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But at the same time, I’m reminded of my neighbors who can’t afford the simple joy of a full holiday table. Because the holiday season often is centered around food, it can be a painful reminder of hunger for people in our community who are facing financial challenges.

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With sincere gratitude,

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We have so much respect for veterans like Phil. After years risking his life for his country, it’s unfortunate that he should have to face hunger. Fortunately, friends like you are making sure he and Louise can put healthy food on the table for the holidays and all year long.

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Get Smart with Your Charitable Giving

Donate appreciated stock: Give your appreciated stocks to All Faiths Food Bank and eliminate capital gains tax.

Give from your IRA (if you are 70 1/2 or older): Regardless of whether you itemize your taxes, this gift helps you fulfill your required minimum distribution and is not considered taxable income.

Open a donor advised fund through your financial institution or Community Foundation: It allows you to make a charitable contribution, receive an immediate tax deduction and recommend grants from the fund over time.

Charitable remainder trusts: You may benefit from funding these with appreciated property to avoid capital gains taxes.

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Grace and her big sister, Belle, are excited to take home fresh oranges from a local Mobile Pantry.

"It saves us a lot of money," Diane says with a grateful smile as she loads her cart with fresh produce.

Diane brought her two little girls — Grace, 7, and Belle, 9 — to the All Faiths Food Bank Mobile Pantry that stops near their home. She says it’s a huge relief to be able to visit the Mobile Pantry for help with food.

Diane says they sometimes struggle to afford healthy food. Like many families in our community, they straddle the line between being able to pay basic expenses and needing a hand up.

Your generosity means Grace, Belle and their parents will be able to celebrate the holidays together around a special meal. So many families like theirs are giving thanks for your support this holiday season.

“Thank you,” Diane says to friends like you. “It’s a blessing, what you’re doing.”

The day we spoke to Diane and her daughters was just before Grace’s seventh birthday. She was so excited to pick up some of her favorite foods — like fresh Florida oranges — before her special day.

“Thank you for sharing hope in the form of healthy food with your struggling neighbors. You change lives for the better every day!

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