



Winter 2021

Our mission is to create a healthy and stable community for all.

HELPING DREW NAVIGATE UNCERTAINTY*

YOUR GIFTS HELPED DREW AND HIS FAMILY FIND STABILITY!

Earlier this year, Drew found himself unemployed and in need of part-time work to help make ends meet for his daughter. He came into ICA seeking assistance with food, rent and employment.

After navigating our choice-model food shelf, Drew applied for rent assistance and also worked with our employment specialist, who spent one-on-one time with him updating his resume, conducting a job search and giving interview feedback. Shortly afterward, Drew found a great job which helped him regain stability. Back on his feet, Drew stopped visiting ICA for help.

Later in the year, Drew's life was flipped upside down when his daughter was diagnosed with cancer. In need of an additional part-time job to supplement his income, Drew once again met with our employment specialist to update his resume and make connections to possible job opportunities. Thanks to this support, Drew found another part-time job to help keep his family stable.

From our inception in 1971, ICA has strived to serve our neighbors and provide a helping hand. Our goal will always be to stop the immediate crises and build long-term stability for families and individuals alike. Drew knew he could depend on ICA when times became difficult again. Drew is an inspiration to us all!



***Note: To protect client privacy, we have changed names and identifying details and used stock photos in the included stories.**



KEEPING NICOLE ON TRACK*

YOUR GIFTS PROVIDE FOOD AND SO MUCH MORE!

Nicole is a single mother who recently moved to Hopkins. The day she moved in, she came to the food shelf to learn more about our services.

Nicole was able to get a food appointment that same day and also met with a case manager who told her about other services ICA offers. In addition to in-house services, the ICA case manager also directed her to other area resources including Resource West, Reach & Restore and Relate for free counseling. The following month, ICA was able to help pay a portion of Nicole's rent, while she continued to search for a new job. ICA's rent assistance was enough to keep Nicole and her son in their new home during this process.

ICA clients like Nicole often have complex needs and issues. That's why our case managers take the necessary time and care to get to know each individual, so we can better help them achieve lasting stability. In the end, providing resources and hope means our whole community is stronger.

Nicole was able to find the job she needed -- and help while she worked toward her first paycheck!

VISION

MISSION

VALUES

STRATEGY

ICA launches a new strategic plan!

ICA's new strategic plan is dedication to community outreach and growth in ways we never thought possible. There are individuals and communities who have barriers to access including transportation, language and culture. Your investment in ICA will allow us to reach more people through new ICA Market and Resource Centers in our local schools, expanded home delivery services to home-bound individuals and seniors, and will support a family when an unexpected emergency occurs. *Your past support has allowed us to dream big and your ongoing support is appreciated now more than ever!*

In addition to a one time gift, did you know there are more ways to invest in ICA and make an even greater impact in your community?

Honor or Memorial Gift

Make a gift to honor a loved one this holiday season. We will mail a special holiday notecard to share the news of your gift and the impact that your contribution will have on our community.

Matching Gifts

Many employers provide a matching gift for your nonprofit donation. Contact your human resources for details on how to double your impact and designate ICA as your match!

The Gift of Stock

Stock shares can be transferred electronically to ICA directly from your brokerage account. ICA account information can be found at: www.icafoodshelf.org/gift-of-stock.

Monthly Giving

Join the ICA monthly sustainers by setting up your donation. Monthly contributions help ensure ICA has a consistent and reliable revenue stream to fuel our expanding programs.

Required Minimum Distributions

A Required Minimum Distribution is the minimum amount that you must withdraw from your IRA account each year, if you are 70 ½ or older. All direct donations to ICA or other nonprofits make withdrawals tax free!

Legacy Planning

Join the ICA legacy society! A bequest in your will or estate plan will help create a lasting impact in our community. Please consult with your advisors for specific language to use and assistance in your planning.

Don't miss out on these upcoming opportunities to support ICA!



Give to the Max Day Thursday, November 18

ICA Food Shelf is excited to participate in Give to the Max Day 2021. The early giving period is already underway and contributions made through November 18 will be eligible for matching funds. Donate at icafoodshelf.org/gtm21donate.



ICA Day at Maynards Monday, November 29

Call now to make your reservations for ICA Day at Maynard's Restaurant of Excelsior! On Monday, November 29, 100% of restaurant proceeds will go directly toward supporting ICA Food Shelf. Call 952-470-1800 to make your reservations.

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