ONE COMMUNITY
ONE GOAL
FIGHTING HUNGER

THE STORY OF HOW PARAGOULD AND SURROUNDING GREENE COUNTY COMMUNITIES ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO SOLVE FOOD INSECURITY IN OUR AREA.
Could you make it on $41.25 a week?

- A household at 130% of the Federal Poverty Level earns $1,265 per month
- $500 Rent
- $180 Utility Bill
- $155 Car Payment
- $70 Car Insurance
- $120 Fuel Costs
- $45 Phone Bill
- $30 Medical Costs

Which leaves you with $41.25 remaining to spend on food each week or $5.90 each day.
FOOD INSECURITY AND HUNGER ARE REAL

• **Food insecure** – not having an adequate supply of food in household.

• **Food insecurity** may also refer to making trade-offs between important basic needs, such as medical bills, utilities or house payments, and purchasing food.
HUNGER IN GREENE COUNTY

- 18.3% OF HOUSEHOLDS IN GREENE COUNTY ARE FOOD INSECURE
- 7,710 PEOPLE IN GREENE COUNTY ARE FOOD INSECURE
- 2,970 CHILDREN IN GREENE COUNTY LIVE IN FOOD INSECURE HOUSEHOLDS
- 1 OUT OF EVERY 4 CHILDREN DEAL WITH HUNGER EVERY DAY
WHO ARE OUR CLIENTS

- 96% of clients served in Greene County fall below 130% of poverty
- 43% of clients served have an annual income between $10,001 and $20,000
- 41% of clients served have an annual income between $1 and $10,000
- 7% of clients served have no income at all
- An estimated 80% of clients served have a high school degree or GED
- Over 55% of our clients work in part-time or full-time jobs
- Seniors make up 16% of our clientele
WHO ARE WE

- 9 FULL-TIME FOOD PANTRIES (OPEN AT LEAST ONCE PER WEEK)
- INDIVIDUALS CAN RECEIVE A FOOD BOX FROM EACH PANTRY ONCE PER MONTH
- THE AVERAGE FOOD BOX WILL FEED A FAMILY OF (4) FOR 3 DAYS
- NON-PROFITS, CHURCHES AND KIND HEARTED INDIVIDUALS
- PEOPLE WHO TRULY WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS
HOW MANY DO WE SERVE

• **During the month of September a total of 2,036 households were served** by all nine food pantries combined

• **During the month of September a total of 4,540 individuals were served** by all nine food pantries combined

• **An estimated 28,504 lbs. of food was distributed** through the network of food pantries in Greene County during the month of September

• **The estimated costs to prepare a food box for one household stands at $18.20**
WHAT ARE OUR SOLUTIONS

- **Use technology to deliver needed food in a more efficient manner**
- **Eliminate fraud that currently exists, thus allowing more for those in need**
- **Provide access to healthy foods**
- **Equip clients with skills needed to make smarter decisions**