Carrboro United is a new food initiative that provides an opportunity for Chapel Hill and Carrboro residents to pick up fresh produce, quality meats, and prepared meals three times a week from one central “Hub” location. These family-style meals feed up to four people.

“The workers we’ve been able to hire, the displaced workers, are not volunteers,” Tom Raynor said. “They are all being paid a living wage of $22 dollars an hour. The restaurants that are supplying us food are making their mark-up on the meals. So if somebody provides us with a $20-dollar meal, we’re selling that meal for $40 dollars.”

Carrboro United sources meat from Firsthand Foods, a cooperative of local pork, chicken, beef, and lamb farmers. Their eggs are from Latta’s Egg Ranch in Hillsborough. Produce comes from farms that sell at the Carrboro Farmers’ Market. The intention is to keep the businesses that sell at the Hub as local as possible.

Produce and meat at the Hub is sold at strict retail pricing, with the goal not to undercut the existing market but to strengthen it.

To order online, visit carrborounited.com and place your order by 6 p.m. on the day prior to your chosen Hub day. Orders can be picked up day-of anytime between 12 and 4 p.m. at 300 East Main Street in front of Cat’s Cradle.