Beyond 10 MILLION MEALS

COVID-19 IMPACT REPORT

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But the sobering reality is that millions of Americans are still scared. Their cupboards are empty and their jobs are in jeopardy. And, globally, hungry children and families are literally fighting each day for survival.

We hope the following stories both encourage you and reveal the great need that still exists in our country and around the world — a need you are helping fill by partnering with Convoy of Hope.

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LA Dream Center
Los Angeles, California

When the State of California closed classrooms, it also shut down school lunch programs. Clint Carlton of the Los Angeles Dream Center says, "When that happened, we knew people were going to need food."

The Dream Center, which operates a large food bank, responded to the COVID-19 crisis by offering a drive-thru service. Cars lined up from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. to receive diapers, boxed food, produce, and hot meals.

"WE HAVE TO KEEP GOING. THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO STOP. MILLIONS STILL NEED OUR HELP TO GET THROUGH THIS CRISIS.”
—HAL DONALDSON

"WE GOT A WHOLE PALLET OF SPAGHETTI FROM CONVOY OF HOPE,” CARLTON SAYS, "SO WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE 13,000 HOT MEALS."

To date, the Los Angeles Dream Center has provided more than 400,000 meals. "This is hope food," Carlton says. "Convoy of Hope is one of the big reasons we've been able to do that. People in Los Angeles don't see light at the end of the tunnel yet. So we need to provide hope and calm in the chaos."

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COVID-19 has not deterred the members of VOUS Church in Miami, Florida, from their mission to be a light in their community. The church knew they could count on Convoy of Hope to take part in fulfilling that mission. They’re seeing change happen right before their eyes — both in the people they are serving and in their volunteers.

Jamila Pereira, the Community Director at VOUS, saw this at work first hand. She and a volunteer named William learned that two local foster care families had suffered tragedies. The father in one had recently passed away, and the mother in another was going through chemotherapy. To help, William delivered prepackaged sandwiches to their homes.

“WILLIAM TEXT ME A WHOLE BUNCH OF CRYING FACES AFTERWARD,” JAMILA SAYS, “HE WAS LIKE, ‘I DON’T CRY. BUT THIS MADE ME CRY.’”

Members of People’s Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, have been doing everything they can to help those affected by COVID-19. Several church members have contracted the virus or been affected financially because of the economic shutdown. As a longstanding Convoy of Hope partner, they knew where to turn in situations where people need hope and support.

“Convoy has been such a part of my mind, my heart, for years,” says Herbert Cooper, Senior Pastor of People’s Church. “It’s one of the organizations we look to the most during disaster relief. I’m grateful for Convoy of Hope and their willingness to come and partner with communities and to meet the real tangible needs of people.”

VOUS Church
Miami, Florida

Hillsong NYC
New York City, New York

Helping others is hard to do when you’re hurting. As the pandemic continues, compassion fatigue may be setting in for many who are asking, “Where can I find the strength to love my neighbor when I’ve been affected, too?”

The staff at Hillsong NYC was faced with that very problem. “We’ve had over 100 people in our church who have lost someone close to them from the virus,” says Kheleeqa Rouse, who oversees community outreach at the church.

Convoy of Hope was honored to help Hillsong NYC serve others with a truckload of goods and to bring hope to their staff.

“WHEN THE CONVOY OF HOPE TRUCK SHOWED UP, I DON’T THINK THERE WAS A SINGLE DRY EYE,” KHELEEQA SAYS.

“THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS. WE REALLY NEED THAT ‘MIDWEST LOVE’ IN GOTHAM CITY! YOU GUYS ARE SHINING BRIGHT AND IT GAVE US SOME INSPIRATION AND HOPE TO CONTINUE TO GO ON AND DO THE WORK THAT WE’RE DOING.”

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