



*“Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless.”
~ Isaiah 58:7*

Blessings! Fall is upon us and winter is just a few short weeks away. Here at Lazarus House Ministries, we can only begin to know what this will truly mean for our Guests.

The current economic environment and the challenges it presents, impacts each of us differently. High rents and rising prices for food, gas and everyday necessities have created even greater hardships for the individuals and families to whom we provide our services.

Food insecurity continues to cause intense uncertainty. We have seen a dramatic increase in the demand for food. This increase, combined with lesser than normal food donations, has resulted in the shelves in our Food Pantry being emptier than ever.

At our weekly food distribution, the count is up 18% from this time last year. On average, we provide groceries to 1200 families per week. One recent distribution day in mid-September, that need increased by 300 to where we served 1513 families. Everyone who came to us that day received groceries; no one walked away without food. This left our shelves empty. No reserves. We are now purchasing food supplies to meet this increasing demand. Each week, the line for food assistance stretches around the block. Our goal is to never turn away anyone who comes to our door hungry and seeking food.

This is where you come in.

You, our wonderful donors, make it possible for us to keep the Lazarus House Food Pantry doors and other programs open. Your generous financial support enables us to continue to be a vital resource to our Guests and our Community. We serve our Guests with love. Our Food Services Coordinator, Liset Garcia, remarked, “It is not just about the food – it is about the human connection – the love – the hugs – the gratitude.”

As Executive Director, I turn to you – our steadfast and faithful donors - to make a financial donation. Your generous gift, especially now, will have an immeasurable impact and will enable us to continue to provide and serve our Guests with dignity and respect.

Please visit our website at <https://lazarushouse.org/donate-now/> to make your donation. Thank you for standing with us and our cherished Guests.

Gratefully,

Carmen H. Vega, Executive Director