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Dear Foothills Food Bank Donor,

On behalf of the Foothills Food Bank and our clients, we thank you for your contributions. Your financial support has enabled us to meet the needs of so many in our community.

We have all been affected by the recession in recent years. Our clients have felt the impact of this economy more than many. Their struggles continues daily. We have an increased number of clients that live in their cars or in the desert. We also have had clients from very affluent areas. The recession has reached far and wide, sparing few from its path. Since 2008, our client base has increased by 213%. We currently have more than 400 volunteers who help keep the food bank doors open.

With more than 8,000 people now using the food bank, we must expand to be able to continue to service our clients and their needs. Credible estimates are that the current operating location is only one-third the size it should be to serve clients and provide adequate food storage. As a result, our board has approved a major capital fundraising campaign to raise \$1.2 million. These funds will be used to purchase and renovate a building that will serve as the permanent home of the Foothills Food Bank and Resource Center. Our intention is to keep the food bank in Cave Creek, as nearly 40% of our clients are from the Cave Creek/Carefree area.

We need your help to make this permanent facility a reality. Any contribution you can make is greatly appreciated. A pledge form is attached for your use. If you would like a tour of our current facility in the interim or wish to discuss our needs in more detail, please call us. Thank you for giving this effort your kind consideration!

With sincere appreciation,

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