

Westside Stories

YOUR giving allowed 994 families to be served this month in our food pantry!

This included neighbors like Heather who had family members lose their housing and move in with her recently. It has been a challenging time for all involved and **because of you**, our pantry staff were able to walk with her and provide a bit of economic relief along with relational and emotional support.



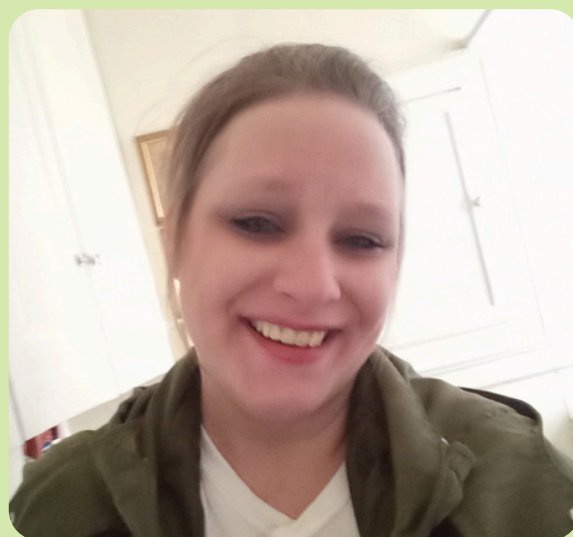
Will you help us bring hope and encouragement to more people like Heather with a one time or monthly donation?

Donate Online



Did you know our pantry offers food deliveries?

With generous giving from partners like you, United Way, and GR Area Mutual Aid Network, this service has been able to benefit dozens of households. One recipient had this to say, "It's a very humbling moment to pick up a phone and ask for food, but I was greeted and treated like a human being that they cared about, down to the delivery lady who weathered snow banks and numbing temperatures to bring a box of blessings to my home!"



Not only is the pantry conveniently located, but the smiling faces, the friendly and kind words and fellowship amongst the employees and volunteers is very encouraging, especially as a family in need coming humbly for assistance with food and household supplies. It brings hope and help during tough times for my family and me, but the love of God, and hope, are certainly found there. I am privileged to have the opportunity to be blessed in such a way by The Other Way Ministries.

— HEATHER



Did you see our recent blog on Bridge Street Market's website?

Since Bridge Street Market opened its doors in 2018, we have been honored to partner with the organization in a variety of ways, including as its Simply Give food pantry recipient. Earlier this year, the Market took the time to interview our Executive Director Scott Bloem for a new blog on its website that traces the roots of that partnership and dives deeply into our history, philosophy, programs and services.



Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Delivers

For the 3rd year, our Food Pantry has received thousands of pounds of food from the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Letter carriers throughout the Westside picked up much-needed donations of nonperishable food items from generous neighbors along their routes, delivering them to The Other Way throughout the afternoon of Saturday May 9. We were honored to have **62 volunteers** contribute **195 hours** of time to sort, stack and shelve a total of over **12,500 pounds!**



WYCE Interview

Radio legend Phil Tower sat down with our Executive Director, Scott Bloem, for a deep dive into the history and mission of The Other Way for a segment on WYCE's Community Closeup. Listen to the 15 minute conversation on Spotify or Apple!



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America 250/JustServe

In late March, we had the incredible opportunity to participate in the America 250/JustServe food distribution sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We received over 3,400 pounds of food for our food pantry! It was humbling to see how many people came together to make this event happen and support not just us, but many other pantries in our community. We are grateful for the donations and for each of the staff and volunteers who helped load, unload, and keep things organized.