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Dear Toco Hills Community Alliance Supporters,



Please allow me as the Executive Director to speak to you all, our wonderful Toco Hills Community Alliance supporters, from my heart today. I am so proud to be part of this incredible agency and so passionate about our mission to be neighbors helping neighbors with hot meals, groceries, clothing, and resources in a welcoming and compassionate environment.

In fact, just a few weeks ago, someone that comes regularly wrote me a note, and said, "*Toco Hills is not just a place to eat and shop for food. Also it is a place where you can meet people and before you know it, they become just like family.*"

Recently, though, I was struck with a terrifying thought: what if we were not here? What if something happened so we could not sustain our operations? It truly hurts my heart to think about these people I have come to care about deeply not being able to

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But, then, I always remember that THCA is blessed, very blessed, with supporters like you all and all of our wonderful volunteers. And there are others who have not even heard about what we do that would support us if we can get the word out. There is, despite what it may seem, a lot of good and compassion in the world and I get to witness that almost daily here.

This is a season when we turn to thinking about things like good and compassion and peace... And gratitude. And I am thankful for you all and for your faithfulness to sharing so that our neighbors that need help can get it.

Toco Hills Community Alliance has grown as the need has grown and we have put a lot into renovating our building and into streamlining our processes and into fostering an environment of acceptance. As we move into the future, the need will only increase and we need everyone working together so that we can expand our capacity and serve our community well.

As we approach this holiday season, I want to ask you all to consider how you will continue to support THCA and if there are others who you know that would want to support this effort. Consider:

- Being a part of the worldwide movement of [Giving Tuesday](#) by giving to THCA
- Making a year-end gift
- Participating as we roll out a [new campaign](#) to secure 100 people to commit to a \$100 a month
- And always, we need good [volunteers](#), [food](#), [supplies](#), and [clothes](#).

Again, I am so grateful to be a part of this amazing community. Thank you all for empowering me with the honor to continue in my work as Executive Director and our work as neighbors helping neighbors. And thank you for allowing me to speak from my heart.

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Rev. Dr. Lisa Heilig

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY

December 3, 2019

**Everyone can have an impact on #GivingTuesday!
Join in on Dec. 3 by supporting Toco Hills Community Alliance.
Learn more at [#GivingTuesday2019THCA](#).**

This is an exciting time in the life of Toco Hills Community Alliance. After more than 20 years in existence, having grown to be in the top 10% of food pantries in the state, and now, with our physical environment enhanced, THCA is poised to move to the next level. In order to do that, we need to upgrade our infrastructure for the 21st century, increase paid staff, as well as provide benefits. Currently, we are meeting food budget and basic operating needs. To take it to the next level, to serve more of our neighbors

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If 100 of our supporters pledged and paid \$100 a month, we would be well-resourced enough to achieve our goals in taking it to the next level! We already have 3 Next Level givers. If you want to be part of this exciting next part of the journey with THCA, here is a [link](#) to the campaign site. Thank you!

Thank you to all of you supporters of Toco Hills Community Alliance - you are helping us to be neighbors helping neighbors by providing food and clothes, as well as compassion and community!

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