



# COVID-19 WHAT WE'RE DOING TO HELP



United Way  
of Southeastern Connecticut

**Gemma E. Moran**  
United Way/Labor Food Bank



The Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Bank is at the forefront of helping to end hunger in Southeastern Connecticut. During this time, the Food Bank has been particularly stretched but has responded by adding eight new, temporary member agencies to help get food to those in need. In addition the Food Bank has increased the number of meals provided to the community by 21% from last year and has organized 160 volunteers to help with our efforts.

You can help the Food Bank with a donation at [www.uwsect.org/give](http://www.uwsect.org/give) or by running a food drive to collect nonperishables.



Together with the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut and United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut on the Neighbors for Neighbors Fund, we're working to get flexible resources to local agencies and nonprofits impacted by COVID-19. The first round of grants has been distributed to 61 recipients and totals more than \$470,000 to local nonprofits. Please visit [uwsect.org/give](http://uwsect.org/give) to donate.

## ALICE Relief Fund

United Way of Southeastern Connecticut's Board of Directors approved funding to help 500 households in the community. Those in need, primarily ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), can receive mobile cards through local social service agencies to help meet expenses.

## Statewide United Way Fund for Individuals

The Connecticut United Ways Statewide COVID-19 Response Fund worked in tandem with other philanthropic efforts being coordinated statewide to rapidly deploy financial resources to individuals and families economically affected by the pandemic. The Fund helped more than 1,000 households.

## STORIES OF HELP & HOPE FROM OUR PARTNERS

Due to our partnership with United Way and the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Bank, we were able to supply a family with food, diapers and basic needs... Jennifer and her family are beyond grateful for what we have been able to provide. Without our joint efforts and support she was uncertain how to feed and care for her family.

- *Child & Family Agency*

Everyone is struggling financially during these times and receiving food and diapers, two of our biggest needs, has been a true blessing...having our two most needed items is a life saver.

- *Madonna Place*

A woman needed to leave work to care for her brother who caught the virus. She intends to use the funds for things like gas, food, and hygiene supplies.

- *Norwich Human Services*

A mother placed on furlough said the funds will help with food and diapers and will mean she can put unemployment towards rent and utilities and her back bills won't be as high.

- *Riverfront Children's Center*

# COVID-19 WHAT WE'VE DONE TO HELP



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## \$2,064,378

was allocated by the board to our 42 partner programs for fiscal year 2021. Allowed flexibility in how funds may be used during the pandemic.



### 982,563 MEALS

from March through May, a 21% increase over last year, we distributed over 1 million pounds of food to our network of pantries and community meal sites throughout our county.



### 160 VOLUNTEERS

joined us in distributing food to local pantries and were matched directly to community non-profit agencies in their own pandemic response.



### 10,000 FACE MASKS

We have provided face masks and other PPE products to local non-profit agencies and homeless adults and families in need of our support.



### 8 NEW PANTRIES

In response to distributing more food to underserved areas of New London County, the Food Bank has partnered with 8 new temporary food pantries.

