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***IMPORTANT MESSAGE: PLEASE READ AND RESPOND***

Dear Valued Mediqwest Clients and Friends,

During this time of “sheltering in place” many of us and our neighbors are struggling. With that in mind, Mediqwest has made the decision to assist in a meaningful way. We ask that, if able, you would consider participating along with us.

To alleviate some of the hardships that exist throughout our service area, Mediqwest will match up to \$10,000 in donations from our clients and friends to area food shelves. Our area includes Northern and Central Wisconsin and Minnesota. We realize that there are many deserving entities, so we have decided to ask you, our clients and friends, to help determine where we should direct these donations.

If you wish to participate, we ask that you **write a check to the food shelf of your choice and mail it to us along with the address of that food shelf by May 29th**. We will total the amounts for each location, add our matching contribution and send the entire amount to each food shelf with a list of the contributors. No gift is too small! Please mail your check to us at: **PO Box 128, Superior, WI 54880**.

If you have no preference, we suggest Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank. They are a 501 C (3) nonprofit and cover almost our entire geographic footprint. 96% of their budget goes directly to the 180 programs they supply! You can visit their website at [northernlakesfoodbank.org](http://northernlakesfoodbank.org).

***Please continue to read the following, even if you are unable to participate in the above opportunity.***

Due to “social distancing”, etc. there is a great deal of uncertainty surrounding how we will be able to effectively communicate and interact with you regarding various customer service functions. **Therefore, we are requesting that, if you have not already done so, please provide us with your email address.** We will only use this information to initiate contact with you in a timely and safe manner and we will not share it with any outside entity. We value your privacy!

**Please send an email with your full name to your agent or to Gene Dianoski.** Our email addresses are listed on the back of this letter.

Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Dan Conrad, Celeste Plunkett, Jeff Sauter, Brooke Roalson, Lauren Hebert, Blaine Sprague, Tim Sauter, Kent Martinson, Carol Conrad, Carl Conrad & Gene Dianoski

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*Additional potential recipients of our gifts:*

### Eau Claire/Chippewa Falls area:

Feed My People Food Bank

### West Central Wisconsin area:

Prescott Area Food Pantry	Hudson Food Shelf
Somerset Community Food Pantry	5 Loaves Food Shelf
River Falls Community Food Pantry	Hudson Backpack Program
Family Pathways (St. Croix Falls)	

### Eastern & Central Minnesota:

Family Pathways (locations in Forest Lake, North Branch, Cambridge & Chisago City)  
Community Helping Hand  
Second Harvest North Central (Grand Rapids)  
Staples Area Food Shelf  
Long Prairie Food Pantry  
Sauk Centre Food Shelf

If you would rather your donation be directed elsewhere, **please make your check payable to your chosen food bank and include their mailing address along with your check.** *Remember to mail your check to Mediqwest.*

We will provide ongoing results of this important project on our website: [mediqwest.com](http://mediqwest.com).

Thanks again for your consideration and stay safe!

*Your friends at Mediqwest*