



## BRYAN COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTION TO PROVIDE FREE MEALS FOR CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY DURING SCHOOL CLOSURES (MARCH 23 – APRIL 10)

Bryan County, GA – March 20, 2020 – Bryan County Family Connection will be providing free breakfast and dinner for all Bryan County children while county schools are closed from Monday, March 23 to Friday, April 10. Bryan County Family Connection is a Department under Bryan County Board of Commissioners. Bryan County is currently implementing precautionary steps in response to health concerns regarding the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

'Grab & Go' meals will be available to students from Bryan County schools, starting Monday March 23, from 4:30-6 p.m. at the following locations:

- Hendrix Park 3960 Wilma Edwards Road, Ellabell
- Pembroke City Park 91 Lanier Street, Pembroke
- Plantation Apartments 201 Casey Drive, Richmond Hill

"During this difficult time, we want to help alleviate some of the stress for our Bryan County families," said Bryan County Family Connection Executive Director Wendy Sims. "No child should have to worry about where their next meal is coming from because they aren't in school."

Family Connections has closed their food and clothing bank, but phone lines are open 24/7 and emergency deliveries of food to those in need are being undertaken by senior staff in addition to the new student meal program. Bryan County is committed to the wellbeing of every resident and is closely monitoring the spread of COVID-19 and continuing to consult with experts in public health and safety. Further adjustments to services will be made to ensure the safety of Bryan County's staff and residents, while meeting essential needs.

Bryan County Family Connection connects key community partners in order to improve the lives of children and families by finding resources, coordinating projects, managing efforts, and empowering the community to craft local solutions based on unique challenges and opportunities. The Collaborative has built a team of diverse partners committed to improving the quality of life in Bryan County, by a planning process that identifies needs and resources, sets

goals and priorities, evaluates programs and practices, and measures and reports results for Bryan County

For more information about the free meals, please contact Wendy Sims at <a href="wendysims@bryan-county.org">wendysims@bryan-county.org</a> or 912-653-3824. To learn more about Bryan County, or news and updates regarding COVID-19, please visit <a href="www.bryancountyga.org">www.bryancountyga.org</a> or follow the county on their social media accounts, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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