



Dear Friend,

Have you ever felt hopeless?

**What if I told you that with a donation today, you could provide hope for a better future to thousands of individuals and families like Monique's in our community?**

A single mother of two, Monique had done everything in her power to ensure her kids would have a better life than she had growing up. In and out of the foster system as a child, Monique never felt like she had a stable place to call home. As she grew older and eventually had kids of her own, she was determined to give her children a better life.

For many years, and with lots of hard work, she was able to do just that...

Then came:

- ...a \$300/month increase in rent
- ...a \$225/month cut to her SNAP benefits
- ...a 70% increase in utility costs
- ...and an unexpected surgery that left her out of work

**As bills quickly mounted, her hope of sustaining that better life for her kids was beginning to wane.**

Three months after her surgery, Monique's fridge and pantry were getting bare; even worse, she and her children were now facing eviction due to unpaid rent.

Desperate, Monique shared what she was going through with a trusted friend who had gone through a similar experience. **She suggested Monique call Beverly Bootstraps.**

**I'm sure you can imagine Monique's hopelessness as she described her situation to a Beverly Bootstraps Case Manager.**

Through tear-filled eyes, Monique recounted her current situation. "I don't know what I'm going to do! We're already two months behind on rent and my landlord is threatening eviction. I've cut everything I can out of our budget, and even still, we often run out of food. Everything is so overwhelming right now! **I can't bear to see my kids hungry any longer, let alone homeless.**"

**I wish you could have heard the sigh of relief from Monique's mouth as she learned about all the services she could access.**

Thanks to the support of generous individuals like you, Monique learned that she was eligible for rental and utility assistance, could visit the food pantry weekly, and could sign her kids up to receive free school supplies and holiday gifts.

Most importantly, the eviction process would be stopped, keeping Monique and her family safely housed in their home.

**“The pathways you have provided to me and my family have given me hope for a better future and left an imprint on me I will never forget.”**

**That imprint, that hope for a better future...that’s because of people like you!**

The unfortunate reality remains that 61% of Americans, and tens of thousands in our community, are living paycheck to paycheck, similar to Monique. **Each month, we see an increasing number of families reporting that they are having to borrow money to pay for essentials like food, bills and utilities.**

**Can you imagine having to borrow money just to purchase food?**

With record amounts of need in the community, **we need your help now more than ever!** This year alone, we’ve seen nearly **4,700 MORE** pantry visits than last year and served over **1,000 MORE** individuals throughout all our Food Assistance programs.

We’ve been able to keep up with this immense growth over the last year thanks to the generous support of community members, but to sustain serving this many individuals in the years to come, **we need your help!**

**Will you make a gift today and help us to continue serving our neighbors in need?**

Warmly,



Sue Gabriel  
Executive Director

P.S. Can we count on your support to help us keep up with **record demand** for food assistance and other critical resources in our community? **Your gift is crucial!**

Donate online today! →



*\*Name changed for privacy.*