Your Gifts Feed Families at Home … All Season Long

In the fall, your thoughts may turn to family holiday meals at Thanksgiving. But 250,000 of our neighbors in Central and Eastern Kentucky deal with skipped meals or choices between food and medicines, or food and heat for their homes. As the hunger crisis persists across Kentucky, you can *share your Thanksgiving with these families*, creating a bountiful holiday season.

*Your gifts allow God’s Pantry Food Bank to distribute an estimated 3 million pounds of food every month through a partner network of 400 food pantries and meal programs.* In 50 counties, these fresh vegetables, fruits, proteins, grains, dairy items, canned goods and other meal basics allow families to come together and enjoy home-cooked nutritious meals all year long.

During November, God’s Pantry Food Bank also provides more than 5,000 special *Sharing Thanksgiving* meal boxes to families in Fayette, Floyd, Laurel and Rowan counties. The box provides everything needed for a traditional Thanksgiving meal — including the turkey! For hardworking parents struggling to make ends meet, your gift during this holiday season can be a godsend.

“I almost started crying,” shared one single mother of three after she received a *Sharing Thanksgiving* box. “I actually wasn’t going to have any money at all to get any food for Thanksgiving so this was a huge blessing,” she continued. “People don’t really stop to think that somebody who has a job and is meeting so many bills and payments doesn’t always have anything extra left over to make a special dinner like this.”

Your gifts make all of this possible. Thank you for allowing families to enjoy warm, nourishing meals at home this season, and throughout the year!

*Share your Thanksgiving with the 250,000 Central and Eastern Kentuckians who struggle with hunger.*

For every $10 you give, God’s Pantry Food Bank can gather and distribute enough food to provide 80 meals.

For more information on *Sharing Thanksgiving*, contact Alice Rogers at alice@godspantry.org or 859.288.5322.
Another Way Your Gifts Assist Hungry Seniors

In Kentucky, only 32% of eligible senior citizens are enrolled in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly food stamps). Last year, donors like you helped the Food Bank to add SNAP outreach to its growing number of hunger-fighting programs.

Social worker Chelsey Nickum joined us in July of 2018 to help increase SNAP enrollment among eligible older neighbors needing help.

"We want to make sure that these vulnerable men and women receive the benefits for which they qualify so they can face the future without the daily worry of hunger," said Food Bank CEO Mike Halligan. That’s good news for folks visiting the Clay County Old Timers senior center in Manchester — and places like it that are among the 400 pantries and other meal sites where your generosity is helping.

The Walmart Foundation is generously supporting the Food Bank’s SNAP outreach, but its gifts cover only a portion of the cost. We need generous friends like you to help even more qualifying elderly neighbors get signed up for SNAP.

Thank you for your help in ensuring that every senior in our region receives the nourishing meals they need to thrive!

Questions about SNAP? Call Chelsey at 859.288.5331!

A Homecoming of Gratitude

As summer winds down into fall, life is full of change. The air becomes more crisp ... green spring leaves turn colorful ... summer vacations are cherished memories ... children return to school ... family gatherings move indoors ... winter is just around the corner. Fall can be a special time for reflection but it is also a time of preparation for the seasons ahead.

At God’s Pantry Food Bank, fall reminds us that our job is far from over. Every day brings new needs, and often neighbors seeking assistance who’ve never before needed help.

September’s incredible Hunger Action Month draws to a close with dozens of actions completed, hundreds of volunteers welcomed and more than $100,000 in matching funds generated thus far. We’re working to solve hunger! Check out this past year’s donor impact on page 3.

We’re deeply thankful that generous friends like you allow so many families in need to transition through the fall. Your gifts bring folks closer to one another ... help prepare for the seasons ahead ... offer meals shared at home ... fight hunger and deliver hope.

Looking ahead, I hope you’ll join us on October 24 for Taste of Southeast Kentucky and that you’ll make a special gift for this year’s Sharing Thanksgiving program. Thanks again for all you do. Through you, God’s Pantry Food Bank will create a special season of homecoming for thousands of kids and adults!
SmartGifts: Benefit More from Your Year-End Giving

This is the season of giving — to loved ones near and far, and also to our less fortunate neighbors. Certain gifts to God’s Pantry Food Bank give back to you, with significant tax savings and other financial benefits.

1. **Donating stocks.** Give stocks worth more than the share price you paid, and you can claim deductions for their full fair market value and eliminate tax on the appreciation.

2. **Make a qualified charitable deduction from your IRA (“IRA rollover”).** If you are 70½ years or older, you can give up to $100,000 from your IRA directly to God’s Pantry Food Bank without paying income taxes on the donation.

3. **Get paid back.** A charitable remainder trust or a charitable gift annuity provides you, or a beneficiary you name, with payments for life or a period of years, and supports the Food Bank thereafter. You’ll also enjoy significant tax savings.

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Thank You to These Monthly Volunteers!

Members of Alpha Phi Omega’s Alpha Zeta Chapter at UK volunteer monthly at God’s Pantry Food Bank. APO is the world’s largest co-ed service fraternity.

Chapter member Phoenix Delaney shares what the opportunity means. “Serving at God’s Pantry Food Bank has given me the opportunity to address the food insecurity issue here in Lexington. Taking food that would otherwise become part of our immense societal waste and redistributing it to those who have need is extremely important and The Food Bank fills that role.”

Another member commented, “We work with numerous partners to help those dealing with food insecurity and God’s Pantry Food Bank is a valuable addition to that list. APO is pleased we have been able to volunteer with this organization and hope we can continue to do so for many years to come.”

God’s Pantry Food Bank welcomes thousands of student, corporate, and individual/family volunteer groups each year. Volunteers can serve in a variety of roles and locations. To learn more, call Renee at 859.288.5376 or email rrigdon@godspantry.org.

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The Difference You Made
July 2018 – June 2019

33,084,190 MEALS

415 PARTNER PANTRIES & MEAL PROGRAMS

$3.7 MILLION DONOR DOLLARS

33,610 VOLUNTEER HOURS

256,036 MEALS & SNACKS FOR KIDS

10,406,542 LBS OF RESCUED FOOD

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(I to r): APO members Yamaan Shakhashiro, David Lu, Caroline Frye, Erica Oakley, and Phoenix Delaney, recently added to their service hours through their monthly volunteering gig at God’s Pantry Food Bank.
Give an insurance policy. Make a tax-advantaged gift of a policy you no longer need by allowing God’s Pantry Food Bank to assume ownership. Any future premiums you pay then become tax-deductible.

For more information about taxwise giving, visit godspantry.planmygift.org or reach Alice Rogers at alice@godspantry.org or 859.288.5322.

This information is not intended as legal or tax advice. Please consult an attorney or tax advisor.

Sharing Thanksgiving

While you enjoy the season’s special traditions — food, family, fun, and friendships, please remember the estimated 250,000 people in Central and Eastern Kentucky who have little hope of enjoying a plentiful holiday meal. That includes more than 1 in 5 kids across the region!

Please open your heart and share Thanksgiving with neighbors in need by supporting God’s Pantry Food Bank. For every $10 you send, we can serve 80 hot nutritious meals through our more than 400 partner pantries and meal programs.

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.

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Michael, I want to share my thanksgiving with struggling families during the holiday season, enclosed is:

☐ $40 ☐ $65 ☐ $100 ☐ $250 ☐ $500 ☐ $____________________

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE

E-MAIL

☐ Please contact me at the phone number above about making planned gifts to God’s Pantry Food Bank.

I would like more information about:

☐ Volunteering ☐ Hosting a Food + Fund Drive

☐ Giving through my will ☐ Involving my company

I want to become a Hero for the Hungry with a recurring, monthly gift of $__________________. I understand I can change or cancel at any time and have provided payment information below.

☐ Charge my gift to: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Amex ☐ Discover

CARD NUMBER

EXP. DATE SEC. CODE

SIGNATURE

Please make your check payable to:

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Please call 859.288.5322 to charge your gift by phone, or visit give.godspantry.org to make a gift online.