The year was 1955. Mim Hunt made a decision that, though she never imagined it, would over time change the lives of countless thousands of her neighbors in need. After stopping at a Lexington grocery store and filling her station wagon with food, she drove to “Irishtown” nearby. Mim opened the back of the station wagon and began feeding hungry neighbors who happened by.

That was the humble start of God’s Pantry Food Bank. It is a story that today, 65 years later, we commemorate and celebrate in four short words: the Power of One. That’s what it took to start this extraordinary organization, which has grown to become one of Kentucky’s largest and most well-respected agencies devoted to solving hunger.

One woman. One decision.
Helping one neighbor
(and then another, and another ...).
With one pound of food
(and then another, and another ...).

Soon after, Mim opened one pantry in her garage on Parkers Mill Road. One by one, neighbors and friends began donating food to “Mim’s Pantry.”

Mim said, “This is not my pantry. I don’t fill these shelves. God does. This is God’s Pantry.”

When God’s Pantry outgrew Mim’s garage, one church offered space to house the program. And one by one, church members and neighbors began stocking shelves and serving visitors who came to receive groceries.

One by one, more individuals, foundations, and organizations donated. One dollar, one check, one grant.

One conversation led to plans for expansion. In 1984, Mim’s one pantry became God’s Pantry Food Bank when it joined one network — Feeding America. And once again, one by one, other pantries and meal programs began partnering with the Food Bank.

Today, 65 years after that one person took one action to solve one problem, our thoughts turn to you. You are the next one we hope will make an exponential difference, beginning with the one decision you make to continue your support of God’s Pantry Food Bank throughout 2020.

Thank you for joining us now to prove, once again, just what the POWER OF ONE can accomplish!
Good friends like you made December and January a season of plenty for thousands of hungry kids and adults. Thanks to your compassion and support, we distributed enough food to create more than 5.5 million meals as winter set in.

2020 marks a significant milestone for God’s Pantry Food Bank. In the coming year we’ll acknowledge the 65th anniversary of our founding in 1955 with many stories and insights. Our inspiring “Power of One” theme will embrace the importance of every action taken, every dollar given, every volunteer hour spent, every canned good donated in support of our mission.

We would not be able to carry on the good work of our founder Mim Hunt without each one. Without you.

I hope you will keep the Food Bank a priority for your support throughout 2020.

Together, we will continue to alleviate hunger for neighbors, one by one, through the Food Bank’s 400+ food pantries and meal programs across Central and Eastern Kentucky. Thanks for your action.

All the best,

Michael J. Halligan
Chief Executive Officer

PS: Need an idea for an action this Spring? Please join us on May 15, 2020 for the 40th annual Taste of the Bluegrass, an evening of delicious dining and entertainment ... helping our hungry neighbors!

See page 4 for more information.

Your Generosity at Work in Floyd County

With its per-person annual income at about $15,883, Floyd County residents earn only about 60% of what the average U.S. citizen does. Floyd ranks #94 out of 120 Kentucky counties by wealth. One in four kids living there faces food insecurity. And for children living in the county seat of Prestonsburg, that statistic is nearly double, with 44% of those under 18 living in poverty.

But thanks to you, God’s Pantry Food Bank is helping to feed kids & teens, seniors and families each month out of its Prestonsburg warehouse. In 2019, nearly 3.5 million pounds of food left this facility to be distributed from more than 60 partner agencies and programs throughout eight counties.

“It’s been a blessing reaching out and touching so many people in my home county, I didn’t realize the need of so many in my community. The work that we do is so amazing, when someone you meet thanks you for the help it comes full circle.”

Debbie Amburgey at the Prestonsburg Capital Freezer Dedication.
Thank You for Helping Us Put Kids First, “One By One!”

Did you know that every time you give to God’s Pantry Food Bank, you are helping us provide more than 250,000 meals and snacks for children annually through four unique programs? We are dedicated to helping kids live and learn better! These child-focused efforts happen right where kids live and play: at neighborhood schools, community centers, libraries, churches, and even individual apartment complexes.

School-Based Pantry Program … alleviates hunger by providing food assistance to low-income students and their families on the school grounds. That makes access to nutritious food convenient for kids and parents who are already traveling to and from campus each day!

BackPacks … are grocery sacks filled with child-friendly, nutritious, nonperishable foods provided to qualifying youngsters before a weekend or holiday. This school-based program helps ensure no child goes hungry when school lunches are not available.

The Mim Hunt Society

Recognizing the Power of One Passionate Partner … YOU

In addition to their gifts throughout the year, many friends provide extra special gifts to God’s Pantry Food Bank with one bequest, beneficiary designation or other planned gift. We honor these generous friends as members of The Mim Hunt Society, named for the woman who founded the Food Bank in 1955 and who continued her “power of one” with her own planned gift.

You can create your lasting legacy to provide food for neighbors in need across Central and Eastern Kentucky. During this 65th anniversary year of the Food Bank’s founding, won’t you consider sharing in our founder’s passion to make a difference?

Join The Mim Hunt Society by making a gift in your will, beneficiary designation, or other planned gift. For more information, visit godspantry.planmygift.org or contact Alice Rogers, Individual Donor Relationships Officer at 859.288.5322 or alice@godspantry.org.

Always seek the advice of your financial or legal advisor. If you include God’s Pantry Food Bank in your plans, please use our legal name and Federal Tax ID.

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Summer Meals ...
provide nourishing meals and snacks to Central and Eastern Kentucky children whose families have depended on school-supplied breakfasts and lunches to meet their nutritional needs. We partner with volunteers at libraries, churches, apartment complexes, and community centers to provide this nourishing assistance (plus a helping of fun activities!) for kids 18 and under.

Kids Cafe Program ...
offers free meals and snacks to low-income children visiting various libraries, churches, and community centers. Kids Cafes also provide safe places where youngsters can take part in supervised educational, recreational, and social activities.

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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YES, I believe in the Power of One. Here’s one gift from one passionate donor to help end hunger for one more Kentucky neighbor!

☐ $40  ☐ $65  ☐ $100  ☐ $250  ☐ $500  ☐ $________________________

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☐ 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

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