



# IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR THIRD QUARTER 2025

#### Q3 was our preparation season.

During those months, we diligently laid the foundation for our inaugural Building Hope Auction –bringing together local businesses, forging stronger partnerships, and carefully aligning every piece to ensure success.

We're particularly proud of our Mayor's Day of Concern food drive: thanks to the generosity of our community, we collected over 3,300 lbs of food and secured more than \$1,200 worth of cash donations.

In addition, we held three MOD Pizza fund-raisers and one fun-filled Kona Ice fundraiser, helping expand our supporter base and engage local families in meaningful ways.

Together, we're building hope, unity and a brighter future for those we serve.

### Q3 BY THE NUMBERS

We logged 3,694 volunteer hours in quarter 3.

17,169+ COMMUNITY MEMBER VISITS 348,600+ LBS OF INCOMING FOOD DONATED

141 NEW Families Received Food

#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP?**

#### Donate shelf stable foods such as:

tuna, canned chicken, soups, peanut butter, cereal, rice, beans, pasta, and pasta sauce.

#### **Donate Hygiene items like:**

shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, laundry soap and, feminine hygiene items.

#### **Donate monetary donations:**

Monthly donation or just as you want to bless us.

#### **Mod Pizza Fundraisers:**

Dec 18th and Jan. 18th Use code MODGIVES25

We thank you for considering giving to your neighbor.





## **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT:** HEART WORKS SQUAD IN **ACTION**

We're fortunate to have incredible partners in our community-people who don't just give, but truly show up. Our HeartWorks Squad embodies this spirit, and we're proud to highlight two shining members:

#### **Tamara Paul & The Tamara Paul Group**

Not only does Tamara support The Storehouse with generous donations at every turn, but she donates her time as well. She regularly volunteers and champions our mission, demonstrating her deep commitment through both words and actions.

#### **Krista Bates (Mary Kay)**

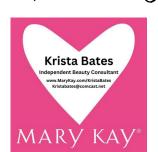
Krista has been a steadfast supporter of The Storehouse for years-both as a HeartWorks Squad member and as a weekly volunteer. Her consistent dedication and enthusiasm make a real difference every single week. A heart-felt thank you goes out to these remarkable individuals! Their compassion and hands-on involvement

community.



Are you able to partner with us as a Heart Work Sponsor? Donate now via the QR code info@covingtonstorehouse.org for sponsorship info!













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#### A Note from Our Executive Director

Dear Friends of The Storehouse,

As we head into the final months of the year, I'm reminded how much the holidays mean to so many families in our community—and how big the struggle still is. Every time I talk with someone facing food insecurity in 98042, I hear the tension: stretching budgets, worrying about the next meal. That's why our work matters. We're committed to helping people get what they need, with dignity.

With Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's around the corner, we're ramping up our support to make the season a little easier for those who need it most. We'll be organizing special holiday food drives, working closely with schools, businesses, and community groups to gather extra donations, and coordinating additional volunteer support during the busy weeks.

We want to make sure people feel cared for and respected-not just with food access, but with kindness and community spirit.

We continue to see more families turn to us for help as times get tougher. Meanwhile, funding is tighter than ever. Demand is rising just when resources are stretched thin. That's why The Storehouse doesn't just hand out food we aim to serve with compassion, respect, and choice. When someone steps through our doors and receives support, it's more than food. It's dignity. It's trust. It's knowing they're not alone.

You make a difference with each donation, each hour volunteered, each time you share our mission. It all adds up. You help us make sure holiday meals aren't just available but they're meaningful. Thank you for being part of The Storehouse community. Your generosity means everything!

Thank you to our donors, volunteers, and partners for helping us continue this vital work. Together, we remain a bright light for families facing hardship in 98042.

More forward. Good things are

With gratitude and hope, Stephanie Lawson Executive Director, The Storehouse



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