you have any options?

Yes, when registering for the event please choose the ALTERNATIVE BOX option. This will signal to the staff when you show up for the event that you need to pick up the dietary sensitive option. There are a limited number of these alternative options available.

Who helped make this event possible?

The City of Utica received federal COVID-19 relief funding from the Emergency Services Grant (ESG). The City determined United Way of the Mohawk Valley to be the recipient of this funding for food distribution. Thanks to this funding, we were able to partner with Casa Imports and Karam Produce to put together these unique meal boxes to help feed City of Utica residents in need.

Do I have to wear a mask at the event?

Yes, please wear a mask when interacting with volunteers and/or staff at the event.

I would like to volunteer for to help with future food distribution events, how can I sign up?

You can sign up to receive volunteer notifications on United Way of the Mohawk Valley's new volunteer website Volunteers United, visit www.volunteersunitedmv.org

