DONATE TO PROJECT HOPE DURING OMAHA GIVES CAMPAIGN ON MAY 20, 2020!

Project Hope, Inc. is a non-profit food pantry which provides food and clothing assistance at no cost to families in need.

Pantry Locations and Hours

**Main Pantry Location:**
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
11:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

**Satellite Pantry:**
St. Matthew Lutheran
1725 S 60th St
Third Saturday of the Month
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Clients Served January - March 2020
Average Households per Month — 412
Average Individuals per Month — 1,181

**Shop For Us:** Download Together A Greater Good app from Google Play and TAGG us at participating retail businesses.

Shop Amazon smile for a percentage of your spending to be donated to Project Hope.

**Donate Your Dollars:**
On our website - projecthopeomaha.org or send to us in the mail. Envelope provided inside.

Direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Project Hope.

Hy-Vee Reusable Bag Giving Tag Program: Select Project Hope, Inc. to receive $1 per bag.

**Donate Food and Clothing:** Bring food and your gently used clothing to our main pantry site.
Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Join us on Wednesday, May 20, 2020
For Our Omaha Gives! Fundraiser Campaign

**PROJECT HOPE** is participating in this year’s 24 hour charitable challenge to reach our goal of raising $10,000 to help us cover a portion of our operating cost in 2020.

The more you give to Project Hope on May 20th the better chance we have of qualifying for additional prize money.

**Mark your calendar now!**

We also need your help to spread the word. Let your friends and family know to add Project Hope to their list of non-profits to donate to on May 20th! Post about Project Hope and Omaha Gives! on your social media pages.

*Use #OmahaGives*

Schedule your gift starting May 1st! For your convenience, you can schedule your gift on the Omaha Gives! website.

*OmahaGives.org*

**Thank you for your support!**

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**Crispy Chickpeas**

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Cheesy Flavor: 2 Tablespoons Nutritional Yeast
Chili Lime: 2 Teaspoons Chili Powder & Zest of 1 lime
Rosemary & Garlic: 2 Teaspoons of both Garlic Powder & Rosemary
Cinnamon Sugar: 2 Teaspoons of Cinnamon & 2 Tablespoons of Sugar

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.
2. Drain and rinse chickpeas then transfer to a bowl. Use a paper towel and pat chickpeas as dry as possible. If some of the skins fall off, remove them from the bowl.
3. Add the coconut oil, salt and pepper to bowl and toss to combine. Transfer the chickpeas to a baking sheet.
4. Roast the chickpeas for 45 minutes stirring every 10 minutes. If adding flavors, remove after 30 minutes, add spices and return to oven for remaining 15 minutes.

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**PANTRY NEEDS**

*YOUR* pantry donations go directly to our clients and we thank you for your kindness in sharing your resources.

**OUR GREATEST NEEDS AT THIS TIME ARE:**

**FOOD:** Cereal Bars, Pop Tarts, Cereal, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup, Jelly, Jam, Canned Fruits (Mandarin Oranges, Mixed Fruit, Applesauce), Fruit Juice, Canned Vegetables (Peas, Corn, Green Beans, Mixed), Canned Beans (Black Beans, Kidney, Pinto, Chili, Refried Beans, etc.), Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, Spam, etc.), Cream Soups, Peanut Butter, Pasta, Pasta Sauces, Salsa and Condiments (Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, & Salad Dressings).

**BABY NEEDS:** Diapers sizes 4, 5 & 6 and Baby Wipes.

**PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS:** Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Band aids, Sunscreen and Bug Spray.

**PAPER PRODUCTS:** Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue & Paper Towels.

**HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS:** Small Bottles of Liquid Dish Soap and Small Bottles of Laundry Detergent.

**OUR CLOTHING PANTRY IS CLOSED AT THIS TIME**

We are **not accepting** clothing at this time due to the Pandemic restrictions. Follow us on Facebook for announcements on when we will open the clothing pantry and accept donations.
**Direct Your Dollars from Family Fare: Give your Family Fare receipts to Project Hope!**

**DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS** is a receipt-based program. We can raise money simply by doing something we all do each week—going to the grocery store.

Every time you shop at your local Family Fare store, save your receipts and encourage your friends and family to do the same. Bring your Family Fare receipts to Project Hope or mail your original receipts to Sue Ties, 19011 Lake Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022.

When we’ve collected and submitted our next $150,000 in receipts, we receive another $1,000 for the Dairy Program at Project Hope!

We just submitted our second set of $150,000 in receipts.  
Keep them coming!  
Thank you!

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**Project Hope Pantry Client Story**

I have a friend who expressed to me how much Project Hope helped her son. Her son passed away 6 months ago. I want to document her testimony.

My friend was a longtime caregiver for her son before he recently passed. Her son’s condition caused him to be homebound not allowing him to work or perform everyday tasks. My friend and her daughter gave him round-the-clock home care as institutional care was cost prohibitive. Over the course of many years, the Project Hope food pantry was able to provide food for her son. My friend would “shop” for her son at Project Hope. She felt comfort in the friendly and compassionate staff at Project Hope. She ALWAYS felt welcome and when she needed a listening ear, Project Hope provided that as well. She is forever grateful for Project Hope— not only for the food and clothing but also the kindness of the staff.

This story was sent via email to Project Hope by Karen on March 7, 2020.

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**Wine & Beer Tasting Event Cancelled**

Due to Pandemic Restrictions

We regret to inform you that our Wine & Beer Tasting Event scheduled for Thursday, April 23rd has been cancelled. Please support us in our other fundraiser events this year and at anytime you are able. A self addressed donation envelope is attached to the center of this newsletter for your convenience.

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**Grants Received this Quarter**

Shepherd of the Hills Christian Growth Endowment Fund  
Dairy Grant for $1,000  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church Endowment Fund  
Dairy Grant for $5,000

Thank you to the above organizations for supporting our mission.
Thank You!!

**Thank You** to the church members who have provided food for Project Hope during January, February, and March. We appreciate your continued support and help with our mission.

- St. Michael Lutheran Church
- Lutheran Church of the Master
- Liberty Church
- First United Methodist Church
- Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
- Augustana Lutheran Church
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
- Mount Calvary Lutheran Church
- St. Mark Lutheran Church
- Immanuel Lutheran Church
- Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- Zion Lutheran Church LCMS
- Lord of Love Lutheran Church
- St. Thomas Lutheran Church
- Bethel Lutheran Church
- Rejoice! Lutheran Church
- Lutheran Church of the Master
- Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
- St. John Lutheran Church

**Blessings to all of you for remembering our neighbors!**

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**Thank you to these groups for their donations!**

- Phil’s Cash Super Saver Store donating plastic grocery bags, milk, cheese, eggs, many food & misc. items.
- Saving Grace for delivering bread, pastries, fresh produce, cereal, cookies, pancake mix, meat, prepared meals, milk and eggs three times weekly.
- Black Men United donating sandwiches, fruit, salads, and dairy products.
- Hearthland Family Services donating clothing.
- Bethel Deliverance Ministries donating food.
- Montessori Schools donating milk and fruit.
- Amazon Smile Organization monetary donation.
- Aurora Cooperative monetary donation.
- LMI Foundation, Inc. monetary donation.
- Omaha Community Foundation monetary donation.
- Thrivent Choice Dollars.

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**Thank You to the following Churches Donating Nonfood Items in the 1st Quarter:**

- St. Michael Lutheran Church
- Liberty Church
- First United Methodist Church
- Augustana Lutheran Church
- Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
- Zion Lutheran Church LCMS
- Resurrection Lutheran Church
- Bethel Lutheran Church
- Rejoice! Lutheran Church
- St. Thomas Lutheran Church

**Church Donors**

**First Quarter 2020**

- Thank you to the following churches supporting us financially.

  - Augustana Lutheran Church Jubilee Witness Fund
  - Bethany Lutheran Church Women
  - Immanuel Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA
  - Luther Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church
  - Mount Olive Lutheran Church
  - Presbyterian Church of Schaller, IA
  - Resurrection Lutheran Church
  - St. John Lutheran Church
  - St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church
  - St. Thomas Lutheran Church
  - St. Timothy’s Lutheran Church

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**2020 Project Hope Board of Directors**

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