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Dear friends,

After losing the federal emergency SNAP benefits that helped our neighbors through COVID, even more of our families and individuals are left with significantly fewer resources to afford food.

And with school out for the summer, children are without the same access to school meals, and parents who are already struggling are at their breaking point.

Last month, our neighbors getting food assistance from us rose 29% over the same time last year.

We are serving neighbors who are working and *still* aren't making enough to put healthy food on the table. Families are making dozens of impossible choices each day:

- *If I don't pay rent, we will be homeless.*
- *If I don't have money for gas, a bus or a train, I will lose my job.*
- *If I lose my job, we lose insurance—we lose everything.*
- *That leaves very little for groceries. We will just have to make do.*

There is a hunger crisis for older adults, families—and our children.

School Daze

It's only the beginning of August, but already the talk is turning to "back-to-school". It will be that time before you know it. We welcome donations of school supplies to give out. And, it's a great project for a small group or Sunday School class that wants to reach out to help their neighbors. Don't forget to use those coupons if you have them. We can take any type of supplies that you have.



Thank you to Carlos and his staff at Standard Electric Supply, Chicago Ridge for collecting food to benefit us. And a special thank you to Makena at Corporate who set up the food drive.

Thank you so much to Reverend Doctor Linda Wygant of Grace Seeds Ministry for donating fresh produce from the garden for our clients. A very special treat indeed.



July Statistics

Heads of Households	735
Individuals	2403
New Clients	115
Prayed with	333
Professions of Faith	0

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