

VIDEOS: COVID-19 NBA Response Grantees Continue Creating Impact COVID-19 NBA Response Grantees October 2020

To offer a rapid and impactful response to the <u>Coronavirus pandemic</u>, the NBA Board of Trustees authorized grant funding to support Disciples-related ministries that are working locally in response to this crisis in March. With this funding, NBA seeks to offer relief to ministries that have been detrimentally impacted and to support new projects created in service to those suffering because of the pandemic.

To date, the NBA has granted more than \$600,000 in funding to various Disciples of Christ affiliated ministries that have pivoted during this time to serve their communities by offering food, school supplies, or a listening ear.

Below are # organizations that received funding from our COVID-19 NBA Response Grant program. Each organization has shared a video highlighting the work they are able to continue doing in their community, even in the midst of a global health crisis.

Casa de Oracion – San Diego, California

<u>Casa de Oracion</u>, a Disciples of Christ Church in California used a COVID-19 NBA Response Grant to serve their community with a food pantry. Through this project, they served about 100 families regularly.

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Ecumenical Campus Ministry (ECM) at Kansas State University – Manhattan, Kansas

<u>The Ecumenical Campus Ministry at Kansas State</u> is all about building community regardless of race, sexual orientation, or levels of faith. Through the COVID-19

pandemic, the organization has continued community building virtually through an online cooking program.

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Florence Christian Church – Florence, Kentucky

Florence Christian Church has a robust food community program when they provide food to a senior living facility, host a bi-monthly community food distribution, and stock a 24-hour care and share food pantry. With so many in their community out of work and with little money for food due to the pandemic, they used the COVID-19 NBA Response Grant to expand these programs.

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First Christian Church Soups on Us – Danville, Kentucky

Beginning in March and continuing since, <u>First Christian Church</u> launched Soups on Us, a program that allowed them to deliver meals to food insecure households in their community. Their efforts allowed them to serve more than 800 meals to 424 households so far.

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Isaiah 58 Ministries - St. Louis, Missouri

<u>Isaiah 58 Ministries</u> is a non-profit organization in south St. Louis. They work to provide hygiene items, cleaning products, and food to their community each week. In the midst of COVID-19, the organization expanded their service area, providing food to anyone from the St. Louis community, not just the south side. The organization has also prioritized serving fresh produce and bread almost daily to the St. Louis community.

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HER Faith Ministries – Memphis, Tennessee

HER Faith Ministries is partnering with various organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic to provide meals to families across Memphis. With children out of school and many shelves at grocery stores being emptied as quickly as they're stocked, HER Faith wanted to make sure the moms and children that they serve weren't going hungry.

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QC Family Tree – Charlotte, North Carolina

<u>QC Family Tree</u> created QCFT Cares, an initiative that helped community members financially by giving them the budgeting and finance resources necessary to plan during these unprecedented times. When the initiative launched, they had a goal to raise \$30,000, to date they've raised \$57,000.

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Currently, Cycle Three of the NBA COVID-19 Response Grant program is underway and we are still <u>accepting applications</u>. If your organization is in need of support, visit <u>nbacares.org/covid-19-grants</u>.

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