



COVID-19 CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK RESPONSE Fund



FACT SHEET

On March 23, 2020, Governor Whitmer ordered Michigan residents to stay at home because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. This order had a particularly adverse effect on those who were already vulnerable, especially the financially disadvantaged.

Christ Church Cranbrook's Rector, the Reverend Dr. William J. Danaher, Jr., believed that we were called to reimagine what serving the community could look like, which created the Christ Church Cranbrook COVID-19 Response Fund. The COVID-19 Response Fund has been made possible by the generosity of church members and community members. **To date, the fund has raised \$153,969.**

Through the Response Fund, we have begun addressing the following critical needs:

Food Insecurity

- Contributed \$25,000 to The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan's Bishop's Fund for COVID-19 Relief to help local food banks.
- Raised \$15,000 to stock the Forgotten Harvest mobile food pantry in Pontiac, which will distribute over 90,000 pounds of perishable and shelf-stable food to feed between 700 to 1,000 families for up to two weeks.
- Sponsored a meal at the Baldwin Center Soup Kitchen in Pontiac from a local deli for \$1,000 to feed 200 people.
- Supplied hygiene products and prepackaged food to those in need through our community service partners Lighthouse MI and All Saints Episcopal Church Breakfast Program.
- Assisted Micah 6 prepare their garden beds to provide fresh produce in the food desert of Pontiac.

Caring for those on the Front Lines

- Supported FrontLine Appreciation Group by holding a 5-day matching challenge that contributed \$19,000 to buy over 3,000 meals for local hospital workers from local restaurants.
- Provided more than 200 (and counting) snack bags and notes of appreciation for health care workers and staff in the Henry Ford Health System Hospitals and Harper Hospital.

Homelessness during a Pandemic

- Provided \$30,000 so 212 homeless people could shelter-in-place safely for a week at HOPE Warming Center, Lighthouse of Oakland County and Cass Community Services.

Financial Fallout

- Awarded \$30,000 in grants to our six Pontiac Community Partners to aid in their COVID-19 relief work.