

## **A Thank You, A Story and an Invitation**

*Sharon reached out to us for food and help with her mortgage payment. Her payment was a little over \$1800. per month. When I spoke with her, I told her that \$500. was the most that we could offer her. She said that would help a lot, and that she would be able to pay the rest.. I learned that Sharon has two sons, ages 9 and 11. . She and they all take medicine and that it is quite expensive. She has been working at the same job for four years without a raise. She recently spoke to her boss and asked for a raise. She told him that some weeks after paying bills, she had one dollar in her wallet and no gas in her car to get to work. His response to her was, you can get food stamps. This is a lady that worked hard to get an education so that she could take care of herself and her children. As a result of her conversation with her boss, she sought work elsewhere, making more money. She had a zoom interview last Friday and she asked me to pray that she would get the job. She was offered the job and a choice of locations that she would like to work. Instead of just going to the new job immediately, she is working out a 2 week notice. She was very thankful for the groceries that we provided. I told her that when interest rates go down, perhaps she could refinance her home to lower her mortgage payment. She said she would definitely look into that. She said that she has a large bag of good clothing that her boys have outgrown and that she would like to donate them somewhere, where people didn't have to pay to get them. I told her that the Catholic Center of Concern would be a good place. She's paying it forward!*