

The Board of Outreach and Mission Brings You....

AN OPPORTUNITY TO "SHARE THE STIMULUS" PAYMENT  
WITH THOSE WHO SERVE THE MOST VULNERABLE AMONG US

Payments from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 began reaching bank accounts recently and will continue to be deposited or mailed for weeks to come. For many, these funds will provide desperately needed relief from the economic ravages of the COVID-19 PANDEMIC. For others, the payments will go into savings or an investment account.

If you and your household are doing well, despite the challenges of the past year, the Board of Outreach and Mission invites you to consider passing some or all of your Rescue Act payment on to a group or organization that is working to relieve the suffering of persons who are not so fortunate. You may have such a group in mind already....

If not, here is information on three of Plymouth's Mission Partners, who would appreciate your help:

THE EMERGENCY IMMIGRATION FUND

Plymouth was a founding Faith Community Member of ISAAC, the Interfaith Solidarity and Accompaniment Coalition, which has emerged as a strong voice in the struggle for immigration justice in Northern Colorado. This past year, its Emergency Fund became a vital source of support for undocumented immigrants for whom many other sources of assistance were not available. With the help of private donations as well as its first-ever grants, the Fund has been able to make over 1000 mini-grants of \$300 to assist households devastated by job loss due to COVID. It also supports DREAMERS who, after a three-year hold on applications, are once again able to apply for DACA protection (or reapply if they had DACA status before the program was closed to new applicants). Also, Unaccompanied Youth who find their way to Larimer County are helped with legal support as they make their case for Special Immigration Juvenile Status. While ISAAC and the Fund began with a predominant concern for Central American immigrants, increasing numbers of Middle Eastern and African immigrants are now being served as well.

Donations to ISAAC or its Emergency Fund may be directed in two ways:

By mail:                   ISAAC of Northern Colorado  
                                  PO Box 94  
                                  Fort Collins, CO 80522-0094

Electronically:           isaacnoco.org

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## FOOD BANK FOR LARIMER COUNTY

Hunger is often hidden, especially in places like Larimer County, but it was estimated that over 10% of county residents live at or below federal poverty guidelines. And that was before 2020. Last year, the COVID crisis sent thousands of people, many of whom never imagined themselves needing to ask for food assistance, to long lines at Food Banks in order to be able to feed their families. Even here.

For every dollar they receive, the Food Bank is able to provide two meals to someone who is hungry in our community. The program operates out of two locations, one in Fort Collins and another in Loveland.

To pay by mail, direct your check to the Loveland site, where the office is located:

Food Bank for Larimer County  
5706 Wright Drive  
Loveland, CO 80538

To donate electronically, go to: [foodbanklarimer.org/donate](https://foodbanklarimer.org/donate).

To donate by credit card, call: 970-493-4477.

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## THE FAMILY CENTER/LA FAMILIA

The Family Center is an established program, located in north Fort Collins, which serves numerous low income families with critical programs including the essential service of quality child care. Each day over 100 area employers are sustained by the availability of quality child-care for their employees. A contribution to La Familia prepares infants and young children to thrive in school, all the way to high school graduation and beyond. The Center also strives to strengthen families through parenting classes, mental health services, English as a Second Language programs, and support of families' pursuit of citizenship. It is also one of several sources of utility assistance in the area. Like Plymouth, while their building was largely closed and staff were working from home, La Familia made use of its parking lot for drive-through COVID testing and other programs to support their families and the north Fort Collins community.

To donate by mail:                   The Family Center/La Familia  
309 Hickory Street #5  
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Thank you for your concern as the intersecting crises presented by COVID continue here and elsewhere. These groups, and others whom you may choose to support, will be grateful for your help in this time of continuing crisis.

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