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The COVID-19 virus is having a significant impact on all residents of Eagle County, but the impact is especially hard on financially vulnerable families. In this time of crisis, the Board of Directors at the Eagle Valley Community Foundation (EVCF) is focused on hunger relief. The board has seen the increasing demand for food among vulnerable people, and has launched the EVCF COVID-19 Response Fund to raise the significant capital needed to fund our hunger relief plan. **We are requesting your help to feed local families in crisis.**

Key facts include:

The Food Program: EVCF operates The Community Market.

**The Community Market** serves the people of Eagle County through:

- A warehouse and market in Gypsum 760 Lindbergh #7
- 6 Mobile Markets in the following neighborhoods:
  - Monday: Eagle Methodist Church, 4:30-5:30 PM
  - Tuesday: Edwards Interfaith Chapel, 4:30-5:30 PM
  - Wednesday: Aspens, Eagle Bend, and Riverview (all in Avon), 4:30-5:30 PM
  - Thursday: Two Rivers (Dotsero), 4:30-5:30 PM
- Partner distribution relationships with the Magic Bus, Vail Valley Salvation Army, Colorado Mountain College Pantry, church pantries, temp agencies and other community programs.
- What is Happening Now: The Community Market opened its doors in late 2018 and demand has grown consistently each quarter. By February 2019 the market was serving 1,050 people per week on average, but that number surged to 1,900 in the past week. We are quickly depleting both our supply of food and our financial resources.
- Scope of Need: In 2019, Feeding America estimated that 8,700 people in Eagle County were food insecure. That number is increasing due to the crisis. While **The Community Market** is the largest food recovery and distribution program in the valley, we are unable to address the significant and increasing need for food.
- Updated 2020 Community Market Budget: The 2020 budget for operating The Community Market did not provide for a surge in demand caused by the virus, and the program is funded by periodic donations through the year. Given the crisis and related dramatic increase in demand, the 2020 budget has been revised. **The revised budget for April – December 2020 is \$950,000.** This funding will allow The Community Market to scale up to serve 4,200 people per week, 10 pounds of food per family, at a cost of \$6.25/person/week. While volunteers and canned food donations are helpful in ordinary times, in this time of crisis, financial support is most needed to allow this plan to be executed.