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Chippewa Falls,
Wisconsin

In honor of her and her husband Robert's 65th wedding anniversary, Jean Romsos (back left) donated a gift card to the employees of the veteran's home where her husband resides. The gift card donation to Loopy's Grill and Saloon in Chippewa Falls, WI helped support a local business AND say thank you to caregivers. Also pictured is Katie Plendl, Admissions Director at WI Veterans Home Chippewa Falls (front left), William (Bill) Kleich, owner of Loopy's Bar and Grill (front right), and Mary Krueger, NMB Wisconsin River agent (back right).

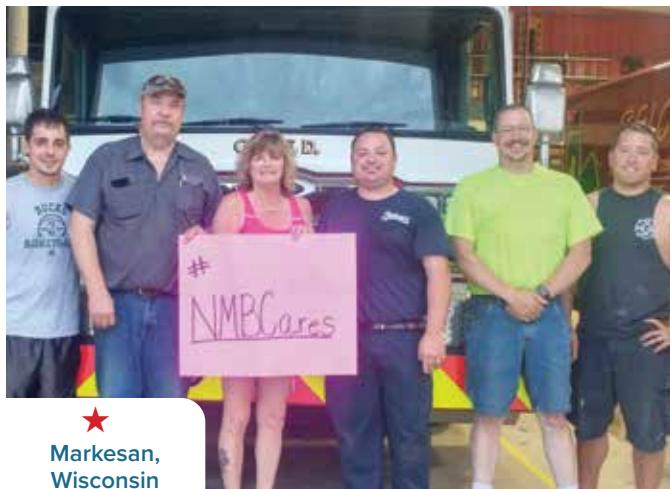
Our Members Take Action

by Kelly Holck

On April 21, 2020, National Mutual Benefit donated \$100,000 towards helping the communities we serve through a new program called NMB Cares. When dreaming up the initiative, we thought to ourselves: Who knows our communities better than the members who live, work, and play there? This thought led us to create a \$20,000 Members Take Action fund, which gave NMB members the opportunity to apply for community relief grants and help their own community

in whatever way they felt was most needed. The response completely blew us away: in less than two weeks, we received 100 grant requests!

Thank you to all of the members who partnered with us to support your communities! Take a look at some of our member's inspiring stories showing how the Members Take Action grant was used to support causes they care about in their own communities.



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Markesan,
Wisconsin

Joann Heath provided food to her local fire department and other frontline workers in Markesan, WI.



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Sheboygan,
Wisconsin

Lucy Vue and her kids Keegan (left) and Kamryn (right) put together and delivered treat and activity bags to residents at their local nursing home in Sheboygan, WI. They were so inspired that they contributed their own funds to create more activity and food baskets for local families who were financially affected by COVID-19!



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**Brodhead,
Wisconsin**

Randy (pictured above) and Ginger Riese purchased gift cards from their local Subway, filled out thank you cards, and delivered the tokens of appreciation to caregivers in their community.



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**Mazomanie,
Wisconsin**

Aubrey, Jace, Lila, and Tai Wagner used their grant to donate essentials to their local food bank in Mazomanie, WI.



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**Wausau,
Wisconsin**

Dean Blanchard created essential boxes for the homeless population near him in Wausau, WI.



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**Milwaukee,
Wisconsin**

Cathy Cieri DeGroot learned that her local food pantry, Friedens Despensa de la Paz in Milwaukee, WI, had seen a 30%+ increase in clients needing food since the start of COVID-19. She purchased and donated food to the pantry, and then went the extra mile by volunteering her time with them as well.



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**Gleason,
Wisconsin**

Brittani and David Olson (pictured above) purchased and cooked food for the frontline workers at a local clinic in Gleason, WI.



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**Wausau,
Wisconsin**

Brett and Colleen Boling (left and center) donated their grants to Ruby's Pantry, New Hope Community Church, Wausau, WI.



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Fond du Lac,
Wisconsin

Laurie Pethan created activity boxes for her second grade students at Roberts Elementary school in Fond du Lac, WI. Pictured is student Dane Streeter smiling from ear to ear after he received his box!



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Janesville,
Wisconsin

Theresa Schricker (pictured left) purchased groceries for ECHO, her local food pantry in Janesville, WI.



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Spearfish,
South Dakota

Rena Bartol and her boys, Zander (left), Zaiden (middle), and Zayne (right), made family movie night boxes to share with Spearfish, SD community members in need of a little fun and quality time. Here's a photo of the boys on their way to deliver their donations to unsuspecting families!



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Fond du Lac,
Wisconsin

Mason Geasland (second from right) learned about the value of giving back to others in his fifth grade class and decided to take action with his new knowledge. With the help of his brothers, Jack (second from left) and Dawson (right), he purchased and delivered meals to officers on duty during all three shifts at Fond du Lac Police Department! Officer TJ Fischer (pictured left) took a minute out of his busy day to say "thank you" to the boys for their generosity.



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Wausau,
Wisconsin

Mary and Henry Holm purchased (pictured right) gift cards and pizzas for Wausau, WI front line workers, including police officers, firefighters, and grocery store workers!



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Schofield,
Wisconsin

Dennis, Mary, and Michael Richmond utilized their grants to purchase non-perishables for people in need in their community of Schofield, WI.