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**ROSS TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY and Meijer Partner to Provide Hunger Relief in all of Merrillville, Hobart from 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue South West to County Line Road, Crown Point from 101st North. The pantry is operated 100% by volunteers from Saint Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church which also donated the space. All food and commodities items are donated. No taxpayer dollars are used. Money raised through this program is a huge help in feeding the needy.**

Our community continues to feel the impacts of COVID-19, especially our neighbors facing food insecurity. The economic impact of this pandemic means more and more members of our community are turning to us for help in ensuring they know where their next meal will come from.

In response, I'm pleased to announce that Ross Township Food Pantry has joined forces with the Meijer *Simply Give* hunger relief program during this difficult time to help fill that void for our local families.

Each *Simply Give* campaign helps more than 250 food pantries in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Wisconsin keep their shelves stocked with food for those in need. But it also fosters a sense of community by encouraging customers to purchase \$10 *Simply Give* donation cards, which are then converted into Meijer food-only gift cards and given to the local food pantry selected by the store.

Ross Township Food Pantry will benefit from donation cards purchased at the **MERRILLVILLE Meijer store now through Oct. 24.**

I want to encourage you to help us fulfill our mission of helping feed the hungry in Ross Township by purchasing a food donation card during your next shopping trip. Tell your friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers because every dollar makes a difference.

And when we give, Meijer gives. **For every \$10 *Simply Give* donation card purchased on Friday, Sept. 11 and Saturday, Sept. 12, Meijer will double match the donation meaning they will donate an additional \$20. This means our pantry will receive a total of \$30 for every \$10 a customer donates on those days.**

We are very encouraged about this opportunity to serve Ross Township.

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