

'It was almost too much to bear'



Mary* recently stopped in, needing much more than food. A father battling Alzheimer's, a daughter dealing with trauma, grief from losing her mom. Worn and weary, **Mary was having a hard time providing the basics for her family.**

Many people struggle day in and day out. Will you help them make it through another day?

*names changed to protect neighbor

With your \$25 gift, you can help a family put food on the table.

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

IT COSTS JUST \$25 TO PROVIDE GROCERIES FOR A FAMILY. WILL YOU HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS?

YES! I will help feed my neighbors.

Please Use My Gift to Help My Neighbor:

- \$25 to provide food for a family
- \$100 to help four families
- _____ to help as many hungry people as possible

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

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GOOD NEIGHBOR

CONNECTIONS

Spring 2023

You Have Returned Dignity

Thanks to you, on December 14 we opened a new grocery store style pantry. Just a half mile from our old location, the buildings are worlds apart in terms of space, accessibility, inventory, and choice. After 34 months of operating out of a parking lot, we can finally welcome neighbors into a warm and friendly lobby, smiling volunteers greeting them.

"I love the variety. I love the quantity. I feel like you've given me back my dignity" ~neighbor after shopping. Thank you for making this possible!

Neighbors grab a cart and shop for the food they know their family will enjoy. Canned and boxed food, fresh and frozen items from the new walk-in cooler/freezer.

Because of your generosity—time as a volunteer, donations of food, gifts of funds—your neighbors feel welcomed, respected as children of God, and helped without judgement or shame.

One of the first shoppers, as they were leaving with a cart full of groceries, said, "I love the variety, I love the quantity, and I feel like you've given me back my dignity." Thank you for the gift of dignity. Thank you for reminding your neighbors they are not alone. Thank you for making this new facility a reality!



Thanks to you, the new pantry is set up like a grocery store, giving shoppers choice, including fresh vegetables and protein.

NUGGETS

NETWorks Nugget #1

225,930

Pounds of Food Distributed in 2022

NETWorks Nugget #2

19,138

Times You Helped a Neighbor in 2022

NETWorks Nugget #3

841

Neighbors Visiting Us for the First Time in 2022

NETWorks Nugget #4

\$180,460

Financial Assistance Provided In 2022



YOU TOUCH LIVES

GROCERY STORE PANTRY OPENS

What's in an Address?

Usually, this space tells the story of a neighbor we've come to meet. This time, hear the story of a space, a building that is finally achieving its purpose.

After looking for several years for a new location, we spotted a "for lease" sign on a building in the heart of our service area. At the height of the property craze of early 2022. The owner had multiple offers to buy the building for more than he was asking. NETWorks humbly raised our hand and asked, "Would you like to talk about leasing?" After hearing what we wanted to use the building for, the owner chose us to be his new tenant.

What did God provide through this building? Offices already existing, including fur-

niture. A lobby ready made to welcome neighbors. Not one but TWO loading docks to receive and unload food. Ware-

house space with shelving in place. Oh, and heated and cooled warehouse so we could store food properly.

Through your generous support—so many angels working to help our neighbors!—we were able to install a walk-in cooler/freezer to provide fresh food to our neighbors shopping with us.

Then, **you came forward** to help get the space ready to

open. Work parties showed up to demo, move furniture, paint, move furniture back. Assemble shelves. Move and

unpack food. Set up the shelves. Clean. Then volunteer to staff the pantry to serve your neighbors.

You never fail to amaze us. You always step forward, to fill a need, fill a work slot, and most importantly to fill a table lacking food. To help your neighbor stay in their home. The new pantry opened December 14. Come see the miracle you made happen!

God provided a building made for us. You provided the means for us to secure that building and love your neighbor better. Thank you for that astounding gift!

"Best Ribbon Cutting Ever!"

Joined by Tucker's elected officials, partner church members, and a room full of volunteers and donors, Executive Director David Fisher **cut the ribbon on our new facility** on Valentine's Day. Mayor Frank Auman thanked NET-



Works for being here, serving the community. That

dozens of pantry visitors every day we're open. In addition to city officials, Board President Deone Sprate and Expansion Campaign Co-Chair Chris Rollins spoke to the amazing impact this new facility will have in the community and the way we can interact with neighbors.

The 30-minute ceremony closed with a moving song from the Tucker Young Festival Singers performing "**All Are Welcome Here**," a message that NETWorks has lived for years through every pantry day, program, and volunteer. **Thank you** for making this new place a reality!

Thank you
for your
Prayers
Food
Toiletries
Funds



Top of My Mind

It's been a crazy few months! We rocketed through construction to get our new facility open December 14. **With your help, we built it. And they came!** Neighbors facing food insecurity fill the lobby every day the pantry is open.

Being able again to welcome neighbors into our lobby, visit, laugh, and just be together has been missing too long.

But **the overwhelming emotion I feel is gratitude.** Thank you for all the positive comments, the prayers for accomplishing this dream, the hours of work donated, the funds provided to build our grocery store style pantry.

I wish all of you could be in the lobby to hear the conversations, participate in the camaraderie, share a cup of coffee with a neighbor. Because that's what you've given your community.

Every day that the pantry is open, volunteers and staff share a prayer time together. And **every day we give God thanks for you**, the donors that make our ministry possible. I pray that **you receive abundant blessings** as return for the good things you do for your neighbor and for NETWorks. Because you are providing abundant blessings to so many!

~David Fisher, Executive Director

ONE NEIGHBOR AT A TIME