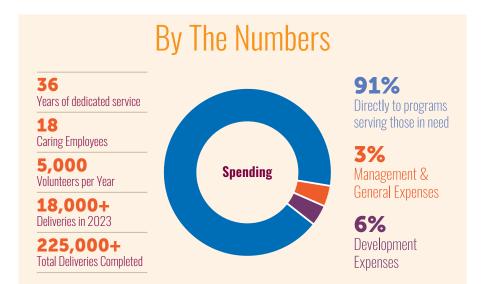




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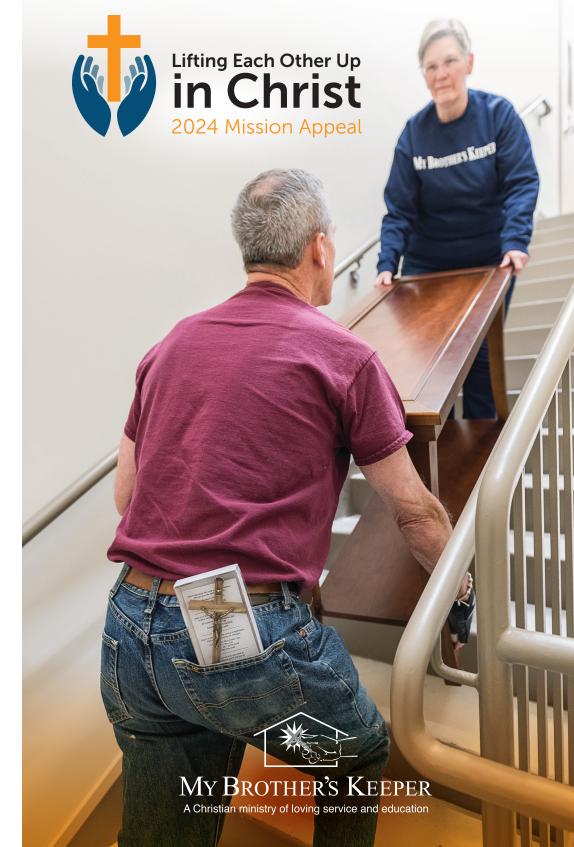
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"Sometimes I worry. How am I going to eat? How am I going to feed those five kids?" These humble words were recently shared with us by Mary, a recipient of the My Brother's Keeper Food Assistance Program.

Mary grew up in a family of commercial fishermen in New Bedford, a city where she still lives. Two years ago, she was diagnosed with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) which ended her career as a Home Health Aide.

Mary's adult daughter, a single mom of four, had to leave her full-time job to care for her ailing mother. She and the kids moved into Mary's apartment and the family has been struggling financially ever since. Mary recalls, "My family was never food deprived until I got sick."

Mary's monthly rent of \$1,325 will go up by \$150 in March, the third increase over the past three years. Higher rent and the impact of inflation have resulted in less money for food.

"Food stamps used to cover five bags of groceries. I'm lucky if I can get four bags now. I have to tell the kids, 'No, you can only eat one of those."









After Mary got sick, a concerned friend told her to call My Brother's Keeper for food assistance. "The volunteers always tell me, 'God bless you.' My relationship with God has improved since I've been with My Brother's Keeper. I know He is helping me through these people."

On the morning Mary shared these details with us, she asked if My Brother's Keeper could bring her a walker. COPD has drastically limited Mary's mobility and she can't get around without one. Unfortunately, walkers are not something we typically have available.

Within an hour of Mary's request, a crew of My Brother's Keeper volunteers picked up a donation of furniture in a neighboring town. The donor asked the volunteers if we could use a walker. It was God at work, not just a coincidence!

When we delivered the walker to Mary later that day, along with food for her family, she lifted her gaze to heaven and said, "You brought it to me." A reminder that we carry furniture and food, we deliver God's Love and Hope.



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With your generous support,

we have the privilege of serving Mary and thousands of others who are struggling to provide for the basic needs of their families during these unprecedented times.







2023 Accomplishments

Furniture, Food, and People Value to Christmas Deliveries: Served: Recipients:

18,686

62,166

\$4,667,815

Please consider making a donation to the 2024 Mission Appeal.

91% of your contribution directly supports the Food, Furniture, and Christmas Assistance Programs at My Brother's Keeper. More importantly, your contribution helps us accomplish our mission:

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