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Mayor Jacobs Small Business Series Focuses on The Lord's Child

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs interviewed Melanie Sims, Chief Operating Officer of The Lord's Child, for his Small Business Series. With their food pantry program, the Lord's Child provides food security to those in need.

Each week, the Mayor conducts interviews with small business owners, offering them the opportunity to talk about what they do; highlight their work; and share any future plans. New vignettes are released throughout the month.

This month, the series focuses on local charities and non-profits across the area.

“What you guys are shopping for when you go grocery shopping...that's what we give to our guests here,” said Sims. “We want them to feel like they are part of our family, so we are going to give them whatever we have here.”

Since 2007, The Lord's Child has worked with mobile food pantries and regional grocery stores to provide nutritious meals in our area. Volunteers of the ministry go to local grocers and get any food unsuitable for sale and then distribute that food for free every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at their South Knoxville location (8729 Chapman Highway).

Since moving to their current location in 2015, Sims says the number of people they serve has grown exponentially in the last two years as they now provide meals for, “on average 100-150 families a week.”

The Mayor and Sims further discussed the need in our region and how one meal can make a huge difference.

For more information on The Lord's Child you can visit them at their [website](#).

To hear more of what was said during the interview, check out the [video](#).

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