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**The Avondale Arts Alliance launches emergency food and supply drive for local food pantry in face of cuts to SNAP funding**

**Avondale Estates, GA – October 29, 2025.** Following news of national cuts to SNAP funding, the nonprofit Avondale Arts Alliance seeks to address increased food insecurity needs in the community by launching an ongoing donation program for food and essential supplies. The Avondale Arts Alliance will be partnering with [DEAM Decatur](#), a local ministry that offers a weekly food pantry, utility and prescription medication assistance, and serves meals daily to between 60-100 unhoused people in Downtown Decatur.

“It is difficult to fathom the amount of strain that members of our community will soon face when SNAP benefits are paused on November 1,” said Avondale Arts Alliance President Isadora Pennington. “Here at the Avondale Arts Center, we feel we can make a difference by coordinating a food and supply drive at the gallery to support the efforts of the team at DEAM Decatur who already serve the communities that will be most directly impacted by these changes to SNAP funding. We also know that many of our neighbors may be looking for actionable ways to help, and we want to help connect the dots to make real change happen and help those in need during these difficult times.”

“The Avondale Arts Center is not only an art gallery that exhibits and sells the works of

hundreds of local artists each year, but also a community gathering place for people to come together and build relationships with one another around common interests. In times of need, the Avondale Arts Alliance has the power to work with local organizations to build pathways for real, tangible support and improve the lives of those in and around Avondale Estates,” said Pennington.

Starting on Sunday, November 2 during regular business hours of 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and during any subsequent open hours at the Avondale Arts Center, visitors will be able to drop off essential food, clothing, and supplies inside the building. Outside of open hours, a clearly marked bin will be left in front of the front doors for non-perishable food donations, while clothing items can be donated in a designated bin during any regular Avondale Arts Center open hours – see announcements of open hours on [Instagram](#). All donations will be regularly transported to DEAM Decatur for distribution.

Announcements of this new initiative as well as a QR code to donate funds directly to DEAM will be included in the next Avondale Arts Alliance [monthly newsletter](#) and will be promoted during the opening for the Alliance’s last art exhibition of 2025 – The Red Dot Show, opening on Saturday November 15 from 6-9 p.m.

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**DEAM provided these lists of most-needed items for November, 2025:**

- Reusable Bags/Large Paper Bags/Shopping Bags
- Tuna Fish
- Canned fruit
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- White rice, yellow rice
- Baked Beans
- Collard Greens
- Cooking Oil
- Canned Veggies (Mixed Veggies, Carrots, Peas.)
- Canned Chilli
- Canned Beef Stew
- Saltine Crackers
- Peanut Butter Crackers
- Applesauce Cups
- Holiday Foods (stuffing, gravy, collard greens, yams, cranberry sauce, etc.)

**Ongoing food needs:**

- 2.6 oz tuna packets
- Canned fruit
- Pasta sauce
- Hearty soups

- Condensed soups
- Powdered (or pods) laundry detergent\*\*
- Corn muffin mix
- Cereal

**Toiletries needed:**

- Feminine hygiene products
- Toilet paper
- Small paper bags/paper grocery bags
- Reusable cloth bags
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Small hand sanitizers
- Razors
- Body wipes
- Small kleenex packets

**Additional items needed for the winter:**

- Gloves
- Hats
- Blankets

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**The Avondale Arts Alliance:** The Avondale Arts Alliance (AAA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and uplifting the arts in the city of Avondale Estates through funding, education, programming, activations, and opportunities for artists. The AAA seeks to cultivate a community centered around accessible art that enhances the quality of life for those living and working in Avondale Estates, Georgia.

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