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Two years ago I had the privilege of volunteering with a Marion-Polk Food Share mobile pantry. I did intake so spoke with each person who arrived. I especially enjoyed the young mothers with preschoolers in tow, looking into their faces, and knowing the pantry was reducing stress, giving hope and nourishing their families. When I hear arguments against providing food for immigrants, I am often reminded of the line from Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol when Scrooge suggests that some of the people on the street should die and "reduce the surplus population." I can not wrap my mind around the fact that opponents can look into the faces of those women and children I served and say to some of them, you don't deserve to eat. Everyone deserves nourishment! There should be no higher priority. Please make that possible!