Lynn and Virginia Grogan Leave a Local Legacy

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their faithful practice of giving back to neighbors in need. They gave generously and regularly to God’s Pantry Food Bank. In 1997, Lynn and Virginia Grogan established two Charitable Remainder Trusts, funded with shares of stock in their family business. After Lynn and Virginia passed away, the remaining funds from their charitable trusts were distributed to God’s Pantry Food Bank and 14 other organizations they supported during their lives.

“In today’s economy, the more creative leaders of large organizations will find a way to support local businesses because they recognize that will best serve their mission and community,” says Alan. Virginia and Lynn Grogan’s lives of giving and service are a legacy that continues to lift the lives of their neighbors.

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The mission of God’s Pantry Food Bank is to reduce hunger in Kentucky through community cooperation making the best possible use of all available resources.
Let’s SHIFT Latest Hunger Relief Effort Into High Gear

U.S. businesses waste about 50 billion pounds of food every year, according to Feeding America estimates. That represents enough nourishment to feed over 25,000 people for an entire year. (In our service region, an estimated 250,000 neighbors are food insecure.)

“SHIFT” is a Food Bank program that directs donor dollars toward a common sense, volunteer-driven initiative that rescues nutritious fresh foods and redirects them to area feeding sites. It stands for: Solving Hunger with Independent Food Transport.

Working closely with Feeding America, God’s Pantry Food Bank is the “middle man” between businesses that have unused food, and nearby feeding programs (pantries, soup kitchens, etc.). With a text and photo, businesses alert the Food Bank of available goods for pickup. SHIFT volunteers trained in safe handling procedures pick up food donations and deliver them directly to our partner agencies.

If you are interested in becoming a SHIFT volunteer, you must be a legally licensed driver age 18 or older and able to lift between 25-50 lbs. Following an introductory training session, you may begin to accept assignments.

If you are interested in SHIFTing this initiative into high gear, contact Renee Rigdon at rrigdon@godspantry.org.

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