



United Way  
of Roanoke Valley

## *Just a sandwich among friends*

**Ann pulled into the food line at the Franklin County feeding mobile, looking only for a lunch.**

She was surprised when a United Way staff member brought her not just a sandwich, but a fresh box of produce from the Community Giving Gardens. She declined saying, "I can't have all of that. It's too much for me. I'm all alone." Surprising even herself, she began sobbing.

Ann explained that her husband had died just weeks earlier. Because of COVID, there was no funeral and she was alone in her grief. But just a few cars back, other Franklin County residents recognized the distraught woman and approached her to offer their condolences. They were there for sandwiches too and invited Ann to eat with them. Since that day, Ann meets these friends at the food bank regularly, with many now volunteering at the site to help others in their own times of need.

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