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Why I Joined the Food for Our Front Lines Effort: Diane Aten

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“When so much feels like it is out of control, we all want to do something good that is within our control. It is encouraging to see so many people stepping up.

“Giving a financial contribution is easy. I donated to the Food for Our Front Lines initiative because of my gratitude to all of our front-line workers during this challenging time. Each and every person is so important — from the cleaning staff to the people making sure we get paid — and everyone else on the ground working across campus! You are so appreciated. I am grateful to be able to work remotely and I appreciate our essential employees who have to go in to work! Thank you and please stay safe.”

— **Diane Aten, MS**, associate director of development, School of Medicine



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