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Starting at gifts of just $15, you can bless someone’s life in our community this Thanksgiving season and show them the light of God’s love. Through your prayers and support, we can meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of every single person who comes through our doors. Please consider giving a gift today by going online to lssnetworkofhope.org/donate or send the enclosed reply slip with your gift.

Thank you for your generosity. You are providing care and hope to struggling neighbors all across Ohio. God bless you this Thanksgiving season!

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Yes, I want to provide meals, shelter and care this Thanksgiving season to neighbors in need across Ohio.

I’m enclosing: $15 $30 $50 $150 $__________

☐ I’d like to give monthly and join Faithful Friends.

☐ My first gift of $__________ is enclosed.

☐ I’d like my gift to help the following program:

☐ LSS Faith Mission ☐ LSS Food Pantries ☐ LSS CHOICES

Please make your check payable to LSS.

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We are deeply grateful for your faithful support of the LSS Network of Hope. You make it possible to provide the supplies and services needed that bless thousands of neighbors for themselves and their families. On behalf of all the people we serve and all of us at the LSS Network of Hope, we wish a Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones.

With gratitude,

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Writing a new chapter after the trauma of abuse

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