

Ruth, 74 and recently widowed, found herself in need as furloughs and layoffs swept through communities and created an increased demand for food and essential items. When she drove up to Boyertown Area Multi Service on a cold day in April, she was met with a supply of groceries to help her make ends meet.

Thanks to a grant from United Way, Boyertown Area Multi-Service has been helping area residents like Ruth who have been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. "I think [the food distribution] is important to have for periods of hard times," Ruth said, adding that her husband of 58 years regularly gave to United Way through his union. She is thankful United Way is committed to helping people in need.

Through United Way's Community Wide Care approach, funds are invested in programs throughout Berks County that help Ruth and others live stronger lives.

