

September 20, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

This year, House of Mercy has already served more than 75,000 neighbors with free food, clothing, and essentials. Poverty is complicated. While we can discuss general trends —such as the struggles of people with medical issues, low income, or other socioeconomic challenges — the truth is, everyone has a unique story, just like you and me.

Recently, a social worker called about John, who had just been released from jail. When our Program Manager Erin spoke with him, John shared that he was homeless, had not eaten in over 24 hours, and wondered if we had food that did not require refrigeration or cooking. After learning it would take John two hours to walk to us, we made a decision to meet him in Manassas with a temporary food supply and a promise to follow up with more resources.

During our visit, John said that people often judge him without knowing his story, but he is simply trying to move forward. Before we left, he smiled and said, “This is great. I can drop some of this off to my daughter. I always want to be able to provide for her.” His words broke my heart. The interaction was a powerful reminder that we cannot grasp the magnitude of our neighbors' struggles—or how to truly help—until we open our hearts to them.

This is why House of Mercy exists. With a mission of Mercy, we are able to be relational, to serve the real needs of the individual, and to purposefully be flexible when someone is in desperate need with no where else to turn. We serve not only physical needs but also walk alongside individuals in their most vulnerable moments.

We all know the story of The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37). When Jesus asked, “Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?” The man replied, “The one who treated him with mercy.” Jesus then said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Your support is what allows us to be good neighbors and treat everyone with mercy, as Jesus instructs us to do. Only with your generosity are we able to help people like John, who is trying to start his life over, and others who can no longer support their family.

Please join us in our fall drive so we can fully serve our neighbors facing hunger. Know that you are in our prayers daily.

God Bless,

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Our **Mercy Circle** is a special community of faithful donors who provide steady, compassionate support our neighbors can rely on.

We are incredibly grateful for our over 160 faithful donors, whose monthly gifts currently cover 11% of our monthly expenses. But the need in our local community is growing, and we need your help to meet it.

**GOAL:**  
**Increase monthly giving to cover 25% of expenses by year's end.**

Your monthly gift provides the reliable funding we need to bring consistent hope and stability to even more neighbors.

Will you join our **Mercy Circle**?

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Please donate by **October 31, 2025**. Help us continue to make God's mercy visible to those in need.

*Yes! I want to help families facing food insecurity.*

Enclosed is my gift of:

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☐ *I'd like to join the Mercy Circle and make this a recurring monthly donation.*

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