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A Winter Holiday Message from our Executive Director

Promise of Light. Power of Love

This time of year we celebrate, in many varied ways, the promise of light - that in the deepest night, in the midst of uncertainty, we can be certain about the promise that the night cannot overcome the light. The sun will return, the candles will burn, the star will shine, the fireworks will ignite...

And when we are moved by compassion and a sense of justice to share, then that light we celebrate is embodied in us and the power of love is made real.

I see that every day here at Toco Hills Community Alliance as we share with those in need. And it is about more than food - it is about respect and relationship, caring and community; it is about hope and it is about faith.

- It is about the kids who come laughing and smiling in their car because, they said, "We're happy because the day is the day we get good food."
- It is about those who have lost jobs due to COVID, who feel safe enough to come and receive food from us, knowing there is no shame here.
- It is about our homeless friends who make sure to take food back to their camps for those who can't come to us.

Every day, I am so honored and humbled to be able to share bread and hope and life and relationship, as I witness, in the midst of this COVID crisis,

- Our volunteers, coming from all walks of life, and over half of them people who have or are receiving services from us, continue to give 210%

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- Our grant monies have allowed us to increase staffing, upgrade equipment and infrastructure, and buy a refrigerated van!
- And, every single day, you, our neighbors and supporters, send us food and supplies and money so we can keep serving.

My faith in the power of Love working through caring community has only grown as I see the promise made real.

Thank you for being part of the promise and the power.

In Gratitude,

Rev. Dr. Lisa Heilig



THCA Executive Director Rev. Dr. Lisa Heilig

[Please help us stock the pantry this holiday season.](#)

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Our new refrigerated van is one way we are living into our promise as it allows to pick up more healthy food and one way we can share more food and love. If you want to continue to be part of the promise of light and power of love, to help us to serve our neighbors in need, to support us in being caring community, please give by clicking on the donate button below. Thank you.

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Our volunteers pack and distribute over 20,000 pounds of food every week. And every indication is that the need will grow in 2021. These food boxes (between 40-50 pounds of both fresh and non-perishable food) will feed a family of four for 5 days or more.

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