Jolinda's Story

From launching a gospel music magazine to navigating economic shifts, Jolinda's story is a powerful reminder of resilience, food dignity, and community care:

"I've spent my life building and creating, from launching a gospel music magazine in college to developing a new publication on culture and fashion today. But even with an entrepreneurial drive, managing fixed incomes against rising grocery and gas costs leaves little margin for error.

Living in Urbancrest, Ohio, a community with a deep agricultural history, I've always believed in the power of fresh, nourishing food. When things got tight, the Kroger Community Pantry at Mid-Ohio Foodbank opened its doors with warmth, respect, and genuine care.

Food pantries aren't just safety nets; they are community bridges. The team at Mid-Ohio showed up for me when I needed it, and I'm looking forward to giving back as a volunteer to support the next person who walks through those doors."

Access to fresh produce and supportive community spaces isn't just assistance, it's dignity in action.