

## Join the Fight for Maribel.

Maribel lives with her son and her mother. Before the pandemic, her family never needed to seek out food assistance. Their family is considered high-risk and have been forced to quarantine as much as possible. Like many in our county, they have been isolated from everyone for weeks. Maribel chose to order grocery online, but it got too expensive on her fixed monthly income. She applied for SNAP benefits, which has helped immensely, but there was still a gap. She chose to utilize the **Hays County Food Bank** to make up that difference.

"I had not been out of my home for weeks. The volunteers were all so very friendly and helpful to me. I received the box of food with a grateful heart. It truly felt comforting during these uncertain times. It gave me hope for the days to come."

This pandemic has shown Maribel that nobody is immune to food insecurity, even her family. She has friends and family that have lost their jobs or had their hours reduced. Many, like herself, have had to seek out help for the first time. She is thankful for the generosity of her community; that so many come together in trying times to help out their neighbors in need.