

CITY OF PAWTUCKET



EXECUTIVE ORDER

2021-0001
July 26, 2021

Designation of The Elisha Project as Official Partner to Address Food Insecurity Issues in the City of Pawtucket

WHEREAS, food insecurity is a national issue affecting individuals from all walks of life and having a severe impact in urban centers like the city of Pawtucket; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, 34.9% of households with incomes below the Federal poverty line were food insecure. Rates of food insecurity are substantially higher than the national average for single-parent households, and for Black and Hispanic households. Food insecurity is more common in cities like Pawtucket; and

WHEREAS, food insecure households include those with lack consistent access to food and have low quality and variety of food. Very low food insecurity leads to disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake; and

WHEREAS, the Elisha Project, a 501(c)3 organization whose operations center is headquartered in Pawtucket, is dedicated to combatting food insecurity in the city of Pawtucket and throughout the state of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, the Elisha Project provided approximately 4-5 million pounds of food in 2020 and is on pace to exceed those numbers in 2021 as they have distributed approximately 3 million pounds of food this year as of June 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Elisha Project's value of work is approximately \$7.5 million which represents a major commitment and investment to our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Elisha Project is a valuable member of Pawtucket's community and has been a champion of the underprivileged and underserved by providing essential food and supplies, especially during this time of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, by the powers vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Pawtucket, I do hereby order as follows:

Designate the Elisha Project as the official Food Rescue / Food Insecurity partner of the City of Pawtucket which will commemorate the special relationship between said organizations.

Give permission for Elisha Project to use this designation in various media formats including advertisements and events with the goal of bringing more resources to our community.


Donald R. Grebien
Mayor

7/26/2021

Date