

July 30, 2014

Beauty and the Beast Convention 2014
c/o Sue Myran
1899 Fox Ridge Drive, # C
West St. Paul, MN 55118



Dear Sue and Friends,

We want to thank you for letting *Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless* be a part of your convention this year. When we were selected as your charity, we understood your core values, because we understood what Beauty and the Beast represents. As I told you when we all met, we cherish your strong principles of **compassion (having a heart), commitment and taking care of others less fortunate (the tunnel people)**. However, we were unable to fully appreciate the full measure of your kindness and generosity until we learned how much money you actually raised. To use the word **AMAZING**, does not do your achievement justice. We thank you for your group donation in the amount of **\$14,250**.

Your strong sense of caring and compassion offers hope and help and makes a difference to the thousands of Minnesotans—children, seniors, families and veterans—battling hunger and homelessness every day. Too often, we think of victims of hunger, homelessness and domestic violence as ‘other people’. But they aren’t just other people. If they aren’t you or a member of your family, then they go to school with your children. They sit next to you in the pews. Ride the bus with you. Maybe they serve you in your favorite restaurant, or work in your neighborhood store. Sometimes it is someone you love and care about.

Because of your support, Open Your Heart will provide help to more than 200 non-profit agencies across the state this year. In central cities, suburban communities and across rural Minnesota, local agencies are dedicated to ensuring that no one goes hungry, no one has to sleep outside, and no one must accept domestic abuse simply because there is no safe place to go.

Friends, we hope your time spent in the Twin Cities was enjoyable and memorable. Please do not ever forget your legacy of generosity and the impact on the people you helped. We thank you for opening your hearts so that every Minnesotan can be free from hunger and homelessness.

Ed Murphy
Executive Director

Tom Mulhere
Resource Director

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