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OPEN DOOR SHELTER
"Where You Live Begins"

The directors, staff, and clients of The Open Door Shelter (ODS) join me in thanking you for your donation of large assortment of food items SONS OF ITALY on 11/29/2011 to support our cause.

With the current state of the economy and many individuals losing employment, we anticipate an even greater demand for our assistance this year. ODS therefore greatly appreciates your assistance. Without such thoughtful and generous help as yours, our work of sheltering and counseling the homeless for re-entry into community life would be impossible.

I am truly inspired with the work that has proceeded me because now, a new resident can arrive with hope – hope for a future – hope for a job – and hope for a self-sustaining future through our new Hope Works job training program.

With this program, things have changed and changed dramatically. We are no longer a “shelter” with no tomorrow; we are a path for renewal and independence. To see light at the end of a long tunnel requires hope. In this hope lies the inspiration for many to start and continue clinical services and retain sobriety in and toward a meaningful life.

My pledge to you is to end chronic homelessness in our area by finding some way for even our most challenged residents to make it in this world – on their own. Hope Works now gives all of our residents who want it -- the chance to make it.

All of us at ODS thank you and hope for your continued support, which enables us to continue to positively impact the homeless community. Please do not hesitate to contact me for volunteer services or to learn more about ODS' essential programs.

Sincerely,

Bill Okwuosa
Executive Director

Your entire contribution will be used to continue our programs as we did not provide any goods or services to you in consideration of this gift. For IRS purposes, this letter must be saved if your contribution exceeds \$250.