

## Community Partner Success Story:

**Just Food/ECKAN provides food and supportive assistance to those affected by the causes and conditions of poverty, targeting the Education, Health, and Self-Sufficiency goals of our community.**



A woman in her mid-80's visited the Just Food pantry and seemed dismayed. She shared that she had just lost her husband, all of her money was tied up in court and she didn't know how to access any of it. She further stated that her husband had handled all of the finances and she was relatively clueless about it. At that point she had access to little money, no family, and found herself at the door of Just Food. Our warehouse manager talked to her and heard her stories as she shared deep affection and admiration for her husband. She received a bag of food and was given fresh bread and produce to last her quite awhile. We never saw her again after that until we received a check in the mail of a sizeable amount from an older lady who was grateful someone took the time to help her out. We serve a wide array of people. We never knew that one of our clients would become one of our donors, but we learned a valuable lesson that day: treat all equally, regardless of their situation. People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

*\$2 out of each paycheck for a year can provide 38 meals for Douglas County families.*

*For more information regarding Just Food and ECKAN, please call (785) 856-7030. Or you may visit our website at <http://eckan.org/justfood>.*