I have volunteered at GraceWorks in the food pantry for 6 years. At first, it was just a warehouse where the volunteers filled carts and stocked shelves. Several years ago, the food pantry transformed into a "store" where our neighbors could shop for themselves. As a volunteer, I assist the neighbors while they navigate the store, but my favorite part is getting to know the people who walk in the door. They all have different stories and reasons for needing assistance. Some people have long term health problems and can't work. Others need help in between jobs to get them through that first month without a paycheck. I remember one neighbor vividly. It was her first time to come to GraceWorks or to ever need help with food insecurity. She was there because the government had shut down and she had been furloughed. She was so appreciative of GraceWorks and was so thankful she had a place to turn that wasn't judgmental and helped her get food for her family. She needed help right then and GraceWorks was able to provide it. That's what GraceWorks does every single day.