



Serving Our Neighbors in Need

IMPACTreport

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HOW YOUR DONATIONS ARE CHANGING LIVES

Special COVID Edition

"MUST Ministries is always the first to step up and help the community in times of need and they have truly been a blessing to my family."

Everyday, our story is shifting.

We are constantly altering our delivery methods to serve more and provide more. We are still working with a skeleton staff and few volunteers. But despite so many obstacles and changing circumstances, MUST has distributed 815,832 meals since March 16.

Now THAT is a *Miracle!*

Only God could provide so many miracles over the past few months. The number of people helped, the food provided and the donations coming to MUST are all sources of gratitude and praise.

As poverty increases, the demand for MUST services has reached an all-time high. Despite "giving fatigue" (food and donations have decreased nationwide) and the exhaustion of our staff, we are pressing on and blessed to be serving. We are also blessed to be on this journey with you, our supporters.



"This MUST food program has really helped my family. I have been unemployed for 7 weeks, so this helps us very much. Thank you so much again!"



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MUST FOOD RAPID RESPONSE

From curbside pantries distributing grocery boxes to drive-through Summer Lunch lines giving children 5-day meal kits and the homeless receiving two meals a day outdoors, MUST has been there to meet hunger needs throughout this area.

MAR 16 - JULY 24

Households **59,712**
HH Members **93,034**

Meals Provided **815,832**
Total Pounds of Food **978,998**

HOUSING CRISIS

Continues to Grow

Since March 16, the housing team at MUST has been rapidly placing people in the shelter, motels and housing programs to help prevent or end homelessness. With the loss of jobs and so many pandemic-related factors, housing has become a more significant issue than before Covid-19.

In 4 months, MUST's housing program has provided:

Elizabeth Inn Shelter **460 individuals**

Motel vouchers **328 individuals** (quarantined before shelter admission)

Permanent Supportive Housing (disabled/homeless) **117 individuals**

Federal Tenant Based Rental Assistance and Rapid Rehousing **112 individuals**

Total: 1,017 individuals



"If anybody wants to get their life together, MUST is a good place to start," said Army veteran Randy Williams. "As long as you come in and do what's required, you're going to make it. There aren't a lot of programs that help veterans so that's what sets MUST Ministries apart." MUST helped Randy get an apartment and gave him a comforter set, toiletries and other items to help him get settled after months of being homeless. Despite his disabilities, he finally has hope.

Amid the high rate of unemployment, MUST opened a Jobs Hotline.



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www.mustministries.org

"I am beyond grateful for the monthly food box because I was just laid off from my job about three weeks ago. I have a little money coming, but it will be weeks before I even get it so money has been tight for my son and I."



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Call or text our Employment Hotline
at 470.313.1960 to speak with
an Employment Specialist

Available M-F, 10:00am-4:00pm

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