



Greetings Howard J.,

It's overwhelming. A CNN headline yesterday read: "30 million Americans have filed initial unemployment claims since mid-March."

Our current circumstances may feel overwhelming, but, I pray, we shall not be overwhelmed by hopelessness. We can provide **thousands of people** with the **gift of hope** by helping to meet their most **basic need for food**.

Jesus replied, "You give them something to eat."

– Luke 9:13

During the month of May, the Foundation will **match \$-for-\$ your donation** to three food banks for a total match of **\$50,000**.* Give a general gift to the food bank or give to the food bank to build **agency credit** for your favorite **local food pantry partner**. See the following website for a map of the countries served by the three food banks and for more details:

umfnic.org/foodhelp

"My wife Chris and I are retired and live comfortably on our retirement income. When we got our stimulus check last week the conversation was not about what we could buy or what we needed, rather it was about who we should give the money to. After a short conversation, we decided that in the short-term folks needed food and shelter."

– George Groves, UMF Board Member

Many of you may find yourselves in similar circumstances, that you have a renewed call to be generous. This match has 100% support of UMF Board members, who are giving \$8000 as a group.

Will you join us?

It's not overwhelming to participate. It's simple. Just click through on the links below to donate and enter "**UMFNIC**" in the "Comments" or "Additional Notes" box.

If you would like your donation and the Foundation match to be designated as **agency credit** for your favorite **local food pantry partner** of the food bank, then **insert a comma** after "**UMFNIC**," and type the **name of the food pantry**.

***** Please ignore any boxes that mention "matching." Those are for employer-sponsored matching programs. *****

- [Greater Chicago Food Depository](#): "2019: 62.4 million meals provided; 38.5% fresh produce"
- [Northern Illinois Food Bank](#): "\$1 can help provide \$8 worth of nutritious groceries"
- [River Bend Food Bank](#): "\$1 = 5 MEALS!"

Thank you for your generosity in this time of need.

Be safe, be blessed, and be a blessing for others,

Chris Walters

*This match is made possible by a generous bequest from a Methodist pastor who designated a portion of his estate to the Foundation. [See the website](#) for more details about how to participate.