

Main Street Community Foundation awards grants to Plainville Community Food Pantry, Plainville Social Services

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PLAINVILLE – The Main Street Community Foundation has proactively awarded \$4,000 to the Plainville Community Food Pantry and \$1,000 to Plainville Social Services. This money will help with some of the biggest community needs amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

“These specific grants were recommended by the Plainville Community Fund Advisory Council to respond to the most critical needs faced by Plainville residents as a result of this pandemic,” said Susan Sadecki, President and CEO of Main Street Community Foundation. “We want to provide relief today so we can keep our community strong for tomorrow.”

Sadecki further explained that the Foundation was in the middle of its grant application cycle when the pandemic struck. She said they decided to be proactive, rather than re-active, in addressing these community needs. Thus, the Foundation awarded this money ahead of other grants.

“It is important for organizations like the food pantry and social services to be able to step up and meet the demands of the community at this time,” she said. “We decided to provide additional assistance to these who organizations who are fighting on the front lines right now, no questions asked.”

Sadecki said that both organizations have seen an increase in requests but a dramatic decrease in donations. The \$1,000 grant was awarded to Plainville Social Services will enable them to purchase gift cards for food and basic needs items for residents.

The \$4,000 grant was awarded to the Plainville Community Food Pantry to support staffing costs and the purchase of food and supplies. The Plainville Community Food Pantry has its doors closed but it is still providing food for residents who call ahead and make an appointment to pick up their food. The food is then pushed outside in a cart to be picked up.

Susie Woerz, executive director of the Plainville Community Food Pantry, said that the assistance “could not have come at a better time.” The food pantry, she said, had to cancel two fundraises this year, putting them behind \$30,000 to \$40,000.

“We are seeing a lot of grant writing organizations reaching out and supporting us,” she said. “The support they are showing is simply amazing. Things are going really well and as far as we’re aware of, no one is going hungry in Plainville.”



Brian Johnson Staff Susan Sadecki, president and CEO of the Main Street Community Foundation.