

BHACF awards additional \$64K to agencies keeping people fed

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The Black Hills Area Community Foundation, home of the Collective Impact Food Security Initiative, is awarding funds to 11 organizations on the front lines of food security efforts as COVID-19 prevention measures remain in effect across the region.

BHACF serves as both a financial supporter and community collaborator, working directly with nonprofits to ensure people of all ages have access to nutritious food options during these uncertain times. The grants awarded this month total **\$64,000** and will be dispersed as follows:

- *Feeding South Dakota - \$20,000
- *Young Life - \$5,000
- *Club for Boys - \$2,500
- *Fork Real Community Café - \$2,500
- *YMCA - \$2,500
- *Bethel Assembly/Knollwood Hts. Pantry - \$1,500
- *Meals on Wheels Western SD - \$20,000
- *Black Hills Works - \$2,500
- *Cornerstone Rescue Mission - \$2,500
- *Working Against Violence, Inc. - \$2,500
- *Youth & Family Services - \$2,500

The purpose of the Food Security Initiative is to identify the overall food insecurity needs and challenges that exist within Rapid City and develop community-wide solutions to meet those needs. This “big picture” strategy has proven especially useful in recent weeks, as BHACF and others work together to determine how resources can be best utilized.

BHACF distributed \$35,000 to four organizations in March to address immediate food needs, and the foundation expects to award more grants next month as the COVID-19 situation evolves. To support these overarching efforts, donors are welcome to contribute to the BHACF Food Security Fund (<http://bit.ly/rcfoodsecurity>) or the BHACF Disaster Relief Fund (<http://bit.ly/blackhillsdisasterrelief>.) Donors may also send checks payable to “BHACF” to the Black Hills Area Community Foundation, PO Box 231, Rapid City, SD 57709.

For more information on the Food Security Initiative and the latest grant awards, contact BHACF Executive Director Liz Hamburg at (605) 431-9876 or at liz@bhacf.org. She is working from home at this time but is available for phone or video interviews.