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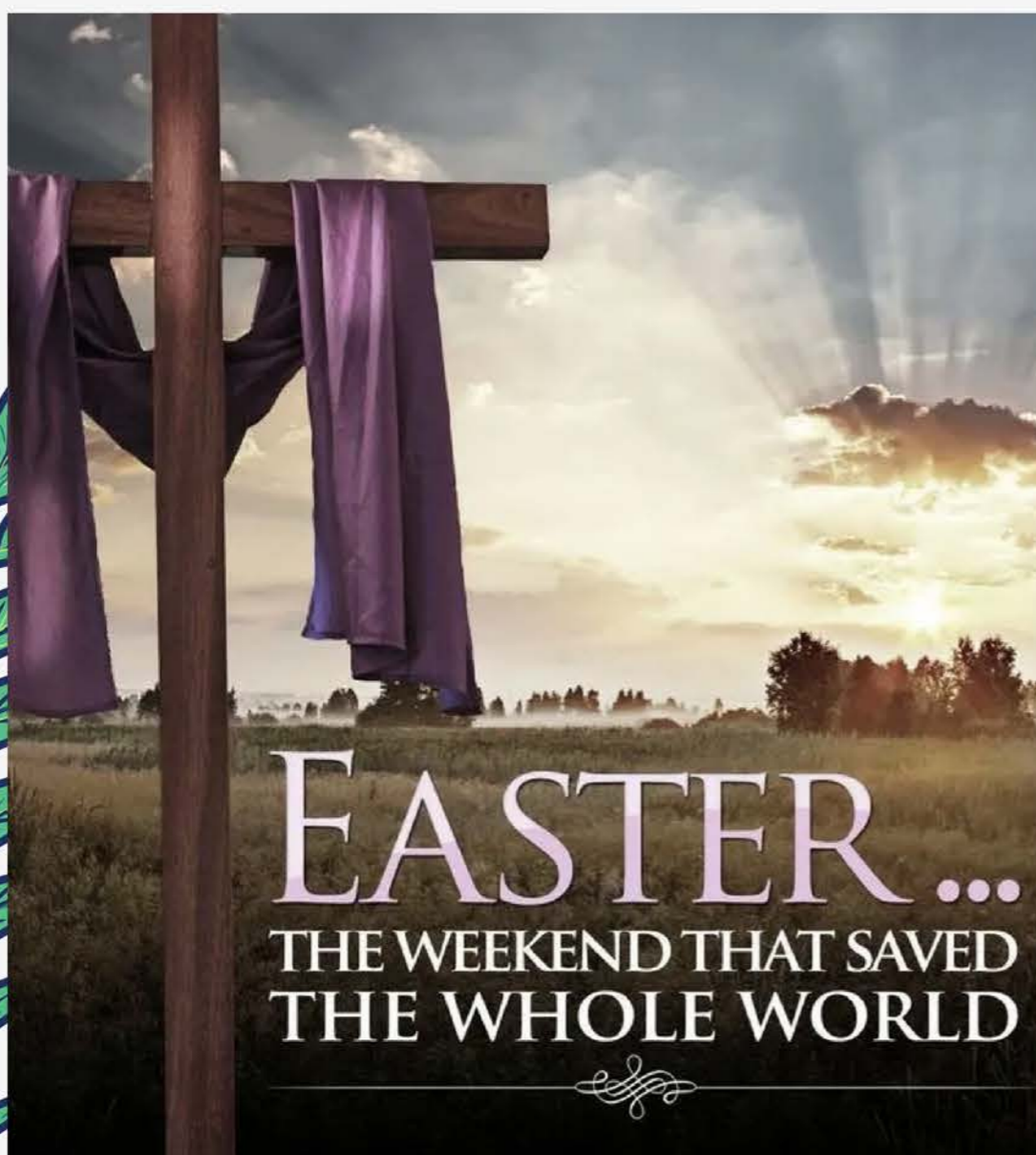
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EASTER MESSAGE

While witnesses didn't know it at the time, the events that took place 2000 years ago did just that. But Jesus knew how the events would unfold- He would be betrayed by friends, willingly carry OUR cross, be subjected to ridicule and torture, and nailed to a tree for hours. And knowing all that, He did it anyway. Why? Because He was obedient. Because He loves us. Because His sacrifice would wipe away OUR sins and give us eternal life...and save the world. Thank you Jesus!



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EASTER MEALS

THANK
YOU

Thank you to McGowan Insurance for helping us pack and

distribute Easter meals. Thank you to Chestnut Level and the local Girl Scouts for creating Easter baskets for 60 children. And lastly thank you to everyone who donated food to our Easter meals. Because of all of you, we were able to help 72 families celebrate the holiday together with a big ham, and all the trimmings!



MARCH MADNESS FOOD FIGHT

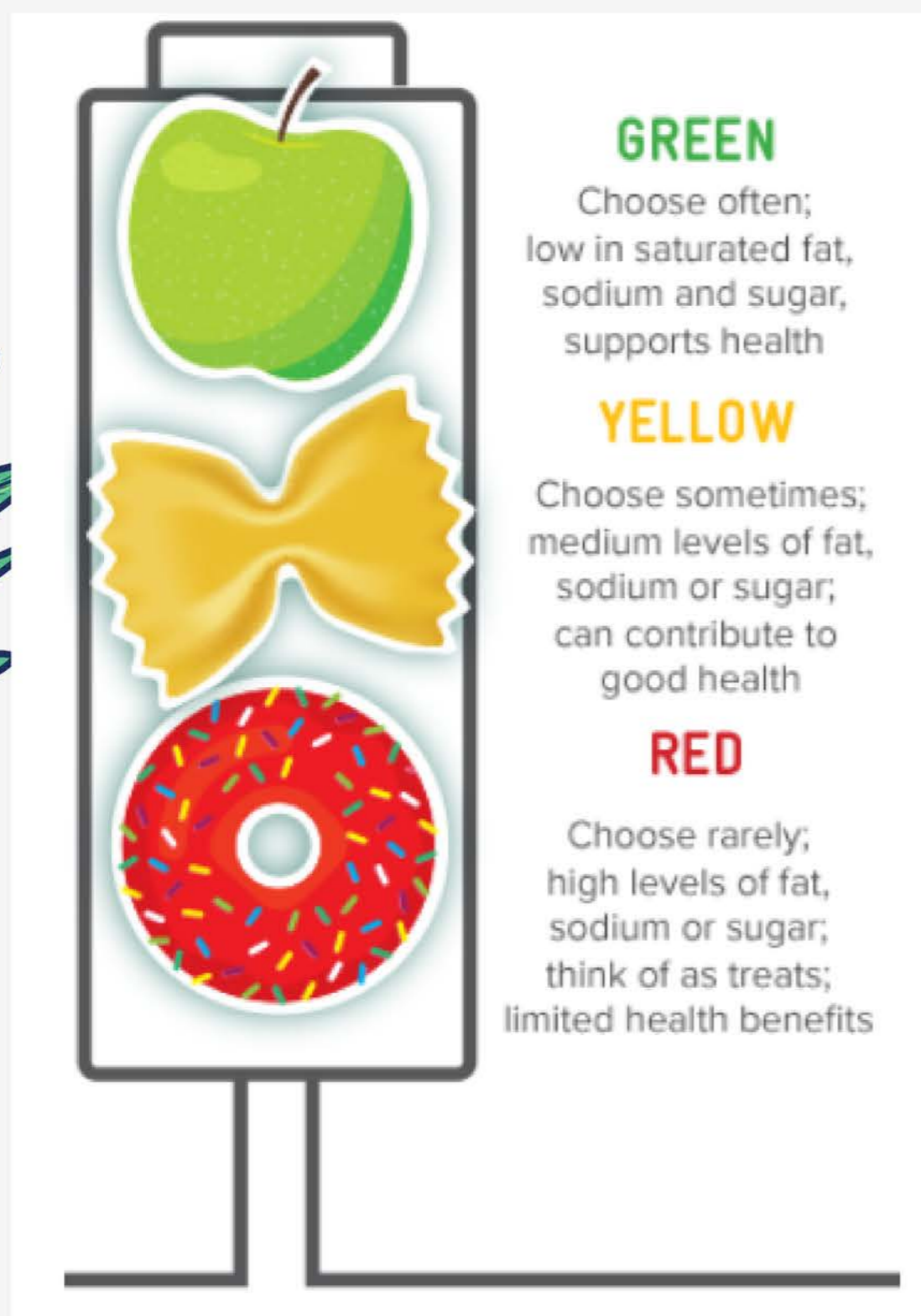


Our strong community is always helping to meet the needs of those who are struggling. Certain times of the year we receive donations more frequently, but March and April are particularly slow for our food bank. Thanks to the businesses listed below for participating in our first annual March Madness Food Fight. This competition has brought out the best in our community, a spirit of giving and hope. Together these businesses donated over 3,000 pounds of goods to the food bank. We are so grateful for their support and care for their neighbors.

- **Dewald Funeral Home**
- **High Real Estate Group, LLC (Accounting Team)**
- **JP Automotive**
- **McGowan Insurance**
- **Morr Range + Training**
- **Murray Insurance**
- **Newport Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation**
- **S.E.C.A.**

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SWAP



The goal with SWAP is to help families shopping at the food bank identify healthy food options. Our amazing food bank team date checks and categorizes every item that comes in, based on sugar, sodium and saturated fat. Then, items are placed on color-coded shelves so clients can easily choose the items that work best for them and their family. Our goal is to have 80% of our food choices "green" by the end of 2023.

CHOICE PANTRY



Our Choice Pantry gives families the option to shop in-person or pre-select food items they like. The benefits to Choice Pantry are many:

- Offers clients dignity to shop/choose their own items
- Accommodates cultural preferences, dietary restrictions and personal preferences
- Promotes less waste because clients receive what they will use
- Helps S.N.M. keep better inventory and ensures we store more of what individuals like and less of what they don't

HAPPY SPRING

We hope you're enjoying warmer weather and additional sunshine!

