Dear Donors:

In this space you are used to seeing us announce the Alan Shawn Feinstein Annual $1 Million Giveaway to Fight Hunger Challenge Grant. Sadly for us as well as other charities, Mr. Feinstein has suspended his Annual $1 Million Giveaway to Fight Hunger for 2015 until further notice in order to concentrate on his foundation's ever increasing number of Feinstein Jr. Scholars, now over 150,000 strong pledged to help better the lives of others.

We can certainly understand Mr. Feinstein’s decision and are so thankful for the years that he has contributed to our fundraising efforts. The Million Dollar challenge grant enabled Hope Emergency to fund its food operation for the summer months. We thank him immensely for his impact on world hunger. We were deeply concerned as to how to bridge this gap in our 2015 budget UNTIL . . . . . . after hearing of our plight, two of our dedicated donors have stepped up and offered a total of $5,000 to create a New Challenge Grant. We will be challenged to meet or surpass last year’s results of $64,000 in cash and 45,500 pounds of food. The rules, dates and times will be the same as existed for last year’s Feinstein Challenge. Whatever you donate to Hope in the way of cash, checks or food items (valued at $1.00 per item or pound) as well as pledges, as long as they are obtained ONLY during the promotion of this challenge, and we meet or surpass last year’s results, our anonymous donors will share their $5,000 with us.

Mark Your Calendars!

Between March 1, 2015 through April 30th, 2015

You can help us this year by sending your donations to Hope Emergency between March 1, 2015 and April 30, 2015. Try something new. Be creative in ways to raise money. Ask your favorite fraternal organization to hold a canned food drive, encourage the youth around you to challenge their classmates with food drives at school.

Help us to meet—or beat—last year’s challenge!
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Again this year has shown us the love and support of our friends and neighbors who helped out at Christmas. Many loyal folks donated their time and talents. Our prayers go out to everyone in the hopes that the year 2015 will bring all of you health and happiness. You are certainly a blessing to us.

2015 Events

EASTER DISTRIBUTION at Hope will be on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Hope Emergency will be CLOSED Thursday, April 2, 2015 through Monday, April 13, 2015.

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON will be Saturday, May 30 from 12 Noon until 2 p.m. Volunteers and their spouses are invited.

YARD SALES Mark your calendars for our 2015 Yard Sales, Fridays and Saturdays on May 1 and 2, July 10 and 11 and September 11 and 12. All sales begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Lots more bargains this year!

NEW QUILT RAFFLE will be held in July. Look for announcement of our new quilt raffle soon. Mrs. Janet Castellini of Cincinnati, Ohio was the winner of the quilt we raffled last November. Congratulations, Janet. We appreciate your support of Hope Emergency Program.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES We will begin distribution of school supplies on July 29, 2015 and continue for at least the next four Wednesdays. We welcome donations of filler paper, 3 prong folders, spiral notebooks, pens, pencils and crayons.

THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2015. Hope Emergency will be CLOSED November 25 to November 29, 2015.


A FEW STATS:
November of 2014, 1,254 households (1,251 children) received food. In December 2014, 1016 households (1,097 children) received food. Hope Emergency is comprised of eight part-time employees and offers a “Choice Pantry” where clients are encouraged to make choices based on the foods their family prefers.
For Thanksgiving 2014 we were pleased to be able to provide Thanksgiving goodies to 500 families.
For Christmas 2014, 282 families received Christmas gifts. A total of 819 children were able to experience a good holiday. In addition, 588 families received food donated by our loyal and generous patrons.

Ways you can help build Hope

Are you looking for a way you can help raise donations during our current $5000 Challenge fund drive? Invite a few friends over for a dinner party, create small raffles, luncheons, food drives. Be creative. All donations in any amount are appreciated - and they are tax deductible!

Kroger Community Rewards. Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com or call 1-800-576-4377 and sign up for the Kroger Reward Program. There is no cost to you but you must reregister every year. Hope received a little over $1,000 last year from this easy program. Charities are rewarded by the amount of purchases customers make at Kroger.

REMINDERS - Check our website for up-to-date info and volunteer info. Go to www.hopeemergency.org. We always need volunteers. Right now, new volunteers are needed to work Wednesday afternoons. Call the office if you are interested.

God Bless All!