

Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. - John 6:35



One in 11 Minnesotans visited a food shelf in 2018. The rates are even higher in the inner city of South Minneapolis, where we operate our food shelf at Jericho Road Ministries. Last year, members from over 14,000 households, representing 50,000 people received food from our food shelf. By

partnering with individuals, churches, and other organizations in 2018, we were able to distribute 550,000 pounds of food worth over \$992,000. Through partnerships with food bank networks, we are able to purchase food at deep discounts, multiplying the donations we receive (see photo). Every dollar that we spend at food bank networks enables us to purchase \$10-\$15 worth of food.

When our neighbors come to us for help with food, the situations are always complex. Therefore, we seek to address the underlying and chronic issues that lead to a lack of food. One trend that has been affecting hunger rates is the increase in the cost of living. In most cases, wage increases have not kept pace, making it much more difficult for people to make ends meet. As we work together with them to meet their basic needs, we also share the gospel of Jesus Christ and help them become part of a local church whenever possible.

You can play a crucial role in these efforts. March has been designated as “Minnesota Food Share Month” and is the largest food drive in the state. As part of this campaign, Jericho Road will have the opportunity to receive matching grants from a couple different organizations. Matching grant funds will be divided among participating organizations based on the total amount of contributions each organization receives during the month of March. Therefore, your gift can be multiplied not only through our expanded purchasing power, but also through matching grant funds. Last year, the March Food Share campaign was a significant means of restocking our shelves, enabling us to purchase over 4 tons of food.

Thank you for prayerfully considering partnering with us for the “March Food Share.” Give online at JerichoRoad.us or mail a check to: Jericho Road Ministries, 1628 E 33rd St, Minneapolis, MN 55407.

Thanking God for your partnership in the gospel,



Scott Anderson
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