

Supporting our  
**EVERYDAY  
HEROES**

*A Summary of Matthew 25: Ministries'  
Initial COVID-19 Response | March - June 2020*

# LETTER FROM THE CEO



I remember sitting in my office in early January, monitoring reports of the spread of a new coronavirus. I began to plan for a pandemic that I wasn't sure was going to even reach here in the USA, but as always I wanted to make sure we were ready just in case. As time went on, there was more evidence that COVID-19 would in fact impact the USA and the rest of the world. My plans seemed to speed up and my uncertainty about its path became clearer. But one thing I never doubted was God's provision.

I thought of a conversation I'd had with my staff about hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies back in the fall of 2019. Matthew 25: Ministries had over 180 pallets of hand sanitizer and not many partners wanted it, as well as sanitizing wipes. Partners would take a pallet here and there, but never enough to put a dent in our supply. Now 6 months into the future, no one could find hand sanitizer or cleaning supplies in stores, and these items were desperately needed to slow the spread of COVID-19. In addition to these hard-to-find supplies, we had tens of thousands of N95 and surgical masks in our warehouse along with other critical PPE. God had prepared us to help so many during this pandemic, including the Everyday Heroes serving on the front lines.

As we look ahead to the future, we are prepared to continue to help all of those that are in need all over the country and around the world. "Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite" (Psalm 147:5).

God's Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim".

Tim Mettey  
CEO

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*I would like to express our overwhelming gratitude to you all for your donation of much needed supplies for our staff and our patients. If you don't remember me, I was the lady in scrubs crying my eyes out in your parking lot as I loaded my car. Your donation has allowed my nurses, my therapists, and myself to go out into our community and care for sick and at risk patients in their homes, protecting not only them and ourselves but the vulnerable population around us all. We cannot begin to tell you how much we appreciate the lifeline that you extended to us in our most critical time of need.*

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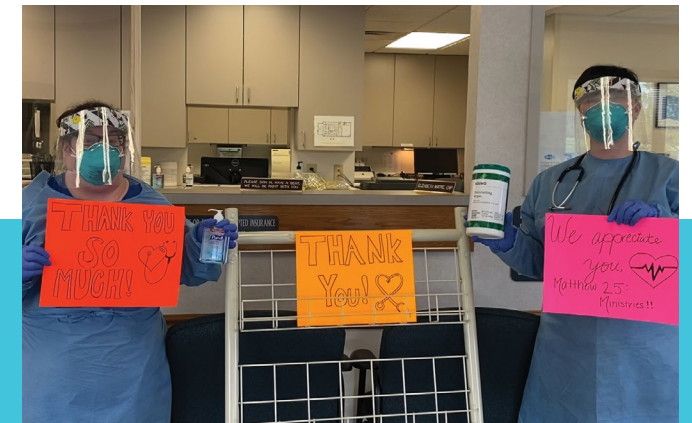


MORE THAN  
**2.25 MILLION**  
**POUNDS**  
OF COVID-19  
RELIEF SUPPLIES  
DISTRIBUTED SO FAR



## COVID-19 RELIEF EFFORTS

During the initial phase of our COVID-19 response, Matthew 25: Ministries' primary focus was distributing PPE and other desperately-needed supplies to organizations on the front lines caring for the sick, the elderly, the impoverished, and people in need. From March through June, Matthew 25 distributed more than 2.25 million pounds of supplies to approximately 1,000 organizations in Greater Cincinnati and throughout the U.S.—including hospitals, first responders, nursing homes, schools, healthcare facilities, and more. These supplies included face masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, paper towels, toilet paper, soap, batteries, diapers, and additional personal protective equipment, personal care products, and cleaning items. In a time when these products were extremely difficult to come by, we were able to supply partner organizations with the items they needed to keep their staff, the people they serve, and their communities safe, while helping to slow the spread of COVID-19. This work will continue as long as our support is needed.



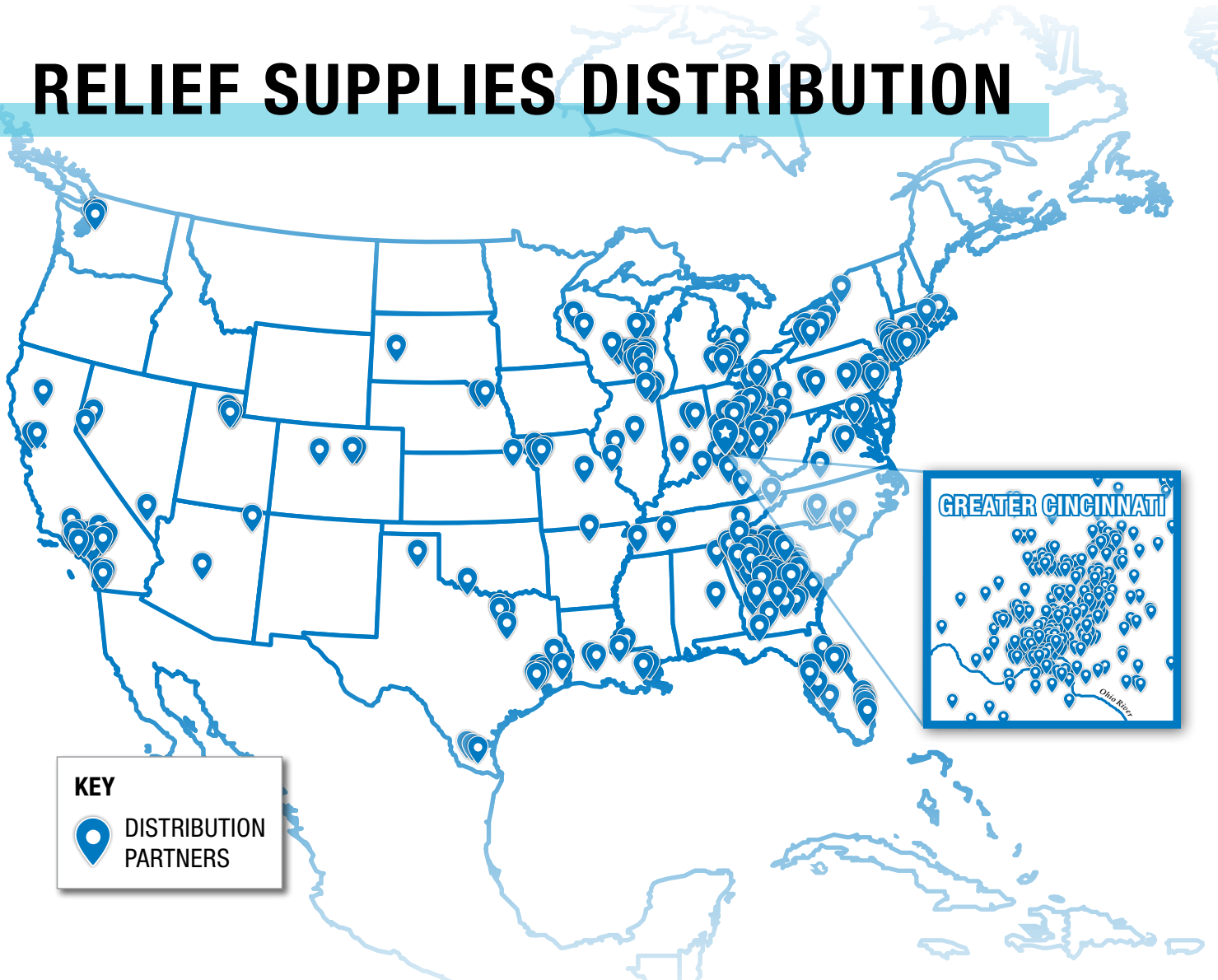
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*Matthew 25 supplied our field staff with lots of masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes today!! We are so thankful for these items because they are either back ordered with our supplier with no sign of delivery or else they cancelled our order all together because they can't get them. You guys even threw in some TP and paper towels (we were almost out of those too.) Thanks so much for helping to keep our patients and caregivers safe!*

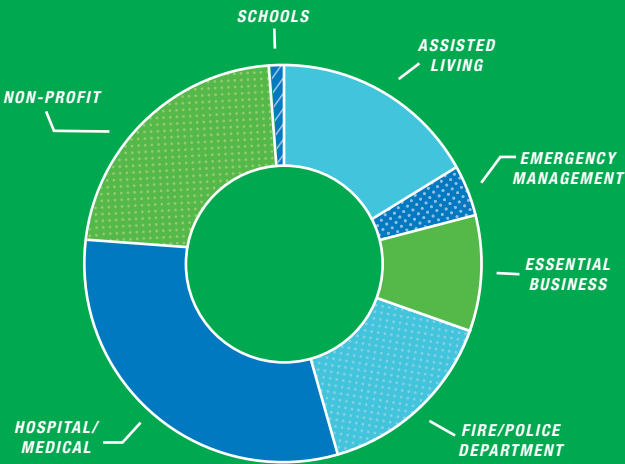
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# RELIEF SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTION



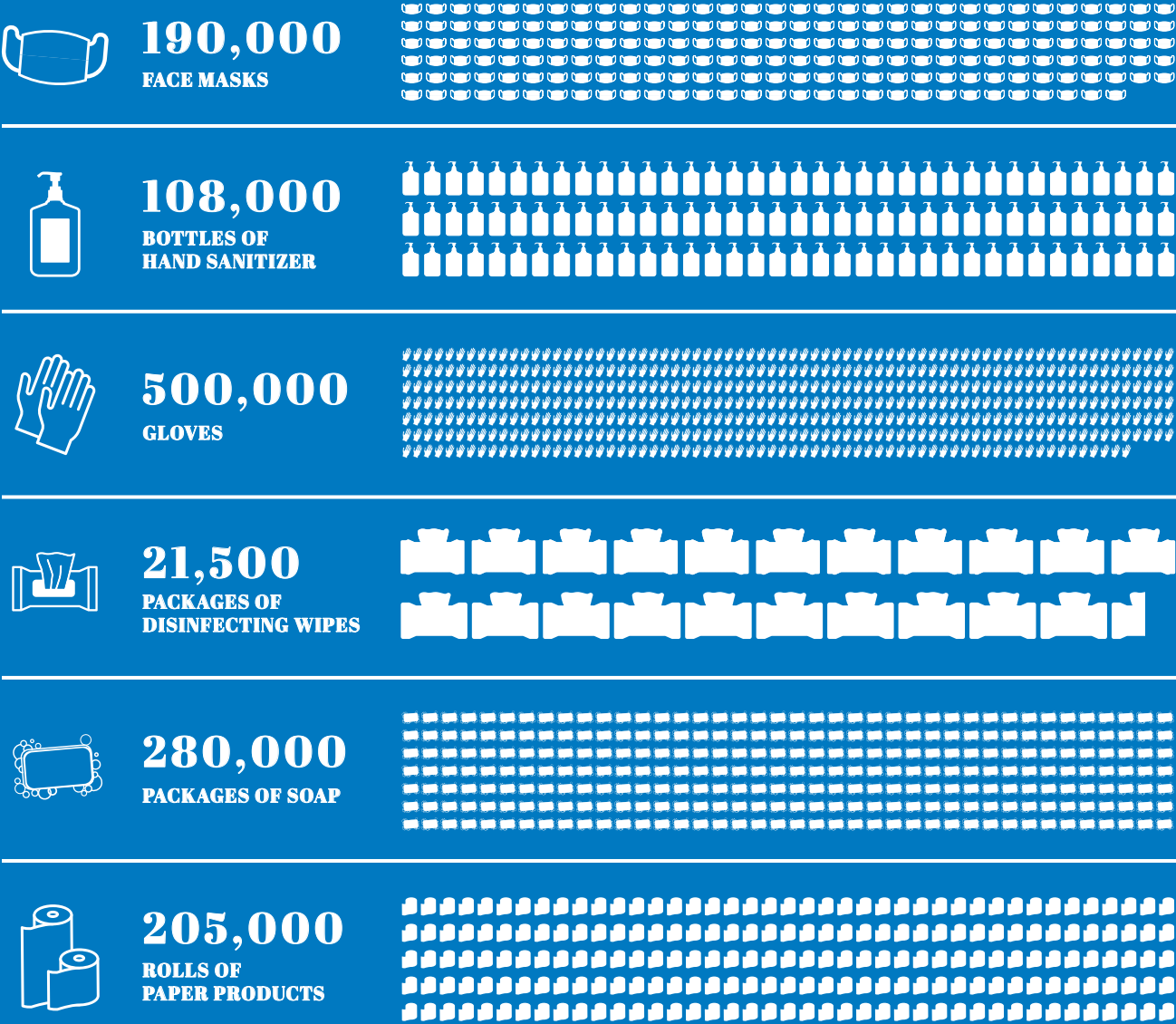
APPROXIMATELY  
**1,000**  
ORGANIZATIONS  
HELPED IN GREATER CINCINNATI &  
THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES



## DISTRIBUTION NUMBERS

Time and time again throughout Matthew 25: Ministries' history, we have seen God provide products exactly when we've needed them, or even shortly before we knew we'd need them. In advance of the COVID-19 pandemic, our warehouse held more PPE, hand sanitizer, and cleaning products than we would typically keep on hand. As the severity of the pandemic became more and more evident, Matthew 25: Ministries immediately started supplying partner organizations with the items they needed to protect their staff and the people they serve. We also purchased bulk quantities of some high-demand items to supplement the generous corporate product donations we received.

With the help of many wonderful supporters, we distributed truly remarkable numbers of products in our initial phase of response, and we will continue this work as long as there is a need. Here are some of the highlights so far (all numbers are approximate):



AND ADDITIONAL PPE, PERSONAL CARE AND CLEANING ITEMS

EACH ICON REPRESENTS 1,000 UNITS



# PPE MANUFACTURING PROGRAMS



## FACE SHIELD PROGRAM

In order to supplement our supply of PPE and provide medical professionals with extra protection, Matthew 25: Ministries began constructing face shields using primarily donated materials, including shoe laces, shoe foam, double-sided tape, and laminated sheets.

In our first phase of COVID-19 response, we distributed more than 6,000 of these face shields to medical professionals on the front lines of the pandemic.



## INTERNATIONAL MASK MANUFACTURING PROGRAM

Matthew 25: Ministries is supporting the manufacturing of reusable face masks in various locations throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. Through this program, tens of thousands of masks are being produced using donated or local materials, while providing work opportunities to local residents. These masks are being distributed to healthcare facilities, service organizations, and others in need, helping to keep people safe and reduce the spread of COVID-19 in these countries.

# ADDITIONAL RESPONSE EFFORTS

## COMMUNITY GIVEAWAY EVENTS

In an effort to help promote personal and public safety during the coronavirus pandemic, Matthew 25 hosted Community Giveaway events to provide free COVID-19 supplies and lunches to members of the Greater Cincinnati community. The PPE kits included masks, hand sanitizer, gloves, and cough drops. In total, Matthew 25 provided approximately 5,500 PPE kits and 3,500 meals to the local community during the first two giveaway events, with more events planned in the future.



## MOBILE FEEDING PROGRAM

Matthew 25: Ministries implemented a mobile feeding program to provide meals for staff at local hospitals, including extra sandwiches for their night shift staff. The mobile Arby's and Brandicorp trailer served approximately 7,500 complimentary Arby's sandwiches to hospital and healthcare workers, as a way of caring for those on the front lines of this crisis.

Foodservice providers maintained social distancing and minimized personal contact while providing lunches.

## MOBILE TESTING & RELIEF CAMPAIGNS

Matthew 25: Ministries provided supplies to multiple #IDIDMYPART Mobile Testing and Relief campaigns throughout the nation, with more scheduled in coming months. These initiatives helped care for thousands of people in under-served communities that often have limited access to testing and basic necessities essential to helping prevent the spread of COVID-19.





# LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



I've had the privilege of being a part of Matthew 25: Ministries' work for decades. I've traveled internationally and domestically to serve impoverished and disaster-stricken areas. I've watched the ministry grow and expand, helping millions of people each year. Yet, never have I seen such a widespread need for our assistance as during the initial months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a time when everything felt uncertain, Matthew 25: Ministries continued doing what we always do—helping people—just on a much wider scale. Matthew 25 stepped up to be a resource to approximately 1,000 organizations nationwide, helping support the work of our Everyday Heroes on the front lines and protecting communities in very urgent ways. Many organizations such as hospitals, long-term care facilities, first responders, and others were unable to acquire enough personal protective equipment to keep their staff and patients safe. Matthew 25 immediately began distributing products that could help slow the spread of the coronavirus and save lives. Additionally, we implemented programs to meet the specific needs of people in Greater Cincinnati, under-served communities throughout the nation, and areas throughout the Caribbean and Latin America.

I am thankful to work alongside Tim Mettey and his dedicated staff, knowing that when new and unprecedented challenges arise, Tim leads his staff forward, continuing to fulfill our mission to care for the “least of these.”

Thank you for your generosity and support of Matthew 25: Ministries. We look forward to continuing this important work with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Brandy, Jr.".

Michael Brandy, Jr.  
Chairman of the Board



## LOOKING AHEAD

Matthew 25: Ministries will continue our COVID-19 relief efforts for as long as the pandemic persists, and as long as there is a need for our help. The coronavirus pandemic has created challenges for so many people around the world on many different levels. In addition to the need for supplies on the front lines, Matthew 25 will help meet the increased needs that may arise from widespread unemployment and other economic hardships. We are also securing products in preparation for the potential of a second wave of the virus. We are monitoring disasters around the world and providing aid to those impacted. And we are continuing our ongoing work with the poorest of the poor, as they are often impacted even more severely by global crises. We know that God will continue to provide for the needs of those we help, just as He always has.

Thank you for being a part of this work. We are so thankful for our corporate product donors who provide supplies year-round, and the many generous financial donors who make it possible for us to help during times of such desperate need. For current information regarding our COVID-19 response work, please visit [m25m.org/disaster/covid19updates](https://m25m.org/disaster/covid19updates).



