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In the Season of Giving, We Can Make A Difference

The holidays are fast approaching, and when I close my eyes, I imagine the spread of dishes that awaits me. I can hardly wait.

Like me, many of us associate this month with food, family and loved ones. This is a time where we are reminded of all that we have to be grateful for in our lives. It is also a time that we think about those who are less fortunate. Many families cannot afford to have a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. And even more have no home to call their own and in which to surround themselves with family and friends. Still others, instead of sitting around a table with friends, will be standing in line at soup kitchens on Thanksgiving Day.

As president of Kingsborough Community College (KCC), I know that many of our students are among those who are food



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insecure. As a college community, it pains us to know that there are students who are unable to focus in class because they have not had a meal that day. One of the

reasons, food pantries exist on college campuses is to combat food insecurity. Given the choice of tuition or dinner, scores of college students across the country

are dropping out of school to help feed their families.

This does not have to happen. We can make a difference.

This season, schools,

churches and other community-based organizations across the city are engaging in community service activities, like collecting non-perishable goods and coat drives, to help the many who are less fortunate. I ask that you give generously to food pantries and soup kitchens; they are usually in short supply this time of year. Also, consider volunteering to be a part of charitable activities in your community. Join me in making this month a time of Thanks and Giving.

Dr. Claudia V. Schrader is president of Kingsborough Community College, which is an active participant in the Giving Tuesday #GivingCUNY campaign to help make a difference for a college student. For more information and to participate go to: <https://www.cunytuesday.org/organizations/kingsborough-community-college>.

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