**The Problem**

* The location surrounding the Housing Authority of Bowling Green's main developments, Gordon Ave./Summit View is currently listed as a food desert by the USDA. The USDA definition of a food desert is vapid of fresh fruit, vegetables, and other helpful wholefoods, usually found in impoverished areas.
* When we did our research, we found other areas had the same problem. Other low-income areas to be served in the Bowling Green/Warren County area include: Garden Apts, Lee Pointe, Abel Court, BG Towers, Double Springs Manor, etc. We would be glad to share our resources.
* Many individuals in the areas also have transportation barriers or limited access via public transportation to access a grocery store.
* During our survey, we found milk and other items were 30-40% higher at convenient stores compared to grocery stores. For instance milk was $1.19 at Kroger compared to $2.99 at a convenient store.
* It costs a minimum of $4.00 to and from a grocery store and will take approximately 35 minutes one way from Double Springs Rd.
* Residents were surveyed in HABG properties
  + 94% stated they would use the bus 1-3 times a week
  + 46% stated they rely on someone else for transportation to the grocery store

**The Solution**

* Warren County Public Schools donated a 34 passenger bus.
* We are refurbishing the bus with shelves, generator, cooler, freezer, AC, etc.
* The bus will be wrapped so it can be easily recognizable.
* The Mobile Grocery will provide a variety of products
  + Including – vegetables, milk, eggs, bread, sandwich meat,   
     fruit, drinks, household items, etc.
* The truck will run 4-6 days per week at various times, depending on demand.
* The Mobile Grocery will provide healthy and affordable food directly to neighborhoods and families can cut down on the time and money spent traveling to a grocery store to purchase food.

If you have questions concerning help to support these efforts,   
please call Abraham Williams or Katie Miller at 270-843-6071.