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LOOK OUT, WORLD, -HE'S RISING

"There's a moment parents like me don't talk about enough—the moment after high school when the world seems to shrink for our children. Opportunities disappear. Programs end. And it feels like our kids are expected to simply fade quietly into the background. It's heartbreaking, and it's real.

But sometimes... you find a place where your child doesn't fall off a cliff.

They climb.

They grow.

They belong.

And they remind you just how much is possible when someone believes in them.

For us, that place is the local food bank distribution center. For over two years, this has been more than volunteer work—it has been a lifeline of purpose and possibility. My child has taken on tasks that many never imagined he could do. He's broken down boxes and loaded the compactor. He's pulled cans from donation bins and helped pack them. He's assembled boxes—more than 600 in one day recently. He's worked the assembly line, filling senior boxes with care. He's stacked finished boxes onto pallets that help feed our community. He's scooped fruit and vegetables from huge crates, helping prepare food so others can bag and distribute it." - *Terri Jordan, speaking about her son, Cody*



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**Total Foodbank
Volunteer Hours
(10/01 - 12/31)**

15,385



Terri and Cody Jordan helping pack boxes in the volunteer center.



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