# THE IMPORTANCE OF ADVOCACY

Your Voice is Important

#### A PUBLIC PRIVATE COLLABORATION

Nearly 1/3 of the food we distribute to fill empty cupboards of people in need is from state and federally funded programs. The remainder is from the private sector – a perfect example of collaboration





### YOUR VOICE DRIVES THAT COLLECTIVE

The public and private sectors should work together to elevate people out of poverty.

Advocacy is a way to engage both sectors.

## YOUR VOICE PROVIDES A HELPING HAND

1 in 3 people we are serving have never had to visit a foodbank prior to the global pandemic. No longer is it true that if you just work hard enough you will make it. Policies that strengthen safety net programs are critical whether a person's current hardship is due to pandemic or every day hardships like loss of job or unexpected medical bill





#### YOUR VOICE CAN MAKE A LONG TERM DIFFERENCE

The pandemic has afforded opportunities to strengthen many of the anti-poverty and anti-hunger programs we fought so hard for over the last 50 years. We are now at a critical point to ensure that stronger programs remain in place beyond the current economic environment for more long term stability.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

~Margaret Mead



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