

Throughout the pandemic Interfaith Social Services has faced numerous challenges:

- **1 in 8 residents and 1 in 6 children** in Eastern Massachusetts will experience food insecurity in 2020 as a result of the pandemic.
- We've provided groceries to **more than 1,000 new food pantry clients** in the last 3 months — each day, 25 percent of food pantry visitors are using the service for the first time.
- Nearly 2/3 of our volunteers were no longer able to work their weekly shifts, **leaving us scrambling to find more helping hands.**
- Our mental health therapists and our homelessness prevention coordinator receive **more and more calls every day.**

The financial repercussions are significant:

- For three months, we had to temporarily close our Bureau Drawer Thrift Shop, our second largest fundraiser. This resulted in **a loss of \$30,000** to support our programs.
- Our food pantry has been spending an **additional \$4,000 per month** for food and disposable grocery bags.
- This year, we expect to spend **\$24,000 for extra cleaning services** in observance of CDC guidelines
- **...and \$7,000 for face masks and gloves** to protect our volunteers and staff

Individuals like you...

...can provide the funding we need to continue serving our neighbors in their time of need:

- Make a donation
- Organize a fundraiser or drive
- Volunteer

Find out more at:

InterfaithSocialServices.org



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Social Services:

On the
front lines...



to serve
those most
in need

during our
global crisis



Together

we can overcome these challenges...



LOCAL BUSINESSES

are providing handmade face masks, hot pizzas, diapers and precious toilet paper for our staff, volunteers and clients.



COMMUNITY MEMBERS

are signing up in droves to serve in the food pantry, allowing us to continue providing groceries to thousands of people each month.



OUR ANNUAL STOP THE STIGMA 5K exceeded all expectations as we pivoted the event to a virtual format. Our supporters raised more than \$65,000 for the New Directions Counseling Center, providing 2,200 counseling sessions to those affected by mental illness or addiction.



FOOD DRIVES across the region by local organizations and faith communities are providing thousands of pounds of food to stock pantry shelves.

