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DEBBIE'S STORY

Debbie Smith was a long-time resident of the New River Valley who dedicated more than 20 years of her life to caring for others as a Certified Nursing Assistant, working in geriatric, Alzheimer, and home health services to benefit vulnerable members of our community. However, debilitating bouts of arthritis and severe respiratory illness eventually left her unable to work.

When her partner and primary support of 25 years passed away, Debbie moved into the Fairlawn community where she could have better access to public transportation, which would allow her to continue living independently. For more than two years she has been a frequent guest for meals at Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread and has utilized Radford Transit each day to get to the dining room. Though Debbie has to walk several blocks uphill from the bus stop, she said she continues to make the trip because of the comforting food and the friendships she has formed with fellow guests. Sitting down for a meal with her friends makes her feel right at home. Debbie also relies on a low, fixed income, and the free meals and take-home items from Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread have helped her stretch her food budget and eat healthily.

.At United Way of the New River Valley, we fight against food insecurity and hunger in our community. That's why we support agencies like Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread, who have served 22,714 meals to individuals in need in 2019 alone. Supported solely by volunteers and donations, Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread works tirelessly to help feed people like Debbie and create a sense of social support in their dining room. United Way continues to support Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread, ensuring that they can continue to alleviate food insecurity in the New River Valley.



Donations like yours help Radford-Fairlawn Daily Bread and other United Way partner agencies do meaningful, life-changing work around the New River Valley.

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