

HUNGER IN THE TIME OF HARVEST

MATT'S STORY

How do families feel the pain of hunger?

“ When I was 20, I got my first decent job. After a few years there, I was living the good life. Then one day, I had a bad accident on the job. The City fired me because I couldn't do manual labor anymore. Eventually, my workers compensation and settlement ran out. I lost everything. You just can't think of anything besides ending that pain of hunger. We got \$300 a month in food stamps. I would make smaller portions for myself so my son had enough to keep going and stay healthy. I tried my best to keep him from knowing that the food was running out, but he'd notice. It took a few years, but now I'm working a year-round, full-time job in a restaurant. I hope that the lawmakers in Washington know that when people in this country need food stamps and food pantries, it's not because they're lazy leeches on society — it's because it's the only avenue left to them. ”

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