



# FISH

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Greetings,

I hope this message finds you all well. These certainly are trying and challenging times for all of us. It has been especially difficult for FISH as we try find ways to help those in need. We have closed our doors, but we have continued to help in unprecedented ways.

The board has approved and is spending \$25,000 to help other nonprofits who continue to feed the local community. House of Mercy, Salvation Army, and St. Olaf's have been the recipients of food purchased online by Holly Trotter. They have also received food purchased at Costco by Mike Motes, Holly, and Jill Holroyd. Several of us have also taken stock from our pantry to House of Mercy. This has been an incredible effort to help support these organizations. A portion of the food purchased for House of Mercy has been fresh produce purchased from local farmers.

We continue to support the mobile food pantry financially. In addition to this, we will be providing food to help feed 200 children this summer as a part of the Summer Feeding Program.

The board continues to support the crockpot program by providing food and crockpots to families in motels. Summer Feeding Program and the crockpot program are being spearheaded by Joe Benedetti and the expanding the footprint committee.

We are closed but continue to help and support other nonprofits.

I know many of you are anxious to get back to work. The board is discussing ways we may be able to get back at it. However, the food supply chain continues to be a problem, as stores are still not willing to sell us bulk food.

Gene Bruss

President

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