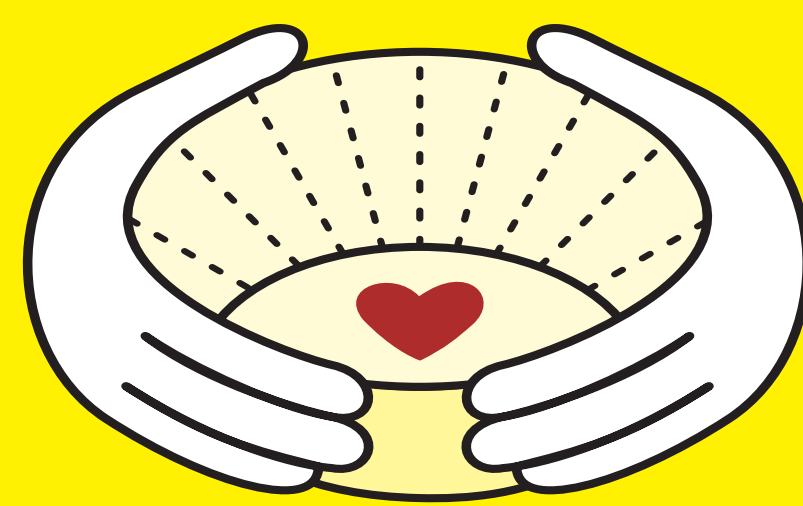


I DID NOT KNOW...

I did not know that food pantries are having difficulty staying stocked. I did not know that private donations to food pantries were down and that the need is up by 30% from last year. I did not know that the food pantry supports between 160 to 1000 people a month in some towns. I did not know that the food pantry in some towns also supplies clothing. I did not know that my neighbors get in line an hour or two before the doors open so they can get the best choices of food. I did not know that at some food pantries there is milk and eggs and ground turkey, not just non-perishable food items like soup, peanut butter, cereal and macaroni and cheese. I did not know that every family member who qualifies gets a bag of food that lasts for three days. I did not know that you can only visit once or twice a month. I did not know that the new faces at the food pantry are professionals who have lost their jobs. I did not know that for every \$1 donated most food pantries can purchase \$4 worth of food from The Food Bank.

I DID NOT KNOW ... But now I do ... And so do you ...

WHAT'S IN YOUR POCKET? A loaf of bread, a gallon of milk?



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