



Dear Free & Local friend,

We are thankful for our community's generous past support of the Food Bank through the Stock the Shelves annual partnership with Gannett Newspaper's (The Sheboygan Press). We are writing you today to ask if you will please help support us through this campaign again this year to ensure that no one in Sheboygan County ever goes hungry.

Did you know that on any given day 11,000 of our neighbors in Sheboygan County struggle with hunger? We are dedicated to directly addressing the food needs of each of our hungry neighbors, every day. In 2017, we were able to provide nearly half a million pounds of emergency food to ensure that over 3,000 families didn't go hungry. This year, thanks to generous donors like you, we are on track to distribute 750,000 pounds of healthy, nutritious, and free food to our 14 partner agencies and other organizations in the county. These partners then put food into the hands of our neighbors who need it most.

Our neighbors that are suffering from hunger are children, people living with disabilities, veterans, elderly people living off fixed incomes, working families that can't provide enough food for their entire family, people suffering from mental illness, and those going through financially strained times of their lives as a result of income changes, medical debt, accidents, etc. You just don't know what people are challenged with and facing hunger is more common than you think.

Everyone who needs emergency food has their own story to tell. In fact, our very own Communications and Development Coordinator, Lauren Smith, needed emergency food when she was a child. As a single parent, her mother, Christine Smith, was laid off during the recession and had to work temporary jobs until she found a permanent position. Without the assistance from the pantries in our network, she would have been in even greater financial and emotional distress. Many of our neighbors have gone through similar experiences.

With a donation of any size given by November 11, your name will appear in The Sheboygan Press's special Thanksgiving edition. If you wish to remain anonymous, please just let us know.

Gifts can be sent to the Sheboygan County Food Bank, 3115 N 21st Street, Suite 1, Sheboygan, WI 53083. You can also visit our website at sheboygancountyfoodbank.com to make an online donation today.

Thank you for thinking of others and remembering those that need our compassion, love and support.

Sincerely,

Patrick Boyle
Executive Director



"Going to food pantries, was difficult, but I met some really wonderful people that treated me with kindness and dignity. I will be forever grateful for the 'hand up' I received during this difficult time."

- Christine Smith

"I believe that we all face hardships in our lives and this is why I ask for you to take advantage of this opportunity to be there for other families going through what my mom and I went through. My mom and I were one of those 3,000 families. Now, I get the unique privilege of working each day as an employee of the Food Bank and my mom frequently volunteers for our major food drives and events. Take my story as a proven success story of the Food Bank lifting families through their most difficult times."

- Lauren Smith