

When the Safety Net Frays, Greater Lowell Steps Up

Across Greater Lowell, families who have never needed help before are walking into food pantries for the first time. Federal funding cuts have reached **68% of our nonprofit partners** — the organizations feeding, sheltering, and caring for our neighbors. State and municipal budgets cannot fill the gap. Community foundations can.

In January, a single transformational anonymous gift let GLCF move **\$700,000** to 47 trusted organizations in 21 communities within weeks — no lengthy application, no red tape, just help that arrived when it was needed most. That gift proved what's possible. It also proved the need is far from met.



A volunteer stocks fresh produce at a Resilience and Care partner pantry.

“We just can’t get ahead anymore ... I didn’t know what we were going to do for food because the cash had run out. I was really afraid we wouldn’t have enough to eat.”

— a Greater Lowell neighbor, describing why she returned to a Resilience and Care partner food pantry after years of being able to give, not receive

Her story is one of thousands. Behind every grant is a parent stretching a grocery budget, a senior choosing between heat and medicine, a family newly arrived in this country learning where to turn.

This is the moment for Greater Lowell to invest in itself.

47

NONPROFIT PARTNERS

21

COMMUNITIES SERVED

68%

OF PARTNERS HIT BY FEDERAL CUTS

Your gift builds toward a permanent endowment — a lasting local answer to funding cuts that isn't going away, so Greater Lowell never again has to wait on a single extraordinary gift to meet an urgent need. Every dollar stays local, moves quickly, and goes directly to the organizations already doing this work with skill and trust.

Give today at glcfoundation.info/resilience

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