

In a recent survey, we asked Feeding Brookings guests, “Why is Feeding Brookings important to you?” Here’s what they shared:

We struggle financially to buy food. So these meals each week help us tremendously!

It helps me maintain monthly bills -- Helps sustain my family.

The weekly boxes are very much appreciated -- We struggle to make ends meet and this helps with my 4 kids.

The fresh fruit is appreciated and what I don't use I share with my elderly neighbor. The bottom line is, I appreciate so very much the program and that I am allowed to be part of it-- I am so blessed. Thank you thank you thank you.

I live on 800.00 a month which pays my rent and all my bills. I am so thankful for this blessing of food. Thank you!

I can get the food I need and also some extras I can't afford.

It really helps me and my family so much each week to be able to eat and have the things you help us with to survive and get by on. We are so very thankful and appreciative for the hard work you all do to help us all.

I need the food to get by -- Helps with my grocery bill thanks so much.

We use this every week so we can have a little food -- They provide foods regularly that are of daily needs of us.

To help me feed my family -- Feeding Brookings is vital to our survival!

Because groceries have become so expensive that EBT doesn't cover much.

When I lost my job this was the only place I knew to get help with groceries. I appreciate all Feeding Brookings does for everyone.

We get well fed -- It has been great help for our family. Healthy and nutritive.

It helps me as I don't make enough -- Supplies us with essential items.

Since I am a shut in it is truly a blessing, and I don't have to bother family to run for me. It is perfect to have the boxes delivered.

It helps stretch food budget -- we struggle so hard to get food.

Feeding Brookings helps as a food supplement during times when food is hard to get.

Helps when there's no money left in the month -- Helps make our income go a little farther with these high food and gas prices.

We're low income, and we really appreciate the volunteers, and really are thankful for what is given to us when we run low on the items we need for our household.

My boys love the box of food. they eat everything.

I live on my social security check so the food really helps.

Nice people. Great food items. -- Helps fill in food gaps

After paying bills and other expenses I sometimes only have 200 left of my check for 2 weeks. This is the money I use for gas to get to work.

I just moved here having a few dollars to spare for a week for food it helped me and girlfriend a lot until I get paid.

On SS & work maybe 15 hour per week so with the cost of food what get from Feeding Brookings helps bridge the gap every week.

You are here when we need you most -- It saves us some money so we can buy gas. Thank you!

Helps stretch my food dollars. I've tried new recipes for the different canned meats! I like the coupons for the milk, meat, detergents etc too.

Because even with \$226 in food stamps it's never enough for 2 people. Feeding Brookings helps fill in the gaps.

It helps when bills are too high and cost too much and makes it tough to buy food.

We are getting some of our family needs from feeding Brookings weekly which is very important to us at current situation.

I can't make ends meet, and my kids eat all the time, so you are greatly appreciated!

It helps me keep something in the pantry. I really appreciate that.

Feeding Brookings is alot of help when we are just about out of items and cause we also have no transportation.

My financial resources are limited and this helps me pay my other bills.

Its helps a lot to make our money stretch in these times of insane inflation.

When deeply in need of some food or supplies they are there to help.

My family is on very limited budget so every little bit that helps us save to be able to pay other bills is greatly appreciated.

Things change all the time and its super nice to get help so my kids have full tummys.

It helps out many people and especially elderly and low income!

It is a great help. Thank you very much!

It's important to get healthy good food -- Can't afford prices in stores, on limited income.

Because food went up and food stamps don't cover it all and it helps out.

We are grateful for any help we can get at this time. -- Helps feed me so I help others.

I appreciate all the volunteers who dedicate their time and energy and food.

It helps due to surgeries, heart issues, lung issues, kidney issues when I'm not strong enough to go to the store and can't afford to due to meds and medical bills.

Because as a single parent my pay check doesn't cover all expenses now.

I cannot drive. A lot of times I have no money for food at stores, or bus tokens. I am grateful to Feeding Brookings because everyone is kind and really helpful.

I'm on a budget and helps me! -- Provides food for my family! Thank you so much!

It's part of main food supply. -- Helps stretch and improve daily grocery consumption.

Being on a fixed income and way prices have skyrocketed it's tough to make ends meet.

New to town moved and it's been hard to get established. All the help we can get has and is greatly appreciated.

It helps provide groceries for my family when our income is tight and we don't have a lot of grocery money.

Very Important -- Because it helps me make it through paycheck to paycheck.

It helps to supplement my food budget, especially when food (and everything else) keeps increasing in price, while my income has decreased.

Being on a fixed income with prices getting higher the grocery store and gas station are the first places to cut back on.

It represents that our community care about the less fortunate people!!

It helps to keep a healthy diet. -- It provides the opportunity to purchase things I normally cannot afford to buy.

It keeps people's spirits up on both giving and receiving end to feel like a community. Making sure my child knows we're all in this together so I can keep him motivated and looking towards a better future. Being hungry and not having money for food is the absolute worst feeling ever.

It helps since the pandemic has slowed work down. -- I'm able to better care for my family.

I don't feel judged for trying to feed my family.

It is the one act of kindness I see from Brookings!

We are so grateful for this program! This program helps us to stretch our dollars to be able to pay our bills for day to day living.

It is over 90% of my food. -- We don't eat without.