

Casa Azafrán in Action

What started with a weekly food distribution event at Casa Azafrán while our office remained closed, grew into a sustained approach addressing food insecurity and distributing resources. In partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank, Nashville Noticias, and World Central Kitchen, since March 2020, Conexión Américas we continue to host weekly drive-thru events to distribute fresh produce boxes and warm meals to immigrant-origin families.

Collaborating with the Metro Nashville Public Health Department and Siloam Health, we created culturally-appropriate food boxes that provided fresh produce, eggs, milk, and staples for Latinx and Middle Eastern individuals and families quarantining because of COVID-19. 534 boxes were delivered directly to 267 homes by Community Health Workers and provided enough food for recipients to quarantine for two weeks without worrying about food insecurity.

31,520

food staples and
produce boxes

20,300

prepared meals
by Mesa Komal
Culinary Entrepreneurs

8,766

diapers provided by Mother-
to-Mother and Nashville
Diaper Connection

3,300

masks, thermometers,
and other health
safety items

Promoting Food Security

In coalition with the Tennessee Justice Center, we advocated for a more linguistically accessible and equitable Pandemic - EBT application process for Latinx children and families. P-EBT, a direct economic benefit for families who qualify for free or reduced lunch and missed these meals when schools were closed or operating virtually, provided much needed relief for immigrant-origin families who were largely left out of federal relief packages. As a deadline to apply approached, we organized a clinic with staff and volunteers to assist over 200 families with the application to receive hundreds of dollars in food benefits.



200

families assisted with Pandemic-EBT
food assistance applications