Ministry/ Food for poor ‘miraculously’ appears

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Antropoulos moved to North Minneapolis from Brooklyn Center in 1979, serving 20,000 people a month and charter to distribute more food than any other food bank in the nation. "If you call a regular food bank a bank, this is the Federal Reserve," Antropoulos said.

Begging from help

To maintain the momentum of the ministry, Antropoulos has become a homeless advocate at the corporate level. He has contacts with most major food distributors, supermarket chains, and banks. He's taken a physical look at some of the food banks in the churches and last year, he, with his team, distributed 300,000 pounds of food to the poor.

Antropoulos said he has been a advocate for the homeless for many years and he feels he has made a difference. "If we can help one person, that's one more person who is fed," Antropoulos said.

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Relief in sight

On a recent Wednesday morning in St. Paul, people began moving up at 11 a.m., and by noon, 200 people were lined up outside of the church. A team of volunteers began to serve the meals.

When they saw the height of the line, the Reverend Armstrong said, "I've seen worse days than this. But I'm not giving up on the people. We'll keep trying until we meet their needs."}

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