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Following our fall 2025 university climate survey, it is clear, while we have received support from the state and community organization to assist in supporting the basic needs of our students that the resources are not enough. Our students shared experiences of food and housing insecurity. Our students shared they are utilizing our food pantry and stitch closet, but the availability of hours and resources do not always meet their needs. Our students shared they have communicated with our basic needs coordinator for support. Our students reporting working 30-60 hours a week sometimes at multiple jobs while attending school. Our resources are being utilized, but as prices rise and our students needs change we need resources to adapt with them. Please support an increase to basic needs resources and support structures in our university and college communities.