

IMPACT STATEMENT

COVID-19

On March 11, the COVID-19 outbreak was characterized as a pandemic by the WHO. Many of the organizations on the front lines of prevention, containment or treatment found themselves desperately short on the supplies they needed to care for their patients and protect their staff.

Matthew 25: Ministries is a humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization established in 1991. By rescuing and reusing excess products from corporations and manufacturers, Matthew 25 provides aid to the poorest of the poor and disaster victims domestically and internationally without regard to race, creed or political persuasion. As a disaster response organization, Matthew 25: Ministries is always planning and preparing to respond in the most effective manner during times of humanitarian crisis. As a product-based organization, Matthew 25 is in a unique position to either have or have access to critically-needed emergency supplies. Since the COVID-19 pandemic began affecting the US, Matthew 25 has been working diligently to get these products out to hospitals, first responders, fire departments, police departments, nursing homes, schools, healthcare facilities, and more organizations serving high-risk groups.

As of July 10, Matthew 25: Ministries has distributed over 2,800,000 pounds of emergency supplies to more than 1,000 organizations in 35 states—including hospitals, fire departments, police departments, nursing homes, schools, healthcare facilities, and more. Supplies include face masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, paper products, soap, batteries, diapers, plus additional personal protective equipment, personal care products, and cleaning items.

In addition to their classic distribution activities, Matthew 25 is purchasing bulk quantities of desperately needed supplies and will continue distributing them to their partners. Matthew 25: Ministries implemented a mobile feeding program, serving food to staff at local hospitals. Matthew 25 has constructed face shields to protect healthcare workers, initiated a reusable mask-making program and distributed emergency kits to residents in their local community as well as working with partners in urban areas around the country to provide testing and supplies. Matthew 25 will continue working with their local, state and national partners in the coming months to provide hope and help during this unprecedented time.

In addition to COVID-19 aid, Matthew 25 continues to provide humanitarian aid and disaster relief across the US and worldwide on an ongoing basis. Matthew 25 has established many wonderful partnerships during the onset period of the Coronavirus pandemic, and these partners will continue needing our support. Unless or until businesses are operating at full capacity, unemployment rates will continue to be high and more people will need help with essentials, straining the resources of foodbanks and distribution centers that assist un- and underserved populations. Particularly with partners who serve marginalized or at-risk populations, the economic challenges that are the result of closed businesses and elevated unemployment will likely persist for years to come. To date in 2020, we have shipped 439 truckloads of aid (over 8,000,000 pounds) and helped almost 11,000,000 people.