

'Once I got behind, it has been impossible to catch up!'



COVID-19 affected our most vulnerable neighbors profoundly. Reduced income, increased costs. A real squeeze.

Once they got behind, catching up proved very difficult—even after going back to work. Can you help maintain secure housing for a family?

With your \$33 gift, we can keep a family housed for another day.

Your donation today fills that gap—providing safe housing and relieving some of the tension of fighting for security every day.

IT COSTS JUST \$33 TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR A FAMILY. WILL YOU HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS?

YES! I will help house my neighbors.

Please Use My Gift to Help My Neighbor:

- \$33 to provide a day of housing
- \$99 to provide three days of housing
- _____ to help as many hungry people as possible

Set up a recurring donation at www.networkscoop.org/donate

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GOOD NEIGHBOR

NUGGETS

NETWorks Nugget #1

242,004

Pounds of Food Distributed in 2021

NETWorks Nugget #2

19,941

Times You Helped a Neighbor in 2021

NETWorks Nugget #3

495

Neighbors Helped with Rent/Utilities in 2021

NETWorks Nugget #4

\$178,995

Financial Assistance Provided In 2021



CONNECTIONS

Spring 2022

200,000 Plates of Food—That's What You Delivered Last Year!

Last year brought more terms we didn't want to know. "Variant" and "Omicron," "antigen" and "PCR." Even as you navigated the on-going strangeness around us, you remembered your neighbor who might not have enough to eat, or a way to pay their rent.

Every can, box of food, and dollar you gave told your neighbor they weren't alone—neighbor helping neighbor made survival possible. Thank you!

In 2021, you provided enough food to fill over 200,000 plates! **200,000 meals for your neighbor.** That's like feeding every resident in the city of Augusta, Georgia! Thank you for holding your neighbor in your heart even as you were dealing with ever-changing masking and distancing rules.

Thank you for keeping them in your shopping cart, too. You brought or gave funds that totaled almost 250,000 pounds of food. Plus countless personal care items—soap and shampoo, toothbrushes and paste, diapers and wipes, feminine care products. You gave the necessities of life. Not just once. But **every week, every month, throughout the entire year.**

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.



YOU TOUCH LIVES

FROM EVICTION TO DONATION

The Road to Stability Takes Lots of Turns!

February 2020—before the pandemic—we met Briana*. She was in transition and needed help getting off the streets, living unsheltered after a relationship broke up.

Your support bought her a week in an extended stay motel. From that kernel of help, she could sustain herself.

Through her steady employment, **she maintained a room in the motel until she was able to get her own apartment.** She excelled in her sales job, beginning to build a solid life.

Then, COVID-19 hit. Briana kept working, continuing to succeed. **She maintained her housing** and covered her bills through her own income.

*names changed to protect neighbor

But, the virus finally caught up to her. In February of this year, her employer closed its doors, costing her the job

with your support. Your donations filled the gap between the resources Briana had and what she needed,

Briana* contacted us, having worked hard to stabilize her life after the motel stay you provided. You helped again by supporting her ability to maintain her home.

she'd held for months.

Briana called us the other day. **"Y'all helped me once, do you think you can help again?"** Her request was small but important—could we help with one month's rent to keep her in her apartment? Once her new job started she'd be able to cover her monthly expenses. She just needed a boost.

Again, you stepped in

preserving her home and keeping her situation stable so that she could start her new job on time and without an eviction. Her new job even **allows her to donate to help others.**

Thank you for caring for your neighbor in so many ways. Your generosity gives housing, hope, and stability every day to Briana and others.

"Can You Sing Happy Birthday?"

One Saturday, Oscar* visited the pantry. As part of our process, we check household members. Our volunteer noticed that day was **his son's 12th birthday.**

Looking around the pantry, volunteers found individual cheesecakes and a cake mix and frosting to include in the food package for the family. The volunteers packed it separately and took it to Oscar, explaining it was to celebrate the special day.



Oscar happened to be talking to his son on the phone at that moment. He explained to the volunteers who was on the call and turned on the speakerphone.

All together, the volunteers and Oscar **sang "Happy Birthday" right in our parking lot.** The son loved it! The dad loved it! Our volunteers loved it!

Everyone went home that day with an extra big smile and maybe a tear or two shed. **Thank you for making special moments** like this possible. Moments that lift some of the weight our neighbors carry every day.

Thank you
for your
Prayers
Food
Toiletries
Funds



Top of My Mind

In addition to providing 200,000 meals to our com-

munity last year, we also **completed our first ever strategic plan.** You'll see more about the goals of that plan in the coming months. But, I wanted to point out an important learning from that process—our **Missional Imperatives.**

These Imperatives have been the values of NETWorks for years and now we have defined them. They guide our interactions day to day and our long term vision.

LOVE: Love Your Neighbor as Yourself, compelling us to respond with the hospitality of Christ.

REFLECT: Represent and reflect our community, in all we do.

LIBERATE: The desire to help our neighbors realize their full potential.

WALK: Walking alongside our neighbors, sharing our gifts and our brokenness, relating heart to heart and person to person.

These Imperatives guide us but also call us as we aspire to be what God's calls us to be and to do. We **thank you for supporting our work** so far. I humbly ask that you continue to **work with us as we grow into the future.**

~David Fisher, Executive Director

ONE NEIGHBOR AT A TIME