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It was a normal Friday for a devoted Philadelphia mom of four teenage sons, we'll call her Denise. After getting her kids off to school, she hauled the week's laundry 7 blocks to Elmwood and 65th Street. While her clothes tumbled in three machines, Denise headed to Turning Points for Children's FAWN (Food and Wellness Network) food pantry at Tilden Middle School.

At FAWN, the volunteers and staff greeted her with warm smiles and friendly hellos. For Denise, this isn't just a food pantry—it's a community. The volunteers know her by name, remember what her sons like to eat, and even how she prepares meals for them. "How are your sons?" asked Stephanie, one of the volunteers. Denise smiled. "They're growing strong and healthy," she said. "Let me grab you another quart of milk," Stephanie offered.

Stephanie isn't just a volunteer, she's Denise's actual neighbor. As a mom herself, Stephanie relates to her need for food and extra support, especially feeding four teenagers with the rising cost of food. When Stephanie heard her neighbor was having difficulty, she told her about FAWN at Tilden and how it could help.

This is the type of place FAWN is. The volunteers, staff, and neighbors who use the pantry truly care for one another. Volunteers like Stephanie embody this community spirit. Once a client herself, Stephanie now gives back every Friday by volunteering for five hours. Not everyone can give their time like Stephanie, but everyone can do something.

This is what being a good neighbor is all about—looking out for one another.

You can give with confidence that **your gift of \$100, \$250, \$500 or as much as you are able to give** will go directly to helping our Philadelphia neighbors who need fresh food and other assistance. Your donation helps people to feed their families and get connected to other services, such as health care and parenting support, while they are treated with dignity and compassion—just as you'd want for your own family. Turning Points is there with our community, not just for them.

After FAWN closed that Friday, some of the staff and volunteers passed by the laundromat and saw Denise standing outside with her bags of food and clean laundry. They stopped to ask if she needed a ride. "Not today," Denise replied. "My neighbor is on her way."

This is what a caring community looks like. Neighbors supporting neighbors. No matter your ZIP code, you can be part of this community, too. Make a donation today and help lift up our neighbors, one child and one family at a time.

Will you be our neighbor?

Sincerely,



David Fair, Executive Director

You are a part of our community!



Donate today, and thank you
for being a good neighbor.



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