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Mobile Food Distribution Brings Community Together

WESTVILLE, IN— United Way of LaPorte County partnered with the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, Purdue Northwest faculty and students, Steady Stitchers Purdue Extension, and Farmers to Families to sponsor another Mobile Food Distribution. Tuesday March 2nd from 10:00am to noon, organizations like the ones mentioned above and many volunteers came out to help load boxes full of food into the cars of our community neighbors. This event distributed 26,000 pounds of food, totaling 540 families (1,582 family members) served.

Those in need of food assistance were encouraged to go through the line and receive their items. Fresh perishable items and dry goods were pre-bagged and pre-boxed. Boxes were then distributed into the trunks of cars for a contactless delivery to keep everyone safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. The location at Purdue Northwest campus in Westville was just a short drive from Michigan City, LaPorte, Kingsford Heights, and surrounding areas.

Farmers to Families provided combination boxes featuring dairy, produce, and pre-cooked meat. United Way of LaPorte County provided boxes featuring non-perishable goods, fruits, vegetables, and eggs. Each family that participated Tuesday received approximately 50 pounds of food.

Purdue Northwest provided many volunteers from their social work program to give their students a chance to see firsthand how our community can all come together for the same goal. Food resources took a big hit at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and still continue to be a need in our community. When speaking to those that drove through to receive food, all were appreciative and thankful for this event as this distribution, for some, is their main source for food. Please continuously check on United Way of LaPorte County and the Food Bank of Northern Indiana's social media pages for updates on upcoming Mobile Food Distributions. Be on the lookout later this week for the next Mobile Food Distribution that will take place next week; March 9th in LaPorte, official location site TBD.



Photo: Jim Musial – Citizens Concerned for the Homeless and Kris Pate – United Way of LaPorte County



Photo: Food Distribution car lineup



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Volunteers lending a helping hand for our community.

To learn more or to make a donation to help with the food need please call 219-210-3534, email us at info@unitedwaylpc.org or visit our website at <https://www.unitedwaylpc.org/>.

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