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Dear Friends of My Brother’s Keeper,

What a challenging time we’re living through! The world is unsettled to say the least. One thing you can count on, though, is My Brother’s Keeper’s firm commitment to our mission, “To bring the Love and Hope of Jesus Christ to those we serve.”

Whatever the circumstances, our mission calls us to help our more humble brothers and sisters in ways that are critically important to them and to always serve in Christ’s name.

*Feeding America* projects that 1 in 8 people in Eastern Massachusetts will experience food insecurity in 2020 as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. That is an alarming 59 percent increase in those who were experiencing hunger before COVID-19.

As one donor recently said, “Where there is a great need, there is a greater need for God’s people to give.”

Please support our 2020 Mission Appeal, “Ever Forward in Christ’s Name,” and help us continue serving our neighbors in need with dignity, respect, and excellence—always in Christ’s name.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Erich E. Miller
President

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Co-Founders
Our Mission:
“To bring the Love and Hope of Jesus Christ to those we serve.”
Tough times are very revealing. Like peeling back the layers of an onion, the COVID-19 crisis laid bare the two most important core values that make My Brother’s Keeper special: 1. we try to serve our more humble brothers and sisters in ways that are important and meaningful to them and 2. we always serve in Christ’s name. For our mission to be successful, there cannot be one without the other. A thank you card we received this summer beautifully affirms this:

James deeply appreciated our help and he understood our efforts are rooted in love: our love of God and our love for him.

These are challenging times but be assured My Brother’s Keeper remains steady as a rock. We are delivering the necessities of life every day and we are accomplishing our mission “To bring the Love and Hope of Jesus Christ to those we serve.”

Please support the 2020 Mission Appeal so we can continue serving our neighbors in need in Christ’s name.
We carry furniture and food... We deliver Hope.

My Brother’s Keeper is probably best known for providing furniture assistance, our signature program for the past 32 years.

But we’ve always said if the government created a free furniture program, we wouldn’t pack up and close the doors of My Brother’s Keeper. We’d find another meaningful way to be of service in Christ’s name.

And that’s exactly what we did in response to the COVID-19 crisis. For public health reasons, we couldn’t continue providing furniture assistance so we adapted and put all our efforts into emergency food deliveries. Under the circumstances, it’s how we could do the most good.

Our pivot to our Food Assistance Program was phenomenally successful: we increased the number of food deliveries by 377% while simultaneously increasing the total value of food delivered by 515%.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 crisis required us to forego many of the wonderful secondary benefits of My Brother’s Keeper. Things we look forward to resuming like the beauty of community—the friendships built when sharing the joy of service—and our work as a “ministry of education” teaching young people about the importance of concern and compassion.
Did you know?

The charts below provide a clear picture of what we’ve been able to accomplish by focusing all our efforts on our Food Assistance Program. During the COVID-19 pandemic, it’s how we can do the most good for our neighbors in need. All data relates to food deliveries completed from March 16 to June 30, 2020 versus the same time period in 2019.

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