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A COMMUNITY OF GENEROSITY



Our Mission:

We come together around food to:

- ◆ Relieve Hunger
- ◆ Improve Lives
- ◆ Grow Community Well-being

Dear National Italian Invitational,

We at the Riverwest Food Pantry thank you for your recent tax-deductible donation in the amount of \$2500.00 in support of our Thanksgiving Basket Give-away. With your help, we provided a Thanksgiving meal to over 400 families! This event is always one of the highlights of my year. One of the other highlights of my year was sitting down for coffee with Lona Owens and hearing her story. Lona began by telling me about her life's passion as a housewife and mother of four children. Yet, as her marriage faltered, she became depressed and her family life began to fall apart.

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Before she knew it she had lost all the things that had given her life meaning: her family, her children and her home. She found herself alone and living on the street. She shared with me about the way people look at you when you're homeless and what it feels like to know how similar you are to those passing by—how your life once looked like theirs—but now feels a million miles away.

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Miraculously, through the valley of her depression, Lona found stable housing and began to piece her life back together. Around this time she came to the pantry.

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What an honor it is to know Lona and serve the community alongside her! Thank you as well for your support. Each family we feed, each journey we share, and each opportunity for loving the other, is possible because of your generosity!

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