

Letter: Our national TV report

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Our national TV report

JFCS and the Naples Senior Center say "thank you."

We want to say "thank you" to so many friends in the community who contacted us as a result of a recent national TV news feature.

On May 22 "The PBS NewsHour" aired a report on senior citizens and food insecurity. While we often see these stories about older adults in big metropolitan areas, this particular story featured seniors who are our neighbors — right here in beautiful Naples.

PBS spent time with several members of the Naples Senior Center, a program of JFCS, who struggle to put food on their tables. What the story made clear was that these individuals worked, saved and "did the right thing" — but illness, loss of employment, the downturn in the economy and/or the death of a spouse created crises that they have difficulty overcoming by themselves.

You can see the PBS story at www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/number-hungry-seniors-doubled-since-2001-going-get-worse/ and www.pbs.org/newshour/updates/senior-hunger-photo-essay/.

Many people have reached out to congratulate us on the work we are doing, to make a donation to support our work to make our greater Naples community a better place. We deeply appreciate your support.

Meanwhile, our food pantry and meals programs are only a part of what we do at the Naples Senior Center on Castello Drive. For more information, go online at www.jfcswfl.org or give us a call at 325-4444 to arrange a tour. We would love to show you around — but pardon our dust as we are expanding.

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