

October 13, 2014

Rabbi Amy Bernstein
Kehillat Israel
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Dear Rabbi Bernstein and the Congregation of Kehillat Israel:

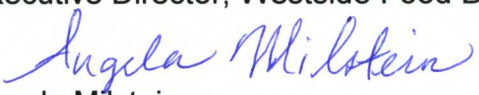
On behalf of the Westside Food Bank, our member agencies, and the thousands of people who receive our food, please accept our heartfelt thanks for Kehillat Israel's High Holy Days 2014 Food Drive. The KI community truly pulled together and embraced the spirit of giving to provide for our neighbors in need in a record breaking show of support. Between the food collected and the contributions made to the virtual food drive, the congregation will enable us to provide an additional 133,215 pounds of nutritious food for our member agencies to distribute to local individuals and families. This makes the Kehillat Israel High Holy Days Food Drive far and away the biggest food drive WSFB has benefited from in the past year!

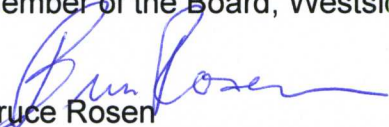
For the people who receive our food, financial recovery after the Great Recession has been especially slow. At our member food pantries, the number of families seeking emergency food continues to match the highest levels we have ever seen. While the food assistance crisis persists, support from the faith community plays a vital role in helping us to sustain our provision of food for the thousands of people who depend on our assistance. This support has a lasting impact on our community and means a great deal to us.

The food and funds collected during the drive will help sustain local families with nutritious foods over the next several months. As leaders of Westside Food Bank, we send our deepest gratitude to everyone at Kehillat Israel for helping so powerfully to benefit our less fortunate neighbors.

Sincerely,


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Executive Director, Westside Food Bank


Angela Milstein
Member of the Board, Westside Food Bank


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