

Town Square

Trinity Memorial Church Distributing Free Food Bags to Households in Need

By Bonnie Eisenfeld

Trinity Memorial Church at 22nd and Spruce Streets is distributing two bags of groceries per household to anyone experiencing food insecurity, no questions asked; advance reservations required. This food distribution program is



Sorting groceries for food-bag pickup at Trinity Memorial Church, 22nd and Spruce.

accessible to residents of Center City who do not have cars, and it has been a lifeline to seniors, families, children, and unemployed workers.

Groceries are distributed in the afternoon on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. For people who are unable to pick up due to disability or illness, volunteers will try to deliver.

Volunteer drivers needed: Trinity needs volunteers with large vehicles to pick up groceries from a partner in Northeast Philadelphia, drive them back into town, unload and sort the groceries, and drive some to disabled people. The amount of food varies each time. If enough drivers would volunteer, Trinity could distribute food every week.

Financial donations needed: You can donate funds to Trinity's main provider of groceries: www.caringforfriends.com, or donate directly to Trinity Memorial Church at 22nd and Spruce Sts. Donations directly to Trinity Memorial Church are used to purchase supplemental food such as eggs and fresh produce. Donate [online](#). For all donations, please note TMC Food Bag Program.

Bags and other items needed: Trinity needs strong double paper grocery bags (or strong fabric bags) and smaller bags for sorting fruit, as well as socks, and notes that say "You Matter."

To reserve food bags, to volunteer, or to ask questions, please email [Susan Weinman](mailto:Susan.Weinman). Thank you!

City Lit

Philadelphia Physician-Author Wins Annual Athenaeum Literary Award

By Bonnie Eisenfeld

Annually, the [Athenaeum of Philadelphia](#) presents an award to the year's most outstanding literary work either by a Philadelphia author or about Philadelphia. On April 12, the Athenaeum presented its 2020 Literary Award to Michele Harper's *The Beauty in Breaking: A Memoir*. The book, Dr. Harper's first, is about her experiences as an emergency room physician and her emotional and spiritual growth.

For the first time, the award includes a \$1,000 cash prize. Dr. William Jantsch, who presented the award, stated that the Literary Award jury found the memoir to be "courageous, beautifully written, and powerfully uplifting."

Dr. Harper has been an emergency room physician at Lincoln Hospital in the South Bronx and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Philadelphia. She is a graduate of Harvard University and the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University. Her book is a *New York Times* bestseller.

Other short-listed books for the 2020 Literary Award were Susan Abulhawa's *Against the Loveless World* and Kiley Reid's *Such a Fun Age*.



Dr. Michele Harper