

Local Food Shelves in Need

Local food shelves are reporting a significant loss of recovered food due to the Covid19 pandemic. This is requiring them to buy more of the food that they distribute to those in need. ICA is reporting a 2/3 decline in rescued food from the usual levels. At the same time, demand for emergency supplies has doubled in the last week. For reasons associated with the pandemic, cash donations are much preferred at this time. However, food shelves are in need of toilet paper, canned tuna, pasta, cereal broth, and canned tomatoes as well paper grocery bags with which to pack groceries for distribution at curbside.

If you would like to help with donations, you can donate to ICA, which just announced a \$50,000 dollar-for-dollar match, thru Trinity. Make your check payable to Trinity with ICA in the memo line. Likewise WeCan in Mound or Bountiful Harvest in Chaska have websites through which you can make direct donations.

Also, it is important to note that many of these organizations are being challenged to keep enough volunteers as those who are higher risk or already exposed or sick are asked or required to stay home. ICA is particularly affected by this. If you are interested and willing to volunteer, you can go to their website and sign up directly.

- Rev. Chip Whitacre