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**The Mind Trust to donate \$100,000 to Jim Irsay Million Dollar Challenge benefiting Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana**

Indianapolis – (March 17, 2020) – The Mind Trust, an Indianapolis-based education nonprofit, announced today that it will make an immediate \$100,000 donation to Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana to ensure Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay’s Million Dollar Match can be made as soon as possible.

The Mind Trust will make an initial \$100,000 gift and will issue a call to its existing donors to provide additional resources to support the organization’s ongoing efforts to support students and families impacted by COVID-19. To donate, please go to [themindtrust.org/donate](https://themindtrust.org/donate).

“Our community has a history of banding together during difficult times,” said Brandon Brown, CEO of The Mind Trust. “During this unprecedented moment, The Mind Trust is committed to doing our part to ensure that children and families in Marion County have access to basic needs while our community takes the necessary precautions to keep our neighbors healthy. We thank Jim Irsay, Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, and the countless community leaders who are rising to the challenge of this moment.”

Pete Ward, Colts chief operating officer, says the Irsay family and the franchise are incredibly grateful to the generosity of The Mind Trust for helping to close the immediate fundraising gap.

“The mission of the Colts is to entertain, inspire and unite by winning the right way. We live this mission every day of every year, but especially during difficult times like these,” Ward said. “That’s why Mr. Irsay challenged the community to get involved, and we are grateful to organizations like The Mind Trust that answered the call and have gone above and beyond to help serve our friends and neighbors in immediate need.”

“During the most difficult times, Mr. Rogers said that his mother always told him to ‘look for the helpers.’ Organizations like The Mind Trust are stepping up to help us help others,” said John Elliott, President/CEO of Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana. “Our

shared goal to equip young children with the tools they need to be successful – whether that be an education or food to fuel their minds and bodies – it is critically important, now more than ever.”

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### **About The Mind Trust**

The Mind Trust is an Indianapolis-based education nonprofit organization that works to build a system of schools that gives every student in Indianapolis, no exceptions, access to a high-quality education. The Mind Trust does this by building a supportive environment for schools through policy and community engagement, empowering talented educators to launch new schools, and providing existing schools with the support they need to hire world-class talent and achieve excellence. Since 2006, The Mind Trust has supported the launch of 29 schools and helped place more than 1,500 teachers and school leaders in Indianapolis classrooms. More information can be found at [themindtrust.org](https://themindtrust.org).