

# SPECIAL UPDATE

*One Year Later: The COVID-19 Crisis*



SINCE THE  
PANDEMIC HIT,  
YOUR GIFTS  
HELPED TO  
PROVIDE:



MORE THAN  
**50 MILLION**  
MEALS



**200,000**  
PEOPLE WITH FOOD  
*per month*



**350,000**  
CRISIS RESPONSE  
BOXES



**1,500**  
TRUCK LOADS  
OF FOOD

## NO FOOD, NO SAVINGS, NO PAYCHECK — THEN YOU STEPPED IN

Kenzie was laid off her job in April 2020. By June, her savings had been wiped out, she was two months behind on rent, and her cupboards were bare.

*“I’m down to nothing,”* Kenzie told volunteers at a food distribution site. *“I’ve been so worried, I can’t sleep.”*

Her family waited all morning for their first box of food. When she got to the front of the line, she said a wave of relief came over her.

Thanks to you, Kenzie and her girls went home with all the essentials: milk, eggs, butter, meat, and produce. Items for which they are truly grateful.

**“I can’t tell you  
what this means  
to me — to  
my girls. It’s  
everything ...  
we couldn’t wait  
any longer. We  
needed this.”**

# AT-RISK SENIORS STAY HEALTHY — WITH YOUR HELP

Imagine being diabetic, living by yourself in a single bedroom apartment on a small, fixed income trying to pay for medicine, rent, and groceries. And then, COVID-19 hits.

Helen doesn't need to imagine. Her health issues put her at high risk if exposed to the virus, making it even harder to access healthy meals.

Thankfully, because of you, seniors like Helen could have boxes of food delivered to their front step when COVID-19 forced many of our community's seniors to isolate in their homes.

**“This food has so much meaning to me,” she said. “Just being alive, being here, waking up and having enough to eat — it’s enough. It keeps me going.”**



## YOU FED A HUNGRY CHILD AND HER FAMILY

Before the pandemic, Darcy and Travis hadn't known what real hunger felt like. They were working hard to make sure their seven-year-old daughter, Abby, never knew the pain of an empty stomach.

When the pandemic shut down Travis' construction site, and Abby's school closed down — things got scary. Less money meant less food at home. No school meant no chance at school-provided meals for Abby.

That's where you came in. Your support helped fill school pantries with good, nutritious food that was available for students and their families. Their parents could have peace of mind knowing their child wouldn't go hungry.

**“Abby doesn't understand everything that's going on right now,” Darcy said. “She doesn't need to. She just needs to eat.”**