

Angie and Robert's Story

When we fall on tough times, being able to feed our families shouldn't be a worry.

That's why Angie, Robert, and their four children are thankful for the food pantry at St. Vincent De Paul. While the kids started shopping, Angie shared that prior health issues put a financial strain on her family.

"When I got injured, I had back surgery and wasn't working for a year and a half," she said.

During this time, her family was eligible for SNAP benefits. But now that both she and her husband are working, their monthly SNAP allotment has decreased dramatically.

To make sure their plates are guaranteed to stay full throughout the month, they get groceries at the pantry.

"If you are working, [the pantry] helps with extra food for the family," Angie said.

The kids were especially excited to pick up food – they get breakfast and lunch at school, but love being able to help mom and dad grocery shop for meals at home. Their favorite things to pick out? Snacks they don't get from the store.

Robert shared that their family home had experienced extreme damage from a flood not long ago. With the loss of many personal belongings and the cost to repair the damage, the situation could have been overwhelming. But Robert's smile and optimism were radiant.

"[We're] not giving up hope," he said.

When families experience unexpected hardships, together we can make a difference to help make sure everyone has the food they need.

