“We were one of many families that was on welfare... we were kids, we didn’t know, we didn’t understand why there wasn’t very much food on our plates... I wanted to do this, I wanted to do that, I wanted to eat...and mom was like ‘yeah, you’re a growing boy but I just don’t have it.’”

- Mark Blakeslee

When you support Shalom’s hunger relief program, you support people like Mark.

Mark grew up in poverty with enormous challenges, including abusive parents and severe learning disabilities. His challenges became worse in adulthood when, as a passenger in a major car accident, he suffered a severe head trauma, which led to difficulties with his vision and his temperament. He struggles with bipolar disorder, permanent physical injuries to his back, head, and hips, and diabetes, too.

Mark now lives in public housing on poverty wages from Social Security Disability. And he relies on Shalom for breakfast and lunch every day.

Because of you, Shalom is one of the most important meal providers in our community, now serving breakfast and lunch every day of the week!! Last year, Shalom served over 69,000 meals to people like Mark, the senior next door, and the single mom and her kids down the block.

Please make a gift right now to support Shalom’s hunger relief efforts. For every dollar you give, you provide one meal to a person who need it. And, if you hurry, you can double your impact. Thanks to a very generous donor, every Hunger Relief donation up to $15,000 will be matched 100% if we receive your gift before April 30th.

Please fill out the enclosed response card right now and send us a gift to help end hunger in Monroe County.

With blessings,

Rev. Forrest Gilmore
Executive Director

P.S. For a short time, every dollar you give will double up to $15,000 if you donate before April 30th. You can ensure that people like Mark always have a place to eat.