

### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - \$20,000**

Any funds received would be used to support their “Blessing Box” allowing for a variety of upgrades to allow for a more diverse offering to those in need. Additionally, they would support the Community Garden that is a partnership between the Church, the City, U of I Extension, and the Salvation Army. The garden provides fresh vegetables to the Salvation Army’s food pantry. Lastly, they would use remaining funds to make upgrades to the church’s ADA accessibility as well as needed HVAC upgrades.

### **PREGNANCY MATTERS - \$5,000**

Any funds received would be used to purchase “safe sleep equipment” for new babies born into families that do not have the means to buy cribs, pack n’ plays, etc. as well as car seats. Funds would assist 70-75 individuals within Marion.

### **KOZY KIDS/MARION ELKS - \$17,500**

Any funds received will be used to expand their Kozy Kids program that offers essential items to children that may not have the basic necessities. From clothes to toiletry items, they provide items requested by a variety of organizations including Marion Unit #2, Boys and Girls Club, LSSI, and DCFS.

### **SI COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS - \$20,000**

Any funds received would be used to provide homeless outreach and housing stabilization services to people in Marion. Funds would likely serve up to 95 individuals.

### **AMERICAN LEGION - \$20,000**

Any funds received would be used to stabilize their finances that were devastated due to the pandemic. No new programs would be implemented but funds would allow them to avoid cuts that would eliminate services they provide to the community.

### **MANTRACON - \$20,000**

Any funds received would be used to provide technology resources to those enrolled in GED classes that have no other means of access. Funds would likely serve 20 students from Marion.

### **MARION PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS - \$20,000**

Any funds received would be used to acquire a smoker to feed those in the community with food insecurities as well as for MPFFA fundraisers. Such fundraisers use funds to purchase smoke detectors, provide assistance to families that are victims of fires, and host fire safety education events throughout the community.

### **AMBLESIDE OF MARION - \$20,000**

Any funds received would be used for construction of additional classrooms, scholarships to students in need of financial assistance, and needed payroll assistance. Approximately 150 students would be positively impacted by this funding.

### **FINDING FOREVER ANIMAL RESCUE - \$20,000**

Any funds received would help offset the costs of the spay or neuter services offered by the organization to those in the community that can not afford to do so. Finding Forever's mission is to reduce the number of feral cats in the community and they primarily serve Marion, providing spay or neuter services to over 2,000 cats in 2021 and finding adoptions for another 700 cats.

### **CARING COUNSELING MINISTRIES - \$20,000**

Any funds received would be used to create a "Marion Scholarship Fund" to help offset the costs of counseling services to anyone from Marion. At present, CCM provides services to 260 Marion residents.

### **ZUCC/COMMUNITY BREAKFAST - \$10,000**

Any funds received would be used to support their Community Breakfast program that provides hot meals on the weekends to those that have food insecurities. They serve approximately 100 individuals every weekend.