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Loaves and Fishes Will Continue to Serve

Minneapolis, MN (March 16, 2020): “For nearly 40 years, Loaves & Fishes has gone where the hunger is. Today, we are the largest free restaurant in Minnesota and the COVID-19 outbreak will not stop our mission to provide fresh, healthy meals to Minnesotans in need,” said Cathy Maes, Executive Director of Loaves and Fishes. Loaves & Fishes staff are closely monitoring how this threat will affect our community and are adjusting to this changing environment as needed so that we can continue to provide nutritious food to those who need it.

“We have invested heavily in to-go containers and will continue to provide high-level and healthy meals to anyone in need,” Maes said adding Loaves and Fishes will work with caterers for meals as well as an event company with trucks and logistics. The organization is working hard to mitigate the potential spread of the virus, including: continuing to follow our best ServSafe practices (national food safety standards), asking those who are ill to not attend, and offering take-away meals to guests.

Using the take-away method has become a popular option for guests. “Our first two lunches using the new model just concluded and our staff reported that numbers were higher, and more children were present,” Maes said.

For daily updates or more information call 612-377-9810 or visit our website, loavesandfishesmn.org.

About Loaves and Fishes MN:

Loaves and Fishes serves free, nutritious meals to those in need at locations where the need is greatest. Its meal program began 35 years ago, in 1982, with one dining site each in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Since that time, it has grown to serving about 3,500 meals daily in Minnesota. While the name "Loaves and Fishes" was initially taken from scripture, it is not a religious organization. It is guided by a vision that all people, regardless of socioeconomic, cultural or ethnic background, deserve to meet their basic needs for food, dignity and respect.

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