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Senior Outreach Program at Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) Receives Grant to Provide More Dairy to the Community *Dairy farmers partner with local pantry to improve critical equipment, distribute more nutrient-rich dairy foods.*

Clinton Township, MI. [January 2021] – The United Dairy Industry of Michigan (UDIM) recently awarded Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan’s Senior Outreach Program the *Food Pantry Infrastructure Grant* for critical refrigeration equipment, directly supporting the distribution of nutritious dairy foods in the community. Food pantries have seen an increased demand for their resources since the start of 2020.

According to the 2015 Dietary Guidelines, Americans of all activity levels over the age of eight should include three servings of low-fat or fat-free milk or milk products in their diet every day. Dairy is an important source of calcium and vitamin D, nutrients inadequate in most American diets.

“This grant is a huge blessing as we will now be able to purchase a new industrial refrigerator to store our donated milk and perishables items,” said Mark Johnson, Director of the CCSEM Senior Outreach Program. “Michigan’s dairy farmers feel passionately about the nutrition milk provides and want all Americans to have access to this safe, wholesome product,” says Cortney A-Boes Freeland, Manager of Education and Community Partnerships, UDIM. To learn more about the Food Pantry Grant Program, visit <https://bit.ly/2SF99jb>

About the United Dairy Industry of Michigan

The United Dairy Industry of Michigan is the umbrella organization for the Dairy Council of Michigan and the American Dairy Association of Michigan. On behalf of Michigan’s dairy farm families, these non-profit organizations provide science-based nutrition information to, and in collaboration with, a variety of stakeholders committed to fostering a healthier society, including health professionals, educators, school nutrition directors, academia, industry, consumers and media. For more information, visit MilkMeansMore.org.

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