

December 1, 2017

*"I'm grateful because this help enables me to stretch my budget enough to get one or two small presents for the children to celebrate this time of year."  
- Michelle, mother & food shelf client*

Mr. Ed Buechel / Steeler Fans of Minnesota  
4562 Oak Chase Circle  
Eagan, MN 55123-1813

Dear Ed,

This holiday season, Second Harvest Heartland is reflecting on the generosity we've received over the course of the year. **Among these acts of support was the Steeler Fans of Minnesota's gift of \$3,590 received in November. Together with the matching funds from Bank of America, your generosity totaled \$10,090. Because every \$1 provides three meals, your support provides 30,270 meals.** Your kindness helps ensure thousands of our hungry neighbors will get the food, nutrition and support they need in the coming winter months. On their behalf and ours, thank you.

Hunger can come at any time of year, but rarely is it felt more sharply than during the holiday season. We believe no one should go hungry, and **your gift offers hope and warmth** to families like Michelle's.

Michelle visits her local food shelf weekly to collect enough food to feed her family. Even though she works, it's difficult for her to keep meals on the table and the lights on. Michelle was able to receive a turkey dinner for the holidays.

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Because of your support, more of our neighbors across the heartland, including parents like Michelle, will not have to spend the holidays hungry. **Without you, our work would not be possible.**

Best wishes to you and yours this holiday season.

Sincerely,



Rob Zeaske  
Chief Executive Officer

P.S. From bagging potatoes into family-size portions to packing boxes for low-income seniors, we have a variety of volunteer opportunities to choose from. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering at Second Harvest Heartland, visit [2harvest.org/volunteer](http://2harvest.org/volunteer) to sign up today!

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## Thank you for helping families like Michelle's

Michelle is a working mother with five children. The holidays are a special time for her and her family, especially since two of her children also have birthdays to celebrate. But, the holidays are also a difficult time. Michelle struggles to keep food on the table and the lights on in her home. Instead of enjoying the days leading up to Thanksgiving and the holidays to follow, Michelle spends her time worrying about letting her kids down.

When Michelle began receiving food from her local food shelf, everything changed. Around Thanksgiving last year, Michelle was able to get a turkey dinner for the holidays and enough food to help her stretch her budget just enough to afford two small gifts for her children.

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