



## DETROIT

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Dear Friends,

At this holy time of year, gift-giving expresses our appreciation and affection of the important people in our lives. It honors each person with special attention as we select, pay for, and prepare each gift for presentation. Throughout the year, we give the gift of unconditional hospitality to each guest who comes to Deo Gratias. We honor the human dignity of every person. We try to make them feel welcome, safe, and respected.

Through the generosity of our donors, we help our guests keep a roof over their heads and food on the table as we provide a week's worth of groceries to our Food Pantry visitors. This includes non-perishable items, baked goods, fresh produce, and meat. This food helps people stretch their income to cover basic necessities, but the Food Pantry also provides a friendly, enjoyable experience of personal attention as they shop for the items they want. On average, we serve 50 families per week, each receiving 60 pounds of food. Because of the number of people requesting Food Pantry appointments, our guests wait six weeks for a return Pantry visit.

Much of the food we give away is purchased from Gleaner's, a food distribution organization that serves many non-profits like ours. Because Gleaner's food is heavily discounted, we are able to make the most of our funds and, therefore, serve more families. The financial cost of providing all the food our guests receive during a Pantry visit averages **\$15.00 per family**. The price of the warmth our staff and volunteers give each visitor, and the peace of mind knowing that, for a week, they have good, nutritious, healthy food for their families, is incalculable.

We invite you to join us in feeding families in need here in north-east Detroit. **Please consider a one-time gift or a sponsorship for a week, month, or year for a family.** We accept checks, on-line payments, or cash. Please see our website at [www.dgmDetroit.org](http://www.dgmDetroit.org) for details on how to support our ministry.

We greatly appreciate your donations to help us continue to serve our brothers and sisters in need. Know that you are remembered daily in our prayer. May you and all your loved ones be blessed most richly during this season and throughout 2024.

Yours most sincerely,

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