

# NETWORKING TO MEET NEEDS

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The Mississippi Food Network along with other area entities, the recently established Lexington Food Pantry, Rabbits of Relevance, the city of Lexington and others, hosted a voucher based food hand out event on Saturday, May 2, at the parking lot of the Lexington Multi-Purpose Building. The efforts were planned in response to economical effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Citizens holding vouchers could claim loads of dry goods, produce and other foodstuff, all conveniently loaded into individual vehicles by volunteers on hand in a drive-thru set-up. After citizens with vouchers claimed their goods, the supplies then became open to the general public. Lexington Mayor Robin McCrory reported over 180 vouchers were processed. Pictured above, volunteers put food items into the car of Samantha Kirklin of Lexington. Large sacks of potatoes for distribution can be seen in the foreground.



Pictured center, Lexington Mayor Robin McCrory processes the vouchers of each vehicle in the drive-thru at the parking lot of the Lexington Multi-Purpose Building on Saturday, May 2.



Lexington resident Kooter Rule (at right) speaks with McCrory in the drive-thru on Saturday while volunteers fill his vehicle with food items.



Dry cereal, juice, applesauce, milk, potatoes and frozen food were among the items given to claimants of the hand outs on Saturday, May 2.



Pictured from left, Rev. Jack Wooten, Kevin Webb with KLLM Transport Co., Michael Roche' and Robin Harrison, both with Mississippi Food Network, wait to load food into a vehicle.