

Background




Elmer A. Henderson: A Johns Hopkins Partnership School serves 560 students in grades K-8. Located in East Baltimore the school is a Baltimore City Public School operated by the Johns Hopkins University School of Education.

When Principal Peter Kannam was hired in July 2018 he immediately knocked on doors in the community to introduce himself. Kannam then quadrupled after school activities, expanded the meal program to include breakfast, lunch, snack, and supper, and built out a team of dedicated staff to support students and families.

The emphasis on supporting the whole child and the whole family, combined with a relentless pursuit of academic excellence through high-quality curriculum, instruction, and professional development, helped Henderson-Hopkins become the most improved school in Baltimore City Public Schools last year. This year the school also doubled the percentage of 8th graders gaining acceptance to Baltimore's best high schools, greatly increasing students' odds of attending college.

This spring when COVID-19 hit the school immediately distributed laptops to every student, started offering live online instruction that was aligned to the existing curriculum, distributed groceries to families every week, and offered public health support. The support of the entire Johns Hopkins University and Medicine community made this possible. **Now with the closure of in-person school continuing through at least September and October, the school needs our help again to ensure that students and families do not go hungry.**

Food Program Numbers at a Glance

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| <p style="text-align: center;">1000</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Number of meals served per day pre-COVID-19 at Henderson-Hopkins</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Number of times per day meals were served pre-COVID-19 through breakfast, lunch, snack, and supper</p> |  | <p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Number of ways families can now receive groceries every week from Henderson-Hopkins, through walk-up, drive-up, or delivery.</p> |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;">124,583</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pounds of food distributed through emergency feeding program since March 2020</p> |  | <p style="text-align: center;">4,107</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Number of families served through emergency feeding program since March 2020</p> |

How to Help

Checks should be made payable to Johns Hopkins University with "HH Food Initiative" written in the memo line and mailed to

Development and Alumni Relations:
 Attn: Kelly Ehrhart
 HH Food Drive
 San Martin Center
 3400 N. Charles Street
 Baltimore, Maryland 21218-2696

OR Give Online at <https://secure.jhu.edu/form/soe> and select Henderson Hopkins Emergency Programming Fund

How Many Families Will You Help Feed?

It costs approximately **\$20 per week** to provide fresh fruits and vegetables and shelf-stable non-perishable groceries to one family.