



AFAC

Arlington Food Assistance Center

Feeding Our Neighbors In Need

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Dear Loyal Friends of AFAC,

It gives me great pleasure to affirm my commitment to AFAC's Permanent Home Campaign, as it is within steps of the finish line. I have followed the Campaign progress closely and know that many of you have been faithful supporters each year of the Campaign.

A capital campaign can be a risk; it can cause an organization to take their eye off its core mission. This has not been the case with the Arlington Food Assistance Center. AFAC's long time donors, joined by new friends, have made it possible for AFAC to grow and expand during these difficult economic times, while making steady progress toward the completion of the Permanent Home Campaign. **You are the reason AFAC has succeeded on both fronts. Lynn and I are pleased to be counted among AFAC's many dedicated friends.**

Purchasing its building, paying off the mortgage, and replenishing the fund from which the down payment was borrowed is essential to AFAC's continued ability to serve the many families who have come to rely on the groceries AFAC provides. Despite the enormous increase in the number of clients over the past three years, (an all-time high was reached the week of October 1st, when 1,605 families, over 4,000 individuals, were served), AFAC's doors continue to open each morning and Arlington families who need food are served.

Nothing speaks to AFAC's unwavering commitment to these families than their now-secure presence on South Nelson Street where dedicated volunteers work tirelessly to serve AFAC's many families in a manner that respects the dignity of all who seek assistance. That will continue in this building and at this location as long as the need remains.

To help finish AFAC's Permanent Home Campaign, and in the spirit and season of giving, Lynn and I have offered to match every gift between now and Thanksgiving, up to a total of \$25,000.

We trust that those of you who know AFAC best, and who have helped the most, will do so one more time. AFAC is so close to completing the Permanent Home Campaign—please join us—we are waiting for you at the finish line!

Cordially,

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