

Dear Donor -

No one should have to choose between paying their bills and feeding their children.

Unfortunately, that's the reality for many of our neighbors. With the skyrocketing prices of food, parents can't keep up. Families in the D300 School District are experiencing the effects of the current economic environment, making it hard for them to make ends meet and feed their children.

There are so many people who never would have considered using a food pantry or asking for assistance before, but are now struggling and are coming to the D300 Food Pantry. In January of this year, we were seeing an average of 105 families each Wednesday at our Shopping nights; we are now averaging 140, and in mid-November, we hit our record of 150 families in one night. That's an amazing amount of food to supply for our 100% donation-driven pantry!

D300 Food Pantry is doing everything we can to ensure our neighbors in need have choices of quality, healthy food and are welcomed with kindness and compassion.

Your support means that we can continue to welcome hundreds of families each week who need food. It also means we can do special projects like Back-to-School supplies, Easter baskets, and our recent Holiday Shop, which bring joy to so many children.

Kris & Tom, you are so loyal with your giving. Thank you. You help fill pantry shelves and grocery carts and dinner tables. Will you make an additional one-time, year-end donation to meet the needs of your neighbors and their families?

Imagine the difference you can make to area children when you give this year.

Grace, one of our weekly shoppers, had this to say about her experience with D300 Food Pantry: "I would like to start out saying the volunteers are all amazing and wonderful individuals. The food program is so appreciated and helpful. My family and I struggle with the cost-of-living expenses. This program offered weekly of providing food is so greatly appreciated. Without this program I am not sure if my kids would have enough food to eat on a daily basis. Thank you so much for everything that is offered from the D300 Food Pantry."

Life continues to be difficult for far too many in our community. Give today to help make this winter easier on our neighbors, and help us with our mission of **KEEPIN' THE KIDS FED**.

Gratefully,

Nikki Kuhlman Interim Executive Director and D300 Food Pantry Board President

P.S. You can change the lives of hungry children in your community this holiday season. Make your gift by mailing a check in the included envelope or donating on our website. Both ways will get you a tax-deductible receipt. And thank you again

## Our Volunteers Are Amazing

Our volunteers give so generously of their time.

And as a 100-% volunteer-run pantry, we couldn't do it without them!



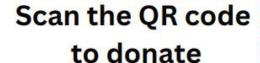














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