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## NEWS RELEASE

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### FARMERS TO FAMILIES FOOD DISTRIBUTION WILL CONTINUE IN MAY IN BRISTOL

The Mayor's Office, United Way, and Foodshare are working together to continue to offer the Farmers to Families Produce Distribution program in Bristol for two more dates in May. Upcoming dates have been scheduled for the following **Saturdays: May 8 and 22**. Distribution will take place from 9 am-12 pm or until all boxes are distributed. The location for these additional distributions is the Public Works Garage, located at 95 Vincent P Kelly Road. Those participating are advised to follow the signs from Middle Street to Cross Street, right onto Lake Avenue and a right onto Vincent P Kelly Road.

"We are pleased to be able to continue this program here in the Bristol," said Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu. "We are grateful to United Way and Foodshare for partnering with the City to bring this invaluable program to the community during COVID. It has demonstrated to us, as policy makers, that more needs to be done on food insecurity across the City and in our surrounding communities that are served by United Way."

"In the last 9 months over 22,000 boxes valued at over \$660,000 have been brought into the community, said Donna Osuch, President of the United Way. "This program is available to anyone who could use a boost and will utilize the groceries. We also encourage people to split up and share the contents with other family members or neighbors."

The pallets of food boxes will be unloaded from the trucks and divided with volunteers at each station. The line of cars will be directed into drive-thru lines where the food will be placed into the back seat or trunk of each vehicle. The entire distribution is contact-less and adheres to all COVID precautions.

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