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Sue,

Thank you for helping make the 13th annual Milwaukee Empty Bowls on Saturday, October 8th a great success. As the economy continues to struggle, those in poverty find it even harder to succeed; your support this year is vital. Together we raised our second highest amount ever, \$42,825!

As recently reported in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that Milwaukee remains one of the 10 most impoverished big cities. Our poverty rate is increasing, now 29.5% overall, and over 46% of our children live in poverty. Our recipients report that there has been a steady increase in the number of people needing food and shelter, and stays are longer.

Through the generous sharing of time and talent by you and others, this event was a memorable community experience, rich in the common goal to financially assist local hunger fulfillment programs and to increase awareness of hunger in our area. The money raised will go directly to this year's recipients: The Cathedral Center; Central City Churches Outreach Ministry, Friedens Community Ministries, Inc.; The Gathering of Southeast WI, Inc.; Hope House of Milwaukee; Repairers of the Breach; and St. Vincent de Paul Society of Milwaukee Community Meal & Services. Thank you also on their behalf. More than ever, there are always empty bowls in our community; you helped fill those bowls.

Thank you again for the bowls. We are a 501(c)(3) organization; your cash or property donation is tax deductible as defined by the current law. Receiving acknowledgement of our appreciation electronically keeps our costs low.

Please mark the second Saturday in October in next year's calendar for our event. (That's October 13th, 2012.) Milwaukee Empty Bowls is one of largest public Empty Bowls event in the country. We hope we can continue to count on your support. In the meantime, please visit us at www.milwaukeeemptybowls.org to see additional information from this year's event. You may also join us on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

Thank you,

Jean Wells

Milwaukee Empty Bowls is a member of Our Milwaukee, advocating mutual support of local businesses and organizations that make the Milwaukee area a vital and distinctive community.

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