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Serving Hope on the Open Road

(Chamberlain, S.D.) –St. Joseph's Indian School staff took to the open road on March 27 to deliver food, clothing and cleaning supplies to the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe food pantry and Sacred Heart Center Women's Shelter. Although school is not currently in session due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak, the staff volunteers were still able to deliver some much-needed items to the community to help during a very trying time.

Campus Safety and Security Coordinator Joe Hutmacher is used to being in a helping role, but he knew this was something a little different that he wanted to be a part of. "I believe my mission in life is to protect and help people, especially those who are struggling. I often pray to God that he puts me in the right place at the right time to do what I can to help. This trip gave me a sense of purpose and satisfaction to do my small part in delivering supplies to those in need, and I am both grateful and proud to be part of an organization that affords me that opportunity." Hutmacher said it was great to be greeted by tribal members who thanked him several times for the donated goods.

The school did similar deliveries to Crow Creek and Lower Brule reservations the previous week, sharing supplies and food that had been ordered for lunches in the St. Joseph's Indian School Dining Hall. With the students in their home communities, this seems like a good distribution of items that would otherwise go unused.

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