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Dear Ms. Quinn, Staff, & University Place Residents:

We were overwhelmed to receive the \$775 gift and the additional 320 pounds of food you collected during the Harvest Dinner. This is a significant donation for the Food Bank of West Central Texas, and came at a crucial time for us, the agencies we serve, and their clients.

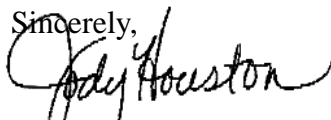
I want to take a moment to tell you what a gift of this size can do at the Food Bank so you will see the sheer numbers of people we can help feed. With every \$1 donation, we are able to distribute 6.25 pounds of food, or the equivalent of 5 meals. That means an additional 4,844 pounds of food (or 3,785 meals).

With \$775, we can also purchase 1,550 pounds of ground turkey. Meat is rarely donated, and in great demand by our agencies.

With \$775, we can provide enough food to supply about 5 children with food for the week-ends for an entire school year. This is through our Backpacks for Kids Program. On Fridays, chronically hungry children in jeopardy of not having enough to eat, pick up a backpack just like all the other kids carry — except it is filled with kid-friendly, nutritious food to help get them through the weekend when school breakfasts and lunches are not available. Right now, we are distributing over 650 backpacks per week.

I may have given you too much information, but I wanted you to be aware of what this donation means to the Food Bank and the 150 non-profit agencies in our thirteen country service area.

We appreciate that you chose the Food Bank to honor with your donations.

Sincerely,


Jody Houston
Executive Director