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“They are good to us. It’s an embarrassment to not be able to afford enough food to eat and some people don’t like to ask for help, but at the Pantry, they are all nice. Everyone is so friendly and understanding. We need the Food Pantry in this town. Do you know how many people would be devastated or go without if we didn’t have The Food Pantry?”

– Rose* (current client age 71)

We began planning for our annual appeal before the Covid-19 crisis began.

While we are still happy to be able to share Rose’s story with you, we now know that it is even more important than ever that the Pantry keep its doors open and service everyone who has been impacted by this global crisis. Please read more about Rose’s experience and learn how [you can help](#) her and everyone who needs the Pantry.

When Rose graciously invited us into her home to share a cup of tea and her experience at the Pantry, we weren’t expecting to feel such happiness and pride. It is such an honor to be a part of an organization that helps to create and facilitate community and acceptance from the moment one walks through our doors! *You help make that happen.*

Rose has lived a full life. She has contributed so much to the world and is now at a point where her life circumstance will not change. We know that with a 13% increase in the number of seniors who came to the Pantry last year, our presence makes their life a little easier. Rising medical costs, living on a fixed income, and daily expenses add up. The Pantry helps to alleviate financial stress by providing a place for our neighbors to receive fresh food on a regular basis – **all while also providing a sense of community support.**



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Rose’s Story

Rose is a 71 year old senior who has lived in Franklin for over eleven years. She is dependent on her monthly social security check and has had some expensive medical procedures recently. She has visited the Franklin Food Pantry off and on for the past four years.

Rose faced rising medical costs and a fixed income. “I live on a social security check - and I never had food stamps until this year and they don’t cover much. I went to the Pantry because I needed help. I didn’t have that much money. When you live on one check and it’s about 800 dollars a month and you have to pay your rent, bills, car and everything else, it’s expensive - and sometimes there isn’t enough left over for food. You can’t even imagine the medical bills I have.”

“When I go to The Pantry, it’s like going to a grocery store. That’s the thing that I love. There are fresh fruits and vegetables. There is always a meal that can be made out of the food I get at the Pantry. It’s like a salvation. Someplace that I know I can go. The Pantry is there to help all of us.”

“There is one woman there who knows I love peach. When I came to the Pantry for my shopping one month, she made sure that I saw the peach jam.

She went down to the basement (where the Pantry stores food) to get me some. She remembered my face from all the faces to make sure I got something I liked. The Franklin Food Pantry is a Godsent. I love the Pantry, but mainly I love the people at The Pantry.”

- [Your gift of \\$250](#) can help feed the 1,174 individuals who rely on the Pantry so they don't go hungry
- [Your gift of \\$100](#) can help change the lives of the 184 seniors, like Rose, who are on a fixed income and face rising medical costs
- [Your gift of \\$75](#) can help put food on the tables of the 505 households who would not have enough to eat otherwise
- [Your gift of \\$25](#) can make life a little easier for the 301 children, who count on the Pantry today.



[Your donation](#) is critical for the Pantry to continue to provide food, personal care items, and a physical location for our neighbors in need. *The Pantry is so much more than a place to get food.* We receive no state or town funding and we rely on the generosity of *people like you* to help to foster this community and continue to make lives better for families, veterans, and seniors – *our friends and neighbors.* People like Rose.

You can help us make sure that our shelves are always stocked – no matter what time of the year – and that everyone in Franklin has access to healthy food. A gift of any amount makes a difference and you will be supporting your neighbors right here in Franklin.

Suzanne Gendreau
Board Member,
Franklin Food Pantry
Fundraising Chair

Lynn Calling
Executive Director
Franklin Food Pantry

P.S. – Rose shared that she has recommended the Pantry to friends and has brought in additional people needing help. She knew that the Pantry employees and volunteers would treat her friends with dignity and respect.

P.S.S. You may have seen the exciting news that the Pantry has purchased a new building in Franklin to expand our offerings and better serve our neighbors. While we will need to launch a capital campaign our annual appeal is strictly for operation spending. Thank you!

The Franklin Food Pantry is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization FEIN #04-3272663

[Please make your gift today](#) so that we can continue to help support Rose and her friends, and everyone who walks through our doors.

**Rose represents an actual client who uses The Pantry regularly. Her name has been changed to protect her privacy.*