October 23, 2009

Ms. Rowena Cherry 5362 Woodlands Estates Drive South Bloomfield, MI 48302-2875

Dear Rowena,

In the name of the people served by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, I am writing to thank you for your recent donation of \$125.00. We understand that in the current economic climate practically everyone is being adversely affected. So it is quite possible that this contribution entails an element of sacrifice on your part; for that reason, we are especially grateful to you. Thank you.

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen today carries on its 80-year tradition of feeding hungry people; each week day two thousand meals are prepared and served from our two kitchen/dining rooms. We feed the mentally ill, the addicted, the elderly, the newly jobless—and that category continues to grow. The unemployment situation in Michigan has hit our city very hard, and we are seeing the results.

But our facilities are not depressing places. In spite of the tremendous burdens carried by many of those entering our doors, there is life and laughter and hope among our guests. I never cease to marvel at people's usual response to my early-morning question of, "How are you today?" The answer? Inevitably, "I'm blessed." This from a man who has spent the night in an abandoned building, or a woman who for months has been unsuccessfully searching for work.

So thank you for helping us keep our doors open and our serving lines moving. For eighty years there has been a need for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, and undoubtedly that need will continue for many more. Over the years our services have steadily changed and expanded, and now include a tutoring and art therapy program for children, an urban farm, a treatment facility for men seeking to reclaim their lives from addiction, and a bakery staffed by formerly homeless or incarcerated men.

What has not changed is a tremendous outpouring of support from our benefactors and people who support us. We are grateful to count you among them.

Sincerely,

Jerry Smith, ofm cap Executive Director

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Your gift of \$125.00, recorded on Tuesday, October 06, 2009, is tax deductible as allowable by law.

No goods or services were provided in exchange for your gift.

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