

# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Iowa Food Banks and Amerigroup Host Mobile Drive-Thru Food Pantries to Support Disaster Relief Response Efforts

- *More than 50,000 meals will be provided for impacted Iowans on August 24 – 28 in Tama, Marshalltown, Newton, Cedar Rapids and Belle Plaine*
- *Amerigroup contributed additional \$50,000 to local food banks to focus on areas of greatest need*

**WHAT:**

Amerigroup will provide more than 50,000 meals to impacted Iowans to support ongoing disaster recovery efforts as many people are rebuilding lives and communities following the August 10 derecho. The storm left at least a third of the state with significant damage and some areas are entering their second week without power. Amerigroup's relief efforts will provide meals to families, children, and seniors to ensure access and affordability of healthy meals so fewer Iowans will go hungry in the coming days.

Dozens of Amerigroup associates, along with members of the local community, will volunteer on August 24 – 28 at the mobile distribution sites to showcase this community effort to address food insecurity. The drive-thru food distribution, which will be held at various sites across the state of Iowa, will be a no-contact event, featuring shelf-stable food and will be handled on a first come first served basis.

In addition, Amerigroup recently committed \$50,000 to aid in response and recovery efforts following the significant storm damage to local [Feeding America](#) food banks including [River Bend Foodbank](#) (Davenport), [Food Bank of Iowa](#) (Des Moines), [HACAP Food Reservoir](#) (Hiawatha), and [Northeast Iowa Food Bank](#) (Waterloo).

For volunteer opportunities in your area please visit [Volunteer Iowa](#). For storm recovery, assistance programs and additional resources please visit [Iowa Disaster Assistance](#).

**WHERE:**

**Monday, August 24, 10 a.m. – 12 noon**

Tama-Meskwaki Celebration Assembly of God  
900 E. 5th Street, Tama, IA, 52339

**Monday, August 24, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Marshalltown – Salvation Army

107 W. State St, Marshalltown, IA, 50158

**Tuesday, August 25, 9:30 – 11 a.m.**

Newton – Salvation Army  
301 N. 2nd Avenue E., Newton, IA, 50208

**Tuesday, August 25, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Marshalltown – Salvation Army  
107 W. State St, Marshalltown, IA, 50158

**Tuesday, August 25, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Cedar Rapids, IA:**

- **ROC Center:** 1202 10th St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52401
- **St Paul's Methodist Church:** 1340 3rd Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52403
- **Ladd Library:** 3750 Williams Blvd, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52404
- **Northwest Recreation Center parking lot:** 1340 11th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52405
- **Taylor Elementary School:** 720 7th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52404

**Wednesday, August 26, 11 a.m. – 12 noon**

Belle Plaine Community Center  
1309 5th Ave, Belle Plaine, IA, 52208

**Wednesday, August 26, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Marshalltown – Salvation Army  
107 W. State St, Marshalltown, IA, 50158

**Thursday, August 27, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Marshalltown – Salvation Army  
107 W. State St, Marshalltown, IA, 50158

**Thursday, August 27, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Cedar Rapids, IA:**

- **ROC Center:** 1202 10th St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52401
- **St Paul's Methodist Church:** 1340 3rd Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52403
- **Ladd Library:** 3750 Williams Blvd, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52404
- **Northwest Recreation Center parking lot:** 1340 11th St NW, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52405
- **Taylor Elementary School:** 720 7th Ave SW, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52404

**Friday, August 28, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Marshalltown – Salvation Army  
107 W. State St, Marshalltown, IA, 50158

**Friday, August 28, 9 a.m. – 12 noon**

**Cedar Rapids, IA:**

- **Oak Park Village:** 1213 16th St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52401
- **Oak Park Manor:** 1301 15th St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA, 52401

**WHO:**

- Free and open to the community
- Representatives from Amerigroup Iowa, community organizations, local families
- Amerigroup Iowa Plan Members
- Amerigroup Iowa Associates
- Local elected officials, community leaders and advocates

**WHY:**

As part of Amerigroup’s efforts to address the social determinants of health, including food insecurity, and continue to adapt to the ever-changing environment, Amerigroup remains focused on fostering deeper relationships and developing real-time solutions to meet critical needs for the local community. The tragic storm events only heighten the food insecurity issues that continue to impact individuals and families across the state. According to Feeding America, one in nine Iowans are food insecure.

“Lack of healthy food on the table should not be something a family has to worry about in the midst of a disaster. We are grateful for the support of Amerigroup and its donation will go a long way in helping our most impacted communities,” said Kelly Kennedy Garcia, Iowa Department of Human Services Director.

Amerigroup is engaging alongside non-profit organizations and other partners as a leading champion for direct community action and food relief initiatives.

**MEDIA:**

Interviews with representatives from Amerigroup and the respective organizations will be available on site and virtual interviews upon request.

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**About Amerigroup Iowa**

Amerigroup Iowa, an Anthem Company, helps improve health care access and quality for approximately 400,000 Iowa residents who participate in the state’s Medicaid programs. Amerigroup serves Iowans by developing and delivering innovative care management programs and services. Amerigroup Iowa members are assured care that is not only accessible, but also accountable, comprehensive, integrated and patient-centered. It provides ongoing community relations and outreach to encourage members to become active participants in their health care. For more information about Amerigroup, please visit [www.myamerigroup.com/ia/iowa-home](http://www.myamerigroup.com/ia/iowa-home).