

Letters from some families explaining their economic situations in the beginning of April

Good morning everyone, I am writing to you hoping that you are in good health with your families.

Today I want to ask for your support, due to the pandemic that we are all experiencing, I am experiencing a very hard crisis, since my husband was let go from the place where he works and right now it is difficult to find a job to survive.

I have helped a little by selling some things, but I had an accident and I fractured my foot which no longer allows me to do it. I have my family to support, that's why I ask for your help to continue surviving in this crisis. It is hard what I am going through. I will send his letter with my husband since, as I say, I cannot walk due to the fracture of my foot. Thank you and I look forward to your prompt help.

Sincerely

Nicolasa Mejía López

My name is Rosa Mejía

and my husband Ramiro Aguilar we are already elderly people, we have been at home spending all these days of quarantine until the health secretary confirms that we can leave, so we are taking great care not to get sick, currently We are in a situation where we are bad because we have run out of money, we have been left with the need to buy our basic foods and we have been very affected because sometimes we only eat twice a day and for dinner I prepare something with rice flour and that is what we eat. My husband was working in a carnitas position but since he is already a senior citizen he was suspended from his job and we have no other way to have money, since we only had the option of going out to collect aluminum cans and that was going to sell and with that we had enough to buy a little food to eat, but with what is happening from the quarantine we cannot go out and we are worried because we do not see the way to generate income, since I replenished a little with what the The government gives us for the elderly, but since I lost my card and my credential, I couldn't go out and process it due to rain, and the most important thing is for my health, that's why I'm waiting for all this quaranteen problem to pass to start doing my paperwork. I have a son who supports me at times but since he is also low-income and struggles to support us. But we thank God because we are in good health and for the food he gives us every day and thanks also to those people who care about supporting the neediest families may God bless them.

My name is Mario.

I live in the terraces of the valley. I am a senior citizen. I live alone, and my wife has long passed away. I have children but they do not visit me. As I am alone I prepare my food, clean my house and for all this quarantine I do not go out to prevent getting sick and the only thing I can sustain myself is with what the government gives me for the elderly who give it every two months, I buy the most necessary items trying not to spend so much so that it lasts me for every two months that they give me the support, and if I have had needs because I have become ill and my money is not enough, I try to be the most economical with the expenses of my house sometimes when I do not have money to eat I go to my son's, minimum it takes me three days because I am not used to it and I return to my house, I am very grateful and I feel very happy because I met two people who talked to me from the community center and they told me that they were going to support me with a blanket and they brought it to me because it was very cold and if I needed it now I don't feel so cold anymore and it protects me a little more. Sometimes I struggle a lot to buy my water because I have no one to help me to go buy my jug of water since I only have one jug.

Good afternoon, sponsor. Receive greetings from my humble family.

My name is Angélica María Reyes Camacho and I ask by means of this letter for the favor of helping us since with the situation that is present at the moment, covid-19. We have already been having a bad three weeks, since my husband is a taxi driver. And now people are not leaving their homes, so my husband has limited work. When he does find work, he is at risk of contracting this disease.

For these reasons, I ask for your support in what you can to help us. We will be very grateful. Thank you in advance for your attention. God bless you. Thank you for choosing us. Sincerely, María Reyes Camacho and family

To whom it may concern: I am Berenice, mother of Enrique and Melanie

I am a single mother and for very strong reasons. I have been separated from my husband for two months, which is why I started working in a company called Pepsico. It is from Sabritas and Gamesa, a brand of cookies. I'm having a bit of a hard time because of separating after almost 10 years is not easy, it is very difficult to overcome. But I thank God that I have a family, life, and most importantly my children. I will not receive my payment next week because of how the situation is right now. For me, it is very difficult because I have my two beautiful children to care for. Thank you very much for your support of the food. God bless the entire BAM community.

I love you so much. Sincerely, Irma Berenice Cruz Valdez

Hello, I am Sandra Espinosa, through this letter I ask for your help, since my husband works in swap meets but due to the virus he will only be allowed to work on Saturdays and Sundays, but people aren't going to the swap meets now but we have faith that this will be over very soon with the favor of God. My family and I thank you. God bless you

April 10, 2020 Dear Sponsor,

Could you please support us since my husband is not working due to the situation we are going through. Also due to the rain, we are not able to work as much. We thank you in advance for your great heart. May God always bless you, your family, and all of the Florido Community Center 4th section.

PS: God bless you and your family always.

Sincerely, Prado Rayon family

04/10/2020

BAM sponsor, I ask kindly that you help me with food because I am not able to work for certain reasons of vulnerability. I am an elderly person with diabetes and I cannot work. Now with covid-19 I have no help.

Sincerely, Mrs. Graciela Góme

Friday April 10, 2020

To whom it may concern: I am Miguel Ángel, I let you know that for contingency reasons I have not been able to go out to work in the company where I work. I have already been without work for two weeks. They pay us the minimum per week and it is not enough for our family of four to eat. So I thank you, Sponsor, for everything that you do that has helped us. Thank you very much.

April 10, 2020 Good afternoon,

At the moment my husband is not working due to the virus and because of the rains, he only works one day a week since he works in construction. Thank you for the food we received, it is a great help and support in these difficult times. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for thinking of us and I thank God for Your life. God bless you always for your good works and for your dedication to my family and all others. Thank you with all my heart.

Sincerely, Delfina Urbina

To: community center.

I am Sofía Gonzales I am a housewife I have a family of four members, two children, my husband and me.

My husband Luis Rodríguez is dedicated to music, he usually sings in restaurants and musical events but for the past five weeks, he has not been able to work due to the pandemic that has arisen.

It has been very difficult for us since he has been looking for a job but they tell him that at the moment there is none, we have fallen into depression because sometimes I do not have enough for tortillas but I try not to despair, I have a neighbor who helps me a lot, she gives me some food and that's how we've been going.

When my husband goes outside to look for a job, all he does when he comes home is to wash his hands with soap,

These are difficult moments for me and my family, but we have faith that all this will soon pass, sometimes I have started to cry from the despair that we do not even have for a jug of water.

I didn't think the time would come to have to decide whether to buy diapers for the child or buy beans.

I try to entertain my children with games, like hide and seek, we run all over the house, but it saddens me to see but my husband makes me strong but he thinks I don't notice when he also cries in despair.

At the moment to buy something I only go to the little store on the corner, for tortilla, water, and diapers. Upon returning home I only wash my hands with soap and water before hugging my son.

But on the other hand we are also happy for the blessing that came from our house thanks to you for all the love and thank God because my children are healthy and my husband and I too

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uana Baja California.

April 11, 2020.

My name is María del Carmen Espinosa García, mother of a family of four, Perla Jasmin, 17 years old, Luz Viviana, 15 years old, Ángel Antonio, 12 years old, Daniel Alejandro de 4 years and my husband Daniel Alejandro López Rodríguez. We are writing to you to ask for support for food since my husband currently works only one or two days a week due to the coronavirus pandemic. The truth is, it is very difficult for us since we do not have enough money to buy enough food. Thank you in advance. May God bless you and take good care of your family.

April 9, 2020
To the Community Center

My name is Hector Patlan I am a visually impaired senior citizen who works singing on the public transportation for tips but with the pandemic I have not been able to work since there is practically no public transportation services running and also because they recommend that senior citizens not go out for safety and for my own health.

Currently my neighbors help me bringing me a bit of food and my daughter in law comes by most days they live close to my home.

I qualified for a room (to have my small home repaired) from the Dad's Program and truthfully I have felt very pleased with the room now I don't suffer from the cold nor do I get wet thanks to the blessing that I received from the people who participated in it thanks, God bless them and give them more in order to help more families I bid you farewell and not goodbye but "see you soon."

Sincerely, Hector Patlan

9-Abril-2020

Para Centro comunitario

Mi nombre es Hector Patlan soy una persona de la 3^{ra} edad tengo una discapacidad visual me dedico a cantar en el transporte publico pero con lo de la contingencia no e podido salir a trabajar casi no hay servicios de transportes y tambien por que nos recomiendan no salir a las personas de la 3^{ra} edad por seguridad y para mi propia salud.

Actualmente los vecinos me ayudan llevandome un poco de alimentos y mi nuera que vive cerca de mi casa pero realmente ellos tambien van al dia.

Yo califique para un cuartito en los proyectos de pupas y realmente me he sentido muy agusto en ese cuartito ya no paso frio ni se me moja gracias por la bendicion que recibí y a todas las personas que participaron en ella gracias Dios los bendiga y les de mas para ayudar a mas familias me despido de ustedes y no les digo adios sino asta pronto

Atentamente Hector Patlan

9-Abril-2020

Querida señora Julianne le escribo estas líneas para decirle un poquito de mi familia en estos momentos solo estamos mi hija pequeña y mi hijo Juan y una hija un tiempo me separé de mi esposa y mi hijo menor se fue a una gran ciudad porque no tuvo otra opción y ahora aunque están lejos en la vida yo se que el está bien ellos viven con la mamá de mi esposa.

En mi casa estamos teniendo todas las medidas necesarias para protegernos de la enfermedad y no salimos solo lo necesito mi hijo cumple con las actividades que nos proponen en el centro comunitario mi hijo Juan no puede hacer nada y yo estoy haciendo trabajos y otras cosas en mi casa por que por el momento no puedo salir en ocasiones voy a las compras pero por las restricciones no e tenido clientes mi nuera que vive cerca de mi casa me ayuda en su trabajo sin cobrar nada y ella nos ayuda para comprar algunas cosas con lo que recibe de su pensión y con lo que yo saco de mis ventas que para no es mucho gracias a Dios estamos bien de salud.

Me despido de ustedes esperando se en cuentren bien Saludos de mi familia les quiero mucho gracias por preocuparse por nosotros atentamente Teresa Soto Casa 2^a

April 9 2020

Dear Mrs. Julianne. I write these lines to tell you a little about my family. At this time it is just my little daughter and my son Juan since some I separated from my husband some time ago and my younger son went with him by his own choice which I had to respect because I had no choice.

Even though I only see him from time to time I know he is well they live with my husband's mom.

At my home we are following all of the necessary precautions to protect ourselves from the illness and we don't go out only what's necessary and my daughter is complying with all of the activities from the Community Center my son Juan can't do work yet and I am selling tostilocos (chips with hot sauce) and some other items from home and on occasion I put on false nails for people but with the restrictions I haven't had clients and

my Mom because of her age they don't let her work and they don't give her her salary and she helps us doing some shopping with what she gets from her pension and with what I make from my sales that, well isn't much, thank God we are healthy.

I bid you farewell hoping you find yourselves well greetings from my family we love you very much thanks for being concerned about us sincerely Teresa Soto
Home 219

Greetings and a thousand thanks from the Pineda Duran family,

we greatly appreciate all the blessings that BAM has brought to our family, from the day we were invited to the community center a new life began, now that we already have our green house this family It is more united than ever, we all greatly enjoy our house because it has been the greatest blessing we have received. Now with the health contingency situation that we are experiencing, we are most grateful to have a more than worthy home to be in these difficult times. The quarantine came to us at a difficult time since we had already been having some financial problems because my husband has a job which is not very stable, he dedicates himself to construction and sometimes there is work there and sometimes not, depending on the season, this is the reason why I had to start working outside the home since I cannot work at home because previously I pawned my cooking machines to be able to pay for some payments, I find myself working in a sewing workshop, I don't do much but it is enough to survive day by day. day, until now, well, we have not lacked a plate of food on our table, our children are also happy and understanding, because they understand that sometimes we do not have the resources to give them luxuries or vary their food a lot, even so we strive to give them the best and they strive to be better every day doing their chores and doing the dynamics and tasks that we provide in community center to help us pass in this quarantine and our children do not fall behind as much, they are the best children that someone could have, because in this contingency we have counted on them a lot since they help us a lot by following the health instructions given by the government to the letter and that we give them, they constantly wash their hands, disinfect the plates, keys, tables, etc. And they do not go out, the only person who goes out is my husband Elías shopping and I go out to work, because my husband has been taking care of them at home because he is not working due to the lack of work and the weather since his work is outdoors. We have been watching the news and there are several companies that have been closed and in my work they told us that they will close soon. We are worried but we have to have faith that soon this will happen and we will have the experience that there is only one life and we have to enjoy it and to thank, take care of each other and always be in solidarity, I say goodbye thanking all the care you have always had for us. ATTE

PINEDA DURAN Family

Good morning before all,

I thank you for this help since my income is very low, I do not have work and the little money I have is given to me by the father of my children each week.

With the virus now and everything that we are going through, the help is a great blessing.

Thank you very much for everything that supports us. Blessings to you and your entire family.

Thank you very much. Sincerely, Irene

Good morning

I am Yadira Betancourt, mother of four children, I am happy to be part of the community center. My husband has been out of a job since January. He became seriously ill, but he has already improved. The circumstances have become difficult and I thank you for this support for our family. Thank you sponsor because you care and act for families. God bless your life and fulfill the purposes of your heart and of each of the leaders of the community center, Thank you for your support.

Yadira Betancourt

Sponsor, I hope that you are well with your family. Thank you for all the support you have given us and especially in these moments. The support that you give my family and me is a great gift. The help that we are receiving from you is huge, since my husband has been let go from his job and my son Luis has been laid off this week until further notice for everything that is happening. For us, it is a blessing that you are helping us. May God open many doors for you to continue giving these blessings, not only to me, but to all the people who need it. Take good care of yourself and your family with all your heart.

Family Delfina Gallardo

04/11/2020

I thank you for the help you are giving us in these difficult times. At this time I am not working due to the rains and the virus.

I have 3 children and 3 nephews living in my house, they work in the factory but they have let them go unpaid. I am grateful to you for the support.

God bless you always, Felix Gamero García

Hello good morning everyone, God bless you.

On this day I want to thank you for thinking of us. My family and many others are blessed by you. Today they have brought us food which is a great blessing because in my house only my husband works. There are 4 in my family, my 2 children, my husband and me.

Thank you because despite everything you are going through, you remembered our family, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. There are families that cannot go out to work in these conditions, due to the disease, the virus or the ugliness that gets with the rains, it is difficult for us to go out and get our daily food. Thank you very many blessings for your family and may God multiply you. Sending big hugs.

Sincerely, Maritza Herrera Escobar

Good morning,

I am the mother of Emmanuel and Josué.

I want to thank you sincerely for this great support since we are currently in a very difficult situation. The crisis of Covid-19 is affecting us with a shortage of work. My family and I have low resources and live day to day.

With my husband's salary, it is difficult to support my family. This is a very difficult situation and for this reason we ask for your valuable support. I thank you from the bottom of my heart that God bless each one of you and the BAM community.

García Espinosa family.

Hereby I thank you, for caring for those of us who are in need during this situation that we are going through, since it is difficult for my husband to go out to work, and we are going through a difficult economic situation, with the problem that I am having and with the fear that at any time child protective services will come to pick up my 3 children.

For being temporarily in the room we were living in while they finished the house,

We are grateful to Mrs. Olga for everything that she has done to help us and to Mrs. Juliana for all the help she has given to my family. And to me, we have no way to thank you and we are happy to see our house finished, which we will always be grateful for.

Ledezma Esquivel family

MESSAGES FROM THE LEADERS AND REPORTS ABOUT SOME OF THEIR FAMILIES:

From Angelica

Hello Juliana from the el florido community, we have helped 30 families. In fact, people from the community are very grateful for the support they have received because they did not have work, they are really worried about how to continue, there are families that do not have milk or diapers for their babies. They thank God for sending sponsors in these desperate moments. We have been helping a lot people who are older adults. Single mothers with disabilities.

From Josefina:

Thank you to all the sponsors who have been supporting our community during this critical moment. The needs that exists in each of our communities is truly varied. In my community, currently, 21 families have been supported, including 5 elderly people, who in my opinion are the most vulnerable because they do not have the support of relatives, because they either do not have families or because their families are not in a position to help them. They are also not being allowed to go to the stores, some because they

afraid of being infected, some families have not been able to do their jobs due to high blood pressure and diabetes. For some families the situation is beginning to change because some people are able to return to their work. The children continue to study from home and for some families have begun to meet with the psychologist, Maritza. Some feel desperate since they have been in quarantine for so long, because they were left without employment or the loss of a family member. Here in my community I heard of some people having covid, but not in BAM houses or applicants. We had two suspicious cases but they already confirmed that it was only an infection or flu nothing serious. We've been keeping an eye on families, calling every week.

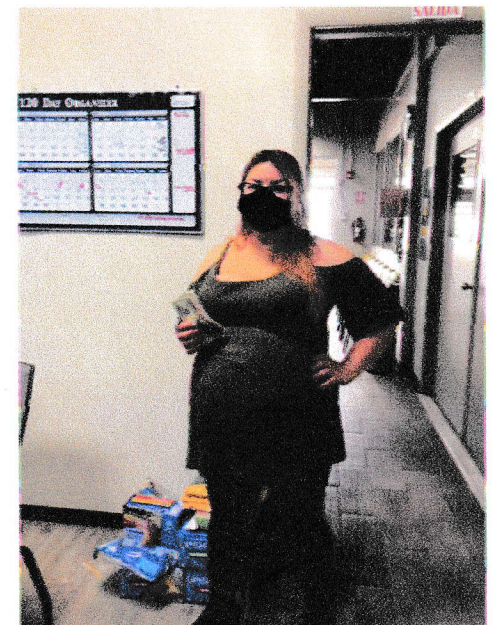
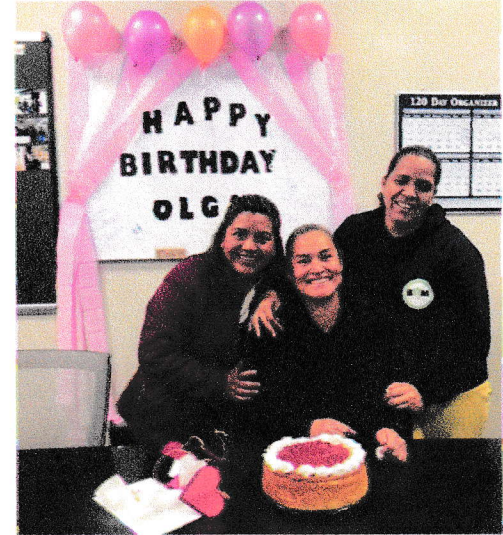
Total families that have so far benefited from donations from sponsors - 105

The donations went to families in BAM houses, families on the waiting list and families from the community.

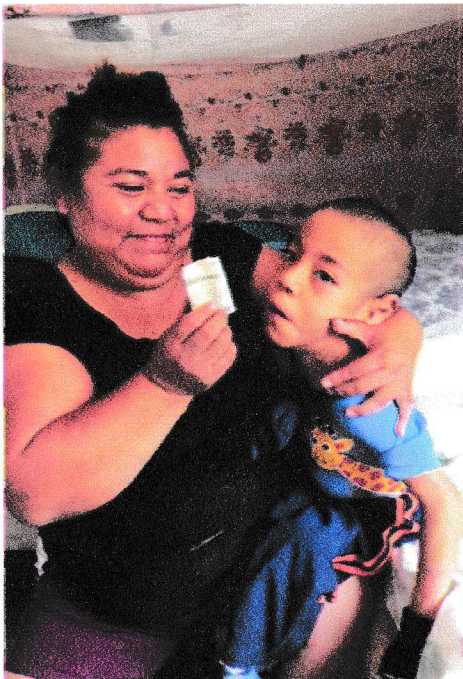
Angelica Gomez	30
Olga Rodriguez	26
Cinthia Sanchez	28
Josefina Suarez	21

Total families who have received aid as of May 4 - 105

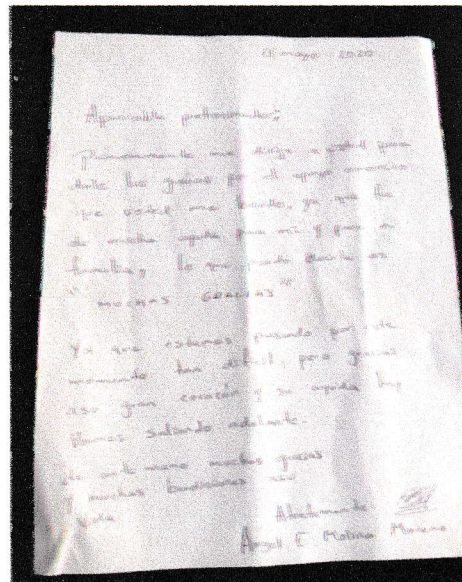
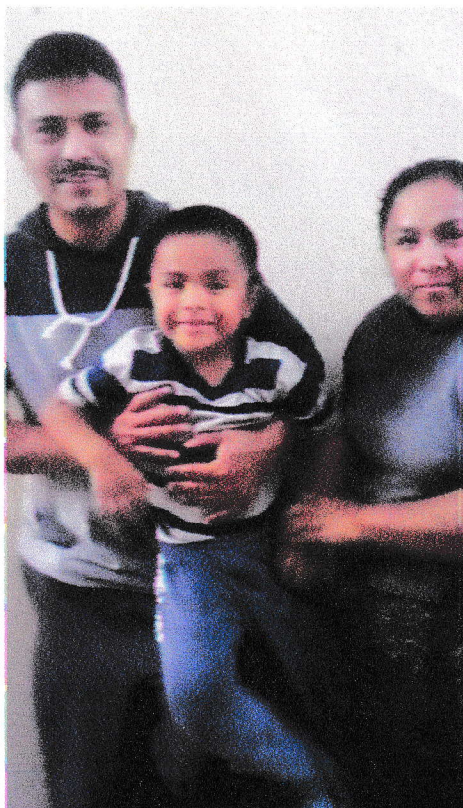
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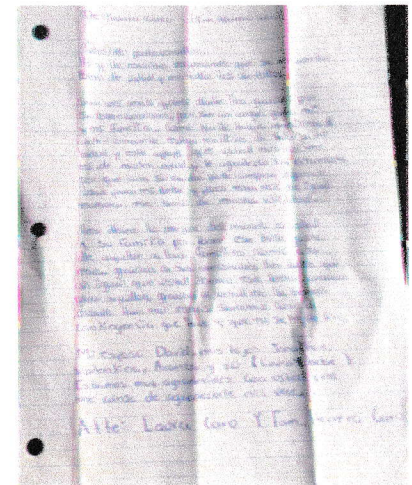
Laura from house #338 is pregnant, she does not have health care, her husband was laid off from work, and her husband's mother just passed away. The husband is very depressed, we made an appointment with the psychologist.



Luis, an eight years old boy, was born with a disability, his parents do not have jobs, and they have to buy medicine every month. They asked the community for support to buy his medicine.



May 21, 2020
To my highly appreciated sponsor.
First of all I address you to give you thanks for the economic support that you have given me since it was such a huge help for me and for my family what I can tell you is many thanks such that we are going through such a difficult time but thanks to your great heart and your help we are getting ahead and coming through it so I thank you so much and I wish you many blessings in your life sincerely
Angel Molina Moreno



May 21, 2020
From: laura Caro (Herrera Caro Family)

Dear sponsor. Today I write you hoping that you find yourself well and in good health and in every sense of the word.

Once again I want to give you thanks for your good heart for being an angel for me and for my family as I have told you before I am within days of having my baby and this support That you were giving us is so helpful I thank you infinitely because your help allows me to buy some things for my baby and well what can I say this will be very useful.

I wish you all the best in the world has to offer and also the same to your family for this beautiful gesture to help families like mine thanks to your wonderful friends they're so beautiful like you that have these beautiful hearts to help thanks to you we have not had it so rough these weeks with the contingency meeting pandemic that is happening and seems to be endless.

My husband David my children jonathan Valentina Arantxa and I Laura and the baby are so grateful to you I will never grow tired of expressing my gratitude 1000 times.

Sincerely Laura Caro and family,
Herrera Caro