

# Carma Mohler Awards 2023

## **1. Basic Produce For Families – Greene County Christian Resource Center**

*The Resource Center's mission is to provide food to those who are in need. With the rising cost of foods and reduction in the SNAP program, they want to supplement families with fresh produce. With these funds, they will purchase and offer families potatoes, carrots and bananas when they are going through the food selection line.*

## **2. Denison Area Emergency Food Pantry – Denison FUMC**

*The Emergency Food Pantry's goal is to help families in need with food items and personal supplies, no questions asked. The grant money provided will help them purchase a new freezer to be able to better accommodate large meat donations when they come in.*

## **3. Food For The Soul – Dubuque, St. Luke's UMC**

*This hunger outreach program provides a weekly free meal to the community. Their expectation with these funds is to be a support network for immigrants with inadequate food benefits. They will be purchasing Halal meat, cultural appropriate food items along with personal hygiene/household products for these families.*

## **4. Food Nook Pantry – Waterloo FUMC**

*This pantry opened in 2021 to serve the Church Row Neighborhood, a lower income area in Waterloo during the pandemic. This program has utilized the Northeast Iowa Food Bank and participates in the Food Rescue program with the local Kwik Star. The funds will be used to purchase food to supply their food pantry.*

## **5. Grace Garden – Ottumwa Grace Fellowship**

*Grace Fellowship began a ministry garden in 2021 in hopes to provide fresh produce to the needy, aged and disabled in their community. The garden ministry has flourished and is harvesting large numbers year after year. The grant money provided will help them purchase tomato cages with the intention of a higher yield of produce.*

## **6. Growing Together Garden – North Liberty UMC**

*The Growing Together Garden's primary goal is to educate low-income families experiencing hunger about gardening best practices and to empower them to use fresh produce to cook nutritious meals. The grant money is to purchase materials for an educational Chef Series program, in which local chefs would host hands on classes for families to learn how to use fresh produce.*

## **7. Hispanic Community Café**

*The Hispanic Community Café was implemented to provide a warm authentic meal twice a month in a safe environment to Hispanic seniors, ages 60+, residing in Muscatine, Iowa. During this time they assist the individuals in food pantry referrals, help with applying for food assistance, discussions on health topics, games and socialization. The funds provided to this ministry will be used to purchase food and materials for the meals provided.*

## **8. Meals Made Easy Project – Bloomfield UMC**

*This project's intention is to enhance their existing ministries, which includes a weekly meal and their food and diaper ministry. In conjunction with these, they will be providing meal kits and demonstrations on meal preparations using the foods available in their food pantry. The hope is that this will minimize the burden of meal planning on a budget. Funds provided will be used to purchase foods they cannot obtain through the Iowa Food Bank, along with meal containers, recipe cards and basic cooking utensils.*

**9. Rebecca Circle – Holstein UMC**

*For approximately 12 years, Rebecca Circle has packed foods for students TK-6<sup>th</sup> grades, in homes experiencing food instability. Each weekend they distribute food to the kids in backpacks. The funds provided for this grant will allow them to purchase items for the backpacks as their numbers increase.*

**10. Smile Sack Mission Project – Ruthven UMC**

*Each month, the Smile Sack group packs a sack of fresh produce, grown in their garden and Gary's Garden, along with one pound packages of ground beef or pork. These are provided to any persons in the Ruthven area. The money provided will help them purchase seeds to continue to supply their garden.*

**11. The Egg Project – Lamoni Food Pantry**

*The food pantry's goal is to provide nutritional food monthly to families in Lamoni and Davis City. Protein is the backbone of any diet and provides energy needed for growth and maintaining health. Eggs are an excellent source of protein at a reasonable price. After some experimenting, the pantry has decided to start providing 2 dozen eggs a month to each family that visits. Funds for this grant will be used to purchase the eggs provided.*

**12. Wednesday Kids Club – Fredericksburg UMC**

*The goal of the Wednesday night meal is to provide opportunity for the community to be nourished in both body and soul. During Kids Club, a meal is served to the members and their parents through church donated food items and prepared dishes. The funds provided will be used to provide meals and supplies needed to provide these meals.*

## IUMF Food Grant 2023

**1. Free Community Meal – Des Moines Grace UMC**

*This meal is served weekly in conjunction with the Free Medical Clinic and low-cost Mental Health Clinic held at Grace each Tuesday evening. The original intent was to feed clinical staff and patients while they waited for their appointment. However, it has now evolved to feeding the Des Moines Metro community. The funds from this grant will be used to purchase food to continue this ministry.*