April 1, 2011

Laurie Bitter President **Rotary Club of Elgin** P.O. Box 604 Elgin, IL 60121

Dear Laurie & Rotarians,

Thank you for your donation of \$1200.00 (check # 1350) in support of Feeding Greater Elgin. Your support of two Mobile Pantry sponsorships is greatly appreciated and will be used to help hungry neighbors in the Elgin area.

Rotary Club of Elgin is a valued partner of Feeding Greater Elgin! Providing support right from start, you have made a commitment to address food insecurity in our community. It is through your partnership and others; Feeding Greater Elgin strives to impact hunger with a collaborative approach.

To begin our efforts, we are working in partnership with Northern Illinois Food Bank and School District U-46 by hosting a number of mobile pantry distributions. The mobile pantry is a "traveling food pantry" that delivers nutritious food up to 250 families in 2 hours. We are also looking for a startup location to commence regular food pantry distribution this summer.

Feeding Greater Elgin is grateful for Rotary Club of Elgin's monetary sponsorship and volunteer support for upcoming Mobile Pantries in April and May. I feel that both the Rotarians and Inter Act Club Students will greatly benefit from the experience, seeing first hand the difference we can make for many families in a short duration of time.

Feeding Greater Elgin's ultimate goal is to serve as one centralized resource for food acquisition and distribution, serving 3000 households monthly. Feeding Greater Elgin will be collaborative, client friendly, and cost effective. Existing food pantries that would like to consolidate and other volunteer organizations will have the opportunity to partner as "hosts" for food distribution. Practicing the client choice model with expanded hours of operation, Feeding Greater Elgin will provide timely food assistance in a dignified manner.

Feeding Greater Elgin is also building a strong organization that includes a diverse Board of Directors, a paid Executive Director, and incorporation on January 25, 2011.

As we move forward, we will keep the Rotary Club of Elgin abreast of our activities. If you have questions or would like more information, please let me know. I know we will work closely in the future as we strive to meet critical hunger need in Greater Elgin.

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