

United Health Foundation Supports Americans Experiencing Homelessness and Food Insecurity Amid COVID-19 Emergency



Through a \$5 million pledge, the United Health Foundation is providing urgent support for people experiencing homelessness, hunger and food insecurity by partnering with national organizations dedicated to supporting these populations as they face unprecedented hardships during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Homelessness in America remains troublesome, with homeless people at significant risk of infection and unmet medical needs during this time. Food insecurity is also of paramount concern as a survey recently found that a need for food assistance has increased an average of 37 percent, while food donations have declined.

The United Health Foundation is working with proven, national partners to better meet the great need we are facing across the country.



National Health Care for the Homeless Council **\$2.5 million**

THE CHALLENGE

NHCHC focuses on ensuring comprehensive health care and secure housing for everyone, through work with health care for homeless programs, medical respite programs, and housing and social service organizations across the country.

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS

NHCHC is supporting both urgent, immediate needs at local health care for homeless programs as well as longer-term needs to expand capacity.



Feeding America **\$1.5 million**

THE CHALLENGE

Feeding America's network is experiencing a sudden surge in clients combined with new challenges in accessing food and securing volunteers. Feeding America anticipates that demand for food will only increase with greater financial stress placed on households related to COVID-19, as evidenced by nearly 10 million Americans recently filing for unemployment benefits.

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS

Feeding America's network of member food banks is purchasing additional food to meet sudden increases in demand, supporting new distribution approaches, and responding to a sudden decline in volunteers.



Meals on Wheels America **\$1 million**

THE CHALLENGE

Meals on Wheels is responding to urgent community needs, including a sudden surge in clients combined with declining donations and volunteers and challenges with accessing food.

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS

Meals on Wheels America is supporting local programs addressing the immediate and ongoing needs of vulnerable seniors.