FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

<u>Contact: For information call: Patty Hansberry of RSVP at 608-362-9593.</u> To request delivery call the pantry in your community directly, pantry information provided below.

RSVP/Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Rock County will be taking over management of the Emergency CV-19 Pantry Delivery Program, in place of Mobility Management /RCCOA, as of Thursday June 11, 2020.

Emergency COVID-19 Pantry Delivery Program

The Emergency COVID-19 Pantry Delivery Program is a collaboration between local pantries and RSVP BELOIT (formerly partnered with Mobility Management of RC Council on Aging). As the Rock County vehicles have transitioned back to transporting people, RSVP has generously offered to bring the program into their organization. The Program will now utilize the RSVP volunteer driver program to deliver the pantry items.

RSVP will deliver food items from local food pantries directly to the homes of individuals not able to travel. It will continue to serve those in need and unable to get to their local food pantry, due to travel issues resulting from COVID-19.

<u>WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM DO?</u> This is an emergency program to deliver packaged food, at no cost, within the normal service areas of local pantries, directly to the homes of eligible individuals unable to travel to the pantries due to COVID-19.

Individuals able to travel or send proxy to the pantries, are encouraged to continue to do so.

WHO IS ELIGIBILE? Rock County Residents:

- Over age 55
- Persons with disabilities
- Individuals who are transportation disadvantaged may receive deliveries on a space available basis
- There is a limit to how many deliveries can be provided in a day. If we are unable to deliver to you on your requested day, you will be put on the list for the following week.

Pantry deliveries will take place once a week/month from the following pantries, to their usual service areas. Call the pantry at least 2 days in advance to request delivery.

Orfordville/608-921-2702: C.U.P. Orfordville Lutheran Church. 1st & 2nd Thursday's of the month, 10 am - noon

Janesville/608-754-5333: ECHO, Inc. Thursday deliveries 12-5 pm

Beloit/608-362-4403: Caritas, Inc., Friday deliveries 12-5 pm

Clinton/608-676-4994: Clinton Food Pantry, Christ Lutheran Church. Delivers the 3rd Tuesday of the Month (4/21, 5/19,

etc.), 11am-5pm

- Call the pantry in your area, by 12:00 pm, at least 2 days in advance to request a delivery.
- Pantries deliver only to their regular service areas, and only on the days specified here.
- The COVID-19 Emergency Pantry Program, while supported by Mobility Management of RC COA, is now managed by RSVP/Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Rock County. For questions call RSVP at: 608-362-9593.

