

FOOD WITH LOVE



FOOD WITH LOVE is an emergency relief program that matches community needs with idle capacity. Food insecurity and hunger relief become more acute problems for communities in times of crisis and economic uncertainty. Local nonprofits such as meal sites, shelters, and youth programs are all projecting heightened demand for free meal services during the COVID-19 crisis. Restaurants, on the other hand, are mostly sitting idle after being mandated to temporarily cease in-house dining. Talented chefs and hospitality professionals are eager to put their skills to use. So why not put these culinary experts to work cooking fresh, nourishing meals for those in need in our community? Food With Love is a solution to these two problems.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

Donors, like yourself, can make a tax-deductible charitable gift to the Community Foundation of Johnson County, who will serve as the fiscal sponsor in managing the Food With Love project.

The Community Foundation will oversee all distributions ensuring the funds raised will go directly to support the project. The Community Foundation can assist donors with making a wide variety of gifts — from cash and gifts of stock to IRA rollovers and acceptance of RMD payments from retirement accounts.

Food With Love meals will be prepared in the safe, healthy kitchens of St. Burch Tavern, DeLuxe Bakery, Big Grove and Pullman Bar & Diner.

Additional restaurants may be needed depending upon demand, capacity and funding.

These restaurants will collaborate with Table-to-Table, to plan, prepare, cook and deliver fresh meals each day to nonprofits who will distribute the meals to families in need.

All restaurants participating in the project will prepare meals “at cost” for no profit.

If excess funds are remaining after the crisis subsides, all remaining dollars will be donated to Table-to-Table to help support the ongoing work they do in our community.

After consulting with local non-profits, we believe there is a need for at least 250 prepared meals each day and our goal is to continue the program for at least 30 days beginning March 30.

To donate, please visit cfjc.org and click on the “Donate To a Fund” button. You can also call the Foundation at 319.337.0483.



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