

## Why We Must Simply Give

As we announced [extended back-to-back fall and holiday Simply Give campaigns](#) starting this week and lasting through the end of the year, we are reflecting upon the reasons why [Simply Give](#) exists – to partner with our customers to support local communities and feed neighbors in need. In this spirit, we would like to share some of the kind words directly from our pantry partners who benefitted from our [recent donation on behalf of the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give](#). Words of support and appreciation from those on the frontlines of hunger mean the world to us and serve as a reminder of our mission to enrich lives in the communities we serve.

Here are some impactful notes we have received this year:

“You have gone above and beyond, past and present, regarding being a community partner and I just want to pass along a sincere THANK YOU! Since you moved into Oak Creek (WI) your generosity has helped many, many families. I look forward to a continuing partnership as I will do my part in getting food to those in need.”

-Jeff, Faith Baptist Church, Oak Creek, Wisc.

“Thank you so much for the ongoing support that Meijer has shown to us and the many agencies that you give to. The cards enable us to purchase a variety of items that don't get donated through other sources. Things like fresh produce, dairy products, meat and baby items. It also enables us to purchase these items when we need them and not just when someone wants to donate them (usually with an expiration date right around the corner). We feel blessed to be a recipient of the Simply Give Program!”

– Sue, Helping Hands of St. Louis, Toledo, Ohio

“THANK YOU. These cards will allow me to purchase food for the bare spots on my shelves. Hunger continues to be a concern not only in our country but also our community. Keep up the good work.”

-Sue, Constantine Community Food Pantry, Three Rivers, Mich.

“Meijer has been truly amazing in their support as we continue to feed those hurting families in our community. Thank you so much for all you do!”

-Pamela, Helping Individuals Succeed (H.I.S) Inc. Food Pantry, Flint, Mich.

“We are honored to be able to use your gift cards to continue our mission of providing meals for our community members, especially during this time of the crisis.”

-Bonnie, Manna Food Pantry of Big Rapids, Big Rapids, Mich.

“Your gift will make a tremendous difference in the lives of people right here in our community. ... This unprecedented time is scary to impoverished elderly and families. They are not able to afford to “stock up” on supplies and we are providing an increased amount of drive thru food so they can be a bit more secure in their food during this difficult time. ... Meijer & your Simply Give Program is the most impactful program we have ever had. Thank you Meijer for generously giving during this time of great crisis. We are so grateful for your support. Thank you for giving food and wellbeing to all in our community. Meat, fresh produce and food are provided to elderly,

disabled and low income families in need through your support. Thank you for making a huge difference!”

- Karen, Director, Open Door Outreach Center, Waterford, Mich.

“The Meijer LPGA Classic for *Simply Give* is always a godsend for us. For you at Meijer to still send a substantial donation to us and to other food pantries this year, despite the cancellation, is really great news.”

-Charles, Resurrection St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry, Lansing, Mich.

To see the list of pantries in your community partnering with us this fall, check out our [Fall 2020 Fact Sheet](#).

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