

meet lisa

Lisa is used to being on the volunteer side of free food distributions. She frequently volunteers for the Medical Lake Food Bank, which receives donated food from Second Harvest.

"Normally, I'm on the other end, filling boxes," Lisa says.

But today, she's picking up boxes of food at the Mobile Market food distribution Second Harvest partnered with Lakes Harvest Foods grocery store to host in the wake of the Gray Fire that destroyed much of Medical Lake.

"We lost three homes," Lisa says. "We're picking up food for the families that we're connected with. Two renters were in properties we owned, and they lost everything, too."

She says she's glad to receive fresh produce, as well as pantry staples. "We won't need all of it, so we'll be able to share it with our neighborhood—our whole neighborhood was decimated," she says. "We're a pretty close-knit group. We plan to get together tomorrow, so I'll be able to share some things tomorrow."

Lisa says her family was able to find an apartment in Medical Lake after her home burned in the wildfire. "We have a 16-year-old that's going to school, so we wanted to stay in Medical Lake," Lisa says.

Lisa says she's looking forward to being able to volunteer again someday. For now, the support of the Medical Lake community providing for those affected by the Gray Fire is a comfort to her.

"It's wonderful to know that these resources are here for the community when needed," she says. "I see it weekly (at Medical Lake Food Bank), that it makes a difference for so many families on a weekly basis. We wouldn't be able to do any of that without Second Harvest."

