

## **Supporting Vulnerable Milwaukeeans during COVID-19**

First Church has long-standing relationships with partners who serve the Milwaukee Community. The following list includes how you can help our partner organizations serve people in need in Milwaukee during the COVID-19 public health crisis. It also includes ways you can help some locally-organized community responses to the crisis.

### **FIRST CHURCH PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **Guest House**

The Guest House of Milwaukee provides shelter, housing, education, and services to Milwaukee's homeless who seek to transform their lives with dignity and purpose. Please contact Amy at [amy@guesthouseofmilwaukee.com](mailto:amy@guesthouseofmilwaukee.com) with any questions, or to schedule a drop off.

#### **Most-needed Items:**

- Non-perishable food
  - Canned soup, stews, pasta
  - Boxed meals
  - Frozen meals and pizza
- Body wash and detergent for all genders
- Household supplies (Cleaning supplies, toilet paper)
- New or gently used casual attire for all genders
  - Jeans, t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweat pants, and pajamas
  - New packages of size medium men's underwear
  - New packages of L,XL, XXL men's shirts
  - New packages of women's underwear and bras of all sizes
- Puzzle books, adult coloring books, art supplies

#### **Voces de la Frontera**

Voces De La Frontera has set up a Direct Relief Fund for Undocumented and Mixed-Status families. The Undocumented community has been left out of the stimulus package which is going to benefit US citizens, small businesses, and corporations during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information and to donate to the undocumented victims of the COVID-19 pandemic, visit this link: <https://bit.ly/VocesReliefFund>

#### **Interchange Food Pantry**

The Interchange Food Pantry, provides healthy food for all of Milwaukee. Due to the pandemic, Interchange can't get their usual food from Feeding America, and is quickly running through their budget. Their brave volunteers are keeping the pantry open in these difficult times, when several local pantries have already closed. The need to provide our vulnerable populations with healthy food has never been greater! To donate visit this link: [https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-support-the-interchange-food-pantry?utm\\_source=customer&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link-tip&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp+share-sheet](https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-support-the-interchange-food-pantry?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link-tip&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet)

## **Program the Parks**

Program the Parks provides food and essential supplies to the most vulnerable in the Sherman Park Community, which has been hit especially hard by the virus. They need:

### **Most-needed Items:**

- Cash payments to purchase food/supplies
  - to PayPal.me/ProgramTheParks
  - or cash app \$ProgramTheParksMKE
- BP gas cards
- Ziplock bags
- Large paper bags & plastic bags
- Protective gear
- Sanitizer
- Gloves (L and XL)
- Disinfectant wipes or spray
- Masks (to distribute in the community)

## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE DURING COVID-19**

### **Ayuda Mutua Mke**

Ayuda Mutua (Mutual Aid) is a grassroots efforts providing free items and food to low-resourced people in Milwaukee's Latinx community in the 53204 and 53215 zip codes. They accept donations every Monday and Friday from 12 to 3pm at 1115 S.7th St.

### **Most-needed Items:**

- Canned food
- Hygiene supplies: toilet paper, sanitary napkins, and tampons
- Cleaning supplies, especially bars of soap
- Diapers and baby wipes

### **Love on Black Women**

This fund will support Milwaukee black mothers in need of financial assistance. Funds will pay for groceries, cleaning and hygiene supplies, and child care for folks who still need to work during Safer at Home. Donate here: <https://www.facebook.com/donate/919784808471600/10163198812790548/>

### **Casa Maria**

Casa Maria provides housing for mothers and children. They are in need of diapers and wipes. To drop off donations, please call 414 344-5745.

### **Benedict Center**

The Benedict Center provides community-based substance abuse and mental health treatment, education, and support to women in the criminal justice system so they can live safer and healthier lives for themselves, their children and our community. They are in need of office supplies, art supplies, and tech supplies. For information on dropping off donations please call 414 347-1774.