

YOU'RE a gift to those in need!

Louise had always worked hard to provide for her family, leaving her job only to take care of her husband when he became very ill.

But when her husband died a year after she left her job, Louise's world turned upside-down. Without any source of income, she had to collect cans to pay for his funeral.

"I had to do something – not knowing how my bills were going to get paid," she says.

Shortly after her husband's death, her mother fell ill as well. Louise was already struggling financially to take care of her mother when tragedy struck yet again: her house burned down, along with everything she owned.

"I lost everything. [I didn't] even [have] a shirt to put on my back," she says.

After losing her home and all her possessions, Louise wasn't sure where to turn. She now lives with her son, but she still has many expenses like transportation, medical bills and expensive medications for her glaucoma. Because her only income is Social Security, she rarely has enough money left over for food.

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Louise is still coping with the loss of her husband and her home, as well as the loss of her mother, who died last year. She's been through more than her fair share of heartache in the past few years and just



needs a little help to make ends meet this holiday season.

Fortunately, friends like you are helping neighbors in need like Louise every day. Thanks to your gifts to the South Plains Food Bank, Louise can take home nutritious groceries from St. Christopher's Church in Lubbock, a Food Bank partner agency. This food pantry provides important grocery staples and special holiday food boxes to individuals and families in need.

Louise is so thankful for the help you provide.

"It means a whole lot," she says gratefully. "Without this, I don't know what I'd do."

Thank you for making the holidays brighter for those in need across the South Plains.