



January 14, 2012

2101 Vandiver Drive
Suite B
Columbia, Missouri
65202-1910

573-474-1020
800-764-3663
FAX 573-474-9932

Julia Grus
Boone County Bar Association Inc
c/o Oliver Walker & Wilson LLLC
401 Locust St Ste 406
Columbia, MO 65201-4262



Central Missouri
Heart of Missouri
Pettis County
Randolph County



Dear Friends,

I don't know how to thank you for your wonderful generosity. Your additional gift of \$95.00 is a tremendous reminder of God's love working through people like you!

It is difficult to explain what your support has meant to us this past year. Sure I can tell you the facts such as The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri distributed 28 million pounds of food in 2011 helping to feed approximately 100,000 people per month. Through the Buddy Pack program alone we are reaching approximately 8,600 children a week.

Perhaps this story will convey the true impact of your partnership. A woman walked into the food bank one afternoon in December. She had a 5 year old with her and a baby in her arms. She needed food. Normally we direct people to our pantry across town but she had arrived too late and the pantry was closed. Realizing the lady would have to wait until Saturday because she worked, a staff member retrieved two large boxes of food from the warehouse and carried it out to her car. As the staff member turned to go back in the building the little girl asked her mother if they would have food to eat that night. The lady gave our staff member a bear hug and started sobbing with gratitude. The lady was working two jobs and feared her car would be repossessed any day.

Because of **you** we can help this family struggling through a difficult economy. Because of **you** a child will have something to eat and a mother will have hope for a better day.

In this lifetime you will never know how many lives you have touched with your tremendous compassion. But I want you to know you have touched my heart in a deep and profound way as you allow us to be God's hands to help those in need.

God bless you!

Peggy Kirkpatrick
Executive Director