# **FOOD & FUND DRIVE YOUR WAY**

Thank you for working alongside Family Pathways to provide everyday and holiday meals to neighbors and friends across east central Minnesota and western Wisconsin! Here is a useful guide to hosting a food and fund drive and other ways to help your local community this holiday season.

#### Virtual Food & Fund Drive

Instead of going to the grocery store and buying food items, participants can take advantage of Family Pathways' bulk purchasing power to maximize the impact of their donations!

- How to set-up your virtual food drive:

  1. Visit the Virtual Food Drive Webpage at FamilyPathways.org
- 2. Click on "Become a Fundraiser"
- 3. Follow the steps to set up your own page including a goal, your own picture or logo and a message for your community.
- 4. Share your page and collect food virtually!

Did you know we can turn \$1 into \$7 worth of food?



#### Traditional Food & Fund Drive

Host a Drive Up/Drop Off event or put a collection bin out at your business, organization, or church and invite your network to drop off food items.

- 1. Register your Food & Fund Drive at Family Pathways.org so we can help promote your event
- 2. Select dates for your campaign
- 3. Use the provided materials to let donors know where and when they can drop off their food and financial donations.
- 4. Create clearly marked collection bins in easily accessible locations

### Small Group Volunteer Project

Grab your small group of co-workers, congregants, or organization members to help at a food shelf or other Family Pathways program. Projects may include cleaning, filling orders, organizing thrift store items, stocking food shelves, and more! Learn more at FamilyPathways.org/volunteer.

## <u>Spread the Word That Help is Available</u>

These are challenging times and everyone needs a little extra help.

- Print/post the attached flyer.
- Put a blurb in your newsletter, church bulletin, or emails.
- Share Family Pathways posts about our food shelves and other services on your company, church, or organization's social media platforms. Follow Family Pathways on Facebook (@familypathwaysnb) for posts and updates.



For more information, marketing and promotion materials, or technical help with a virtual food drive, please contact Sonia Palmer at soniap@familypathways.org.