

Imagine having enough money to live comfortably once you retire. Then imagine it is all taken away in a matter of minutes. Steven Lent doesn't have to imagine it, this is exactly what happened to him two years ago. Steven worked hard to make sure he and his wife would be able to enjoy their retirement years, even moving from Phoenix, Arizona to Edwards, Mississippi to enjoy the slower pace of small town life. What he didn't plan was falling off a ladder while painting his house and breaking his back. Since his accident, he and his wife now live on less than \$800 a month, and it doesn't go very far with growing medical bills. Medical bills are not the only the Lent family has to worry about since Steven's accident, they still have utilities, food and other necessities. They often face flooding where they live, and heavy rains can take days to retreat. To survive, they try to keep three weeks' worth of food, water and gas at home. They are thankful that they don't have to have to visit Second Harvest Food Pantry at Morrison Heights every month but are grateful that the food pantry is there when needed. He calls it a huge blessing that helps relieve the worries about lack of food, saying they would "starve to death" without the help. While it may seem extreme to think that way, this is the harsh reality of how a family can go from a comfortable retirement to facing hunger in the blink of an eye.