



“If we all do a little, we can accomplish a great deal.”

BEHIND THE CURTAIN

By: John Anding

I recently had hip replacement surgery. As I was lying in a triage cubicle thinking about the post-operative pain and inconvenience in the days ahead—two things I dread—I overheard an exchange between another patient and his doctor behind the curtain in an adjacent cubicle. Where “below the knee” would the doctor remove the leg. In that moment my concerns faded, my heart and prayers went out to that man I had never met. That simple experience illustrates the curtain behind which we are situated most of our lives, through no fault of our own. We rightly focus on what is happening in the immediate orbit of our life—family, friends, work, and our own well-being. My experience pulled back that curtain. Our mission at Deus Caritas Est is to help you look behind one of life’s curtains to see those who need our prayers and our help. The people we call the “invisible poor”—seniors in need. For them, living as they do on as little as \$1,000 a month they are daily faced with the question—what will I miss today? Will it be breakfast, the prescription I cannot afford, or the friend at the end of the bus ticket that can’t be purchased. Deus Caritas Est fills one of those voids by providing monthly food grants of \$250 to seniors in need for a year. And you can help that senior behind the curtain you have never met because now you know their story. Help us feed seniors in need—make a contribution today.

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~Covid and Seniors~

“The past is prologue . . . after a major socio-economic upheaval, such as a recession or pandemic, food insecurity among vulnerable older adults grows and remains higher than before...”

[Source: National Council on Aging, 7/13/2021]

~Going Hungry~

When was the last time you went hungry—not by choice but because you were powerless to avoid it? Or when did you last have to choose between food and medicine? Likely never. At Deus Caritas Est we encourage you to think about those around you that face those choices every day. Help feed seniors in need—contribute today.

FEEDING SENIORS IN NEED

Since 2007, Deus Caritas Est has worked with the vulnerable among us, seniors in need. Why seniors? It’s because too many, after leading productive lives, due to sickness or longevity, face the question—what will I eat today? Food insecurity in our community touches 1 in 8 people, many are seniors in need. So, with the assistance of the clergy from our local churches we identify seniors in need. We then provide an annual food grant of \$3,000, delivered each month on a \$250 food card redeemable at SpartanNash food stores around the Grand Rapids area. We have served over 100 senior families in this way. But there are so many more we could help. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to Deus Caritas Est in your charitable giving this year—98% of every dollar raised prevents seniors from going hungry.

“If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.”

~Mother Teresa

Our Mission...

Since our founding in 2007, our mission has been to find, befriend and feed the elderly. For the elderly, employment opportunities are limited, full time employment rare, and pay rates low. This makes them poor, vulnerable and generally invisible.

Your Support...

Please support our mission! Your tax-deductible contribution may be mailed to:

Deus Caritas Est
P.O. Box 2871
Grand Rapids, MI 49501
or

Contribute online at
SeniorsInNeed.org