

# We're Better Together.



December 1, 2020

Dear First Name:

This year has been more difficult than any of us could have imagined. But amidst all the turmoil, there is so much hope. **We're better together.**

Because of your support, Cross-Lines is able to help clients like Julia. When the pandemic hit, Julia, 60, lost her job and ended up living in her car. In the dark of night, she would seek out the best lit places – truck stops, ER parking lots, grocery stores – just to catch a little bit of sleep. She was terrified and wanted to feel safe, just for a moment.

“Words can't describe how bad it is,” Julia recalled. “It's terrible. I just can't do this.”

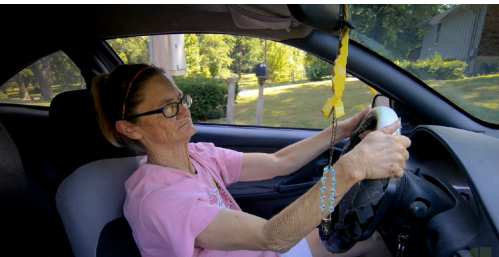
**We're better together.** When you make a donation to Cross-Lines, you change the world for someone like Julia. **We really need your help.** So many people are struggling and Cross-Lines is the place where people know they can come when they desperately need help. **We can't do it without YOU.**

Cross-Lines is helping more struggling and hurting individuals and families than ever before in our history. Cross-Lines has also witnessed an unprecedented outpouring of support from loyal friends like YOU—who make it possible for us to help so many of our neighbors in need.

Julia is grateful for the help she received at Cross-Lines, thanks to YOU.

“If it wasn't for Cross-Lines, I don't know what I'd do because they helped me with housing,” Julia said. “They've helped me with food. They've helped me with furniture. They're my friends. I can call and talk to them or I'll stop in. They're there for support. They're a blessing. And I'm thankful for them.”

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**When Julia lost her job during the pandemic, she was forced to live in her car. She slept at the best lit places she could find, including grocery store parking lots. Today, she is still struggling but is in stable housing thanks to Cross-Lines and YOU! Please see Julia tell her story in the video on our homepage, [www.cross-lines.org](http://www.cross-lines.org).**

## 309,340

**pounds of food** were distributed by the Cross-Lines Food Pantry since the pandemic began on March 15, 2020.

## 17,612

**people** were served by the Cross-Lines Food Pantry in 2020 (through November 1) Of those, nearly 40% were children. The number of those seeking our help with food continues to grow.

## 1,217

**people** have been served by the Cross-Lines Housing Stabilization program in 2020. This includes families and individuals who we helped avoid eviction or utility disconnection, as well as the people we moved from homelessness into permanent housing.

## \$276,203

**in emergency financial assistance** has been provided by Cross-Lines Housing Stabilization program so far in 2020.

Life is a constant struggle for our clients. The challenges, trauma and bad luck they have endured is an overwhelming storm that never seems to pass. Poverty. Abuse. Heartbreak. But we are strengthened by the resilience of our clients and the dedication of our supporters. ***We're better together.***

Every day, Cross-Lines connects people like you who want to make a difference with people who are struggling and have lost hope. Every day, the support you provide to Cross-Lines changes lives. You restore hope. ***Thank you for being the answer to someone's prayers.***

Like our clients, you are probably feeling overwhelmed right now. The need is so great. But with your help, we will survive this difficult time for our community and our country. ***We're better together.***

You have the power to change someone's life when you donate to Cross-Lines. **Please make a donation TODAY** to help your neighbors in need. **Please donate online via our website at [www.cross-lines.org](http://www.cross-lines.org) or fill out and return your donation in the enclosed envelope.** You have the power to change someone's life. To provide a hot meal. To provide emergency groceries for a struggling family. To prevent someone from being evicted after they lost their job due to the pandemic.

***Please consider making your gift monthly to help us meet the growing need over the next year. To become a monthly donor, choose this option on our website or on the enclosed envelope.*** Simply choose the amount that you can afford to commit each month, provide your credit card number, and Cross-Lines can conveniently bill you and send you a receipt for your monthly donation.

Julia is in a home now, thanks to the help she received from Cross-Lines through your support. She now works a part-time job she was able to find but is still fighting every day to make ends meet. Despite the struggles, Julia is filled with gratitude.

"To me, this is my mansion," Julia said of her home. "It's everything to me. I know I can go home and be safe and have a little bit of something to eat and a roof over my head, and soap and water. [Cross-Lines] gave me a kick start."

***We're better together.*** Thank you for helping Julia. Thank you for helping Cross-Lines. We are filled with gratitude to be able to count on you.

With Appreciation,



Susila Jones  
Executive Director

**P.S. The need is growing.** Unemployment benefits are running out. Utilities are being shut off every day. Evictions are resuming. ***Can you help the most vulnerable in our community?***

A donation to Cross-Lines can literally change the life of one of your neighbors who has had their life devastated this year. **Please help TODAY, and consider making your gift recurring so we can continue to meet the growing need.**