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SURVIVAL CENTER

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

At times like these, **a little good news** can go a long way. At the Northampton Survival Center, we're happy to report that community compassion for others is alive and well. Though the phrase has become a cliché, it truly does "take a village" to keep an emergency food pantry thriving. At the NSC, hundreds of volunteers from throughout the community are part of that truth. We see this in the record-breaking 27,000 pounds of food collected from neighbors at our recent Post Office Food Drive, and the outpouring of donations we received in support of the victims of the Meadowbrook apartment fire.

We see too that the community trusts the Northampton Survival Center to be able to respond immediately in times of need. It's now widely understood that, when layoffs are reported in the morning paper, we're here for those struggling families that very afternoon, providing food and essential resources with dignity and respect.

Our strength and stability come directly from the support of the city in making space available to our program, and from all of you who join us in the belief that nobody in our community should go hungry.

Please consider making a financial donation to help sustain the Center's work. We couldn't do it without you, and the best news of all is that **YOU are part of the WE** of the Northampton Survival Center.

With warm regards,

Heidi Nortonsmith
Executive Director

New to the NSC, or need a refresher on what we do? Check out the enclosed newsletter for an overview of our services, including our vital Kids' Summer Food Program.