



# Camillus House

August 13, 2004

Dear Friend,

Feeding the hungry is one of the most basic – and most important – services Camillus House provides to the men, women and children who come to our doors. Last year alone we served the neediest members of our community with over **400,000** free hot meals!

But it is getting harder and harder to feed a meal to the needy who depend on us. As the number of people seeking our help increases, we continue to receive fewer food donations. And it's not just the homeless who come to us ... many of the working poor, who struggle with high housing cost and low paying jobs, also come to Camillus for a hot meal every afternoon.

Unfortunately, this is not just a local problem. According the U.S. Conference of Mayors' 2003 Hunger and Homelessness Survey, more than half of the cities surveyed reported that people in need were turned away due to lack of resources. At the same time, over 14 percent of the requests for emergency food assistance are estimated to have gone unmet during the last year.

I thank God that we have not had to turn anyone away! I also thank Him because we have good friends like you who reach out and make sure that the individuals and families who come to us have something to eat.

Providing food for so many is harder now than it's ever been – We must have enough food on hand to prepare **1200** meals each day! This means that we must have between **500** to **600** lbs of meat, **200** lbs of vegetables, and another **60** lbs of lettuce not to mention bread and juice, and sometimes even a small dessert.

### ***Therefore, I've sent this letter in a "lunch bag" for three reasons:***

- 1) A simple, nutritious meal is of vital importance to a hungry person. Most of us have "brown-bagged" it at some point and know a nutritious and tasty lunch can be easily and economically prepared. That basic meal fills our stomachs and gives us the mental and physical energy to work, study, play, etc.
- 2) The lunch bag I've sent you contains no food. This is a reminder that we are in great need of your help to "fill



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## ***Hope for the Hungry!***

Yes! I'll "fill a lunch bag" by helping you feed hungry men, women and children right here in our community. Here is my gift to provide complete protein-filled meals:

- \$17.00 to help feed 12 people
- \$35.00 to help feed 25 people
- \$56.00 to help feed 40 people
- \$84.00 to help feed 60 people
- \$126.00 to help feed 90 people
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help feed as many people as possible.
- I would like to make my gift by credit card. (See reverse)

Please make checks payable to Camillus House. Your gift is tax-deductible. Thank you for reaching out to the needy of our community.



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empty lunch bags” with a basic nutritious meal for the many who turn to us for help each day.

- 3) “Filling these brown bags” for the needy really isn’t so hard if loyal friends of Camillus House, like you, are willing to chip in and help a little.

While our chefs are master improvisers, it’s getting more and more difficult. Especially, near the end of the month, when food stamps and Social Security checks run out. The lines get longer – sometimes by the hundreds – and we pray that we’ll be able to stretch “the loaves and fishes” to feed the many hungry who come to our doors.

But a little goes a long way! For about \$1.50 we can provide a person in need with a hot, nutritious meal that includes a starch, a vegetable, a small salad, bread, some meat, juice, and sometimes even a small dessert.

For more than 44 years, Camillus House has been helping hungry, homeless and poor families and individuals in South Florida. The need is already great, and it continues growing. But with your help I have faith that we will be able to feed the many hungry who are counting on Camillus House!

I urge you to consider making the most generous gift you can to help us at this time. Your gift of \$35 can help to feed as many 25 people, \$56 can feed 40 people, and \$84 can help to feed 60 people!

Thank you for your compassionate heart to feed the forgotten mothers, fathers, and children. May God bless you and your family for sharing your compassion with so many who are facing an uncertain future.

With deep gratitude,

*Brother Majella L. Marchand BGS*

Brother Majella Marchand, BGS  
Director of Mission Effectiveness

P.S. Please fill in the reply card below, check off how many people you can help us feed, and return it with your gift today in the envelope provided. With your help, Camillus House will be able to prepare more protein-filled meals to feed the hungry of our community.



“For over forty-four years we’ve been helping poor individuals and families put their lives back together. With your help, we’ll keep making our community a better place for all of us.”

*Brother Majella L. Marchand BGS*

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Please charge my gift to my credit card:

Visa       Mastercard       American Express

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me information on how to include Camillus House in my Trust or Will.

All contributions are tax-deductible! 100% of all contributions are received by Camillus House. (Florida Registration # SC-12773.)



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Hope is where the Heart is.