



Gloria Rhone

NOURISHES COMMUNITY THROUGH SHARE

by Tiffany Tenley

SHARE, a Wisconsin-based nonprofit, volunteer-run discount food club, offers its members savings of up to 50% off grocery store prices. How does SHARE do it? The answer is simple. Every month a thousand volunteers bring SHARE to life in over 200 communities. Milwaukee's Gloria Rhone has been a part of SHARE's mission since 2002.

A registered nurse and firm believer in improving the general health of the community, Gloria volunteers and advocates for health care issues, participating in several health fairs and serving as director of Health Education Ministry at Providence Baptist Church. And that's where she was first introduced to SHARE. Seeing the need in the community, Gloria helped bring SHARE to her church on the north side of Milwaukee.

"SHARE's a great organization," Gloria says, "especially because some people feel like they don't have access to help or they don't qualify." However, everyone is welcome at SHARE. There are no membership fees, eligibility requirements or income limits to join. A monthly selection of frozen meats, fresh produce, convenience items and more are offered at tremendous savings. With 200 distribution

sites located in Wisconsin and parts of three surrounding states, SHARE helps over 8,000 families save money on groceries every month. And the holidays are no exception.

Gloria says, "The best part about distributing the food is seeing the look on recipient's faces." SHARE's \$30 Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner packages include all the fixings for a family of six, Gloria says. "People are always surprised at how much food is included in the package." Oftentimes her church will purchase several SHARE dinner packages for families in need.

Gloria is a true believer in SHARE's mission and speaks highly of the positive effect it's had on her community. She says that for some people, the monthly SHARE package is all the food they'll have for the month. But, Gloria adds, it's not only about the people on the receiving end—there is just as much satisfaction on the giving end.

"It gives our volunteers a sense of belonging," Gloria says. "Even people who don't have anything else to give feel a sense of satisfaction just bagging the food and knowing people are being helped. It's a nice way to connect with the community."

For more information on SHARE, visit www.sharewi.org or call toll-free 800-548-2124.