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Dear Andy,

Thank you so much for your continued support of St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance for the past ten years. It is very much appreciated—not only by those of us who work to eliminate hunger but by the thousands of hungry families served by the Food Bank.

As you know, these days are difficult times for all of us all but especially for the end consumers who are living below the federal poverty level or on a fixed income and don't have the financial capacity to absorb financial challenges. Due to the increases in unemployment, home foreclosures and economic turmoil many families who have supported us in the past are turning to us for help. As a result we have seen a significant increase of 64% in demand for our food distribution programs from our neighbors in need.

The fact that Ahern Associates leadership and your professional network continue to answer our call for support is inspiring. We are truly honored and humbled with your priority to help ensure that everyone has enough to eat. We could not distribute **one million meals each week** without your continued support!

Again, thank you for your advocacy for St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance and being an **outstanding Partner** in our work. Please visit our website at www.FirstFoodBank.org to get the latest information on our activities and the many ways that we assist the community.

Sincerely,

Terry Shannon
President and CEO