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*Freely we Receive, Freely we Give*

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Dear Friends,

Open Hands Midway is blessed that you have financially supported our work and mission over the years. We depend greatly on individuals like you who believe that everyone should have access to **free** food and not have to worry about where their next meal or bag of groceries will come from. You have helped us make a difference in the Hamline-Midway community of St. Paul and that is deeply appreciated.

Today I am writing to share with you of our '*spring appeal fundraising campaign*.' Providing information about how Open Hands Midway serves those in need gives donors a clearer picture of how the money they entrust to us is used. Here is a snapshot of how funds raised assisted us in addressing the food crisis this past year:

**Weekly Meals Program:** In 2021, a total of 7,192 **free** meals were served on Monday and a total of 5,746 **free** meals were served on Wednesday. These numbers reflect a 14.1% increase over 2020!

**Food Shelf Program:** In 2021, 147 households used this **free** service, a 45% increase over 2020!

**Fall Produce Distribution Program:** In 2021, 19,922 pounds of fresh produce were distributed to our neighbors in need.

As you may surmise the cost of **free** programming has increased as the cost of food nationwide has increased. With that in mind I would like to ask you to consider making a gift of support for our meal and food programs. Your contribution will assure that we can continue to provide these valuable programs to the individuals and families we serve each and every week. When you help Open Hands Midway, you help those who are economically challenged have hope by providing them with food security.

With deep appreciation,

*Kay Kuehn*

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Executive Director

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