

# 'I've Never Been in a Position Like This—I hate it!'

Clarence\* works hard for his employer, to provide for his family. But prices are rising faster than any raises. Overtime has been cut down. Now, **the cupboard is bare** and his budget is exhausted. **That's where you come in**—helping put food on his table.

**Will you help your neighbor today?** Help them stay in their home? Help them keep their lights on? Help them put food on their table?

**Your \$25 gift feeds 4 families** (we've increased the amount of food given to each family per visit during the pandemic).

**Your donation today fills that food gap—providing food and relieving some of the tension of fighting for each meal.**

**IT COSTS JUST \$25 TO PROVIDE FOOD FOR 4 FAMILIES. WILL YOU HELP FEED YOUR NEIGHBORS?**

**YES! I will feed my hungry neighbors.**

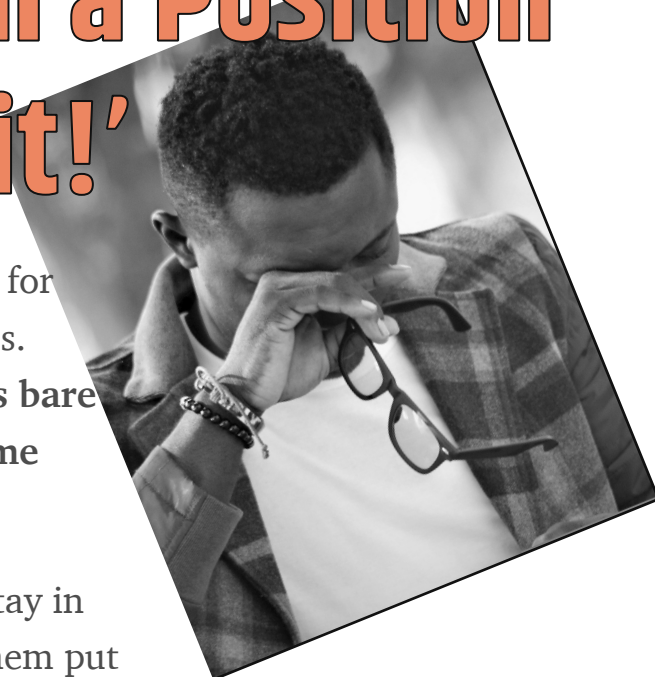
**Please Use My Gift to Fight Hunger:**

- \$25 to feed 4 families from the Pantry
- \$75 to provide food for 12 families from the Pantry
- \$300 to provide food for 48 families from the Pantry
- \_\_\_\_\_ to help as many hungry people as possible
- Make this a recurring, monthly gift

Give online today: [www.networkscoop.org/donate](http://www.networkscoop.org/donate)

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## GOOD NEIGHBOR

# CONNECTIONS

Fall 2022

### Nuggets

NETWorks Nugget #1

**118,038**

Meals Provided Through August

NETWorks Nugget #2

**10,724**

Assists Provided through August

NETWorks Nugget #3

**112**

Neighbors with No Permanent Address

NETWorks Nugget #4

**312**

First Time Visitors to the Food Pantry June/July/Aug

## You Continue to Meet the Needs in the Community

Have you noticed the increased costs at the grocery store? Grocery prices have risen 13% overall in the last few months. Some items even more than that—eggs are up almost 40%!

When your budget is already tight, those increases create a food crisis. That's when we see new pantry visitors. And we have—over 300 new families in the last 3 months. But you have also responded. You sent food, you held food drives, you donated funds, and you volunteered in our pantry to get food to your neighbors who need it. Thank you. We can't do this work alone.

We are thankful for every one of you. Neighbors loving—helping—neighbors is what we are called to do, and you respond to that call. Every day. May you be blessed for that response.

*The pandemic was easing...then inflation created a crisis of a different kind. Thank you for continuing to meet the needs in our community with your generosity.*



Even as prices soared, you continued to help your neighbor by providing food and funds to buy food. Thank you!

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# YOU TOUCH LIVES

## Taking A “Big Leap”

Since March 2020, food insecurity and financial need has continued at a significant level. You have helped us meet those needs day in and day out—thank you! **You have provided 250,000 pounds of food per year** and hundreds of thousands of dollars to your neighbors facing hardship. It’s truly beautiful and amazing.

**Because of your support,** we are taking the next step for

NETWorks. And **that step is a Big Leap!**

**We will be moving** from our

ing neighbors escape poverty permanently.

Our new space will allow us

*This “Big Leap” allows us to serve more people in better ways—because of your support. Visit [networkscoop.org/thebigleap](http://networkscoop.org/thebigleap) to learn more!*

current location to a much larger space. With a loading dock, storage space, and more offices, we will be able to provide more

food and improve access times for our neighbors needing that food. We can also increase our work help-

to open a grocery store-style pantry, where visitors can shop for themselves for items their family likes. With a new walk-in cooler/freezer, we will also be able to increase the quantity of fresh foods we can offer. It’s another way to respect the dignity of each person coming in.

Learn more about the Big Leap, at [networkscoop.org/thebigleap](http://networkscoop.org/thebigleap).



### STORIES FROM THE PANTRY

## Hurricane Ian Makes a Visit

Taste of Tucker raises a lot of money for NETWorks every year. This year, Hurricane Ian forced a postponement of the event. Our pantry is closed because of that event; with the postponement, we scrambled and were able to open, unsure if anyone would show up since we’d told people we’d be closed.



Not only did fifteen families come by that day, some of our regular visitors came in and said they were providing a

place to stay for family who fled the hurricane in Florida. Was it possible to get a little more food than usual because they had five more people in the house?

As God planned it, it just so happened that we had received a wonderful donation from Kroger that included some large portions of meat—ham, beef, fish. The volunteers went shopping in the pantry to help provide the provisions needed to feed eight folks for a few days.

Thank you for helping us be there when people need help the most. I wish you could have seen the smiles and heard the “thank yous” from that family. Thank you! :)



### Top of My Mind

Architects. Contrac-

tors. Ordering equipment. Opening a new place takes a lot of coordination., causing me to miss out when we are doing **our best work, feeding people and keeping them safely housed.**

Recently, I got so spend a Saturday in the pantry. Talking to families who came in for the food you provided. Working with volunteers as they served in such a loving, caring way, personalizing the items a family received based on who is in the family. I left that day with a song in my heart and a smile on my face.

Thank you for giving that to me and to our community. Without your support, so many neighbors would be facing hunger and homelessness. **You are truly a blessing to so many!**

Please know that you remain in our daily prayers.

~David Fisher, Executive Director

**Thank you**  
for your  
**Prayers**  
**Food**  
**Time**  
**Funds**

# ONE NEIGHBOR AT A TIME