

**BATESVILLE AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION FOOD
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Dear Friends,

We have come to the end of another Feinstei Challenge, marking our 11th year of participation in this amazing anti-hunger campaign. We are pleased to note that this was our most successful year yet! When all of the items and dollars were counted up and added together we realized that we were over our previous high figure (from 2012) by 43! This may not translate into a larger check from the Feinstei Foundation, but it means that our pantry received much needed food items and funding to continue our quest to feed the hungry.

Concerning the Feinstei Challenge, there is a common misconception that the donations are “matched” but that is not the case. With almost \$5 million being raised in Indiana alone last year (and almost \$41 million in New York!) not even Bill Gates would be able to match the donations! In fact, Mr. Feinstei divides up one million dollars *proportionally* among all participating anti hunger agencies. The real value of the Challenge is not the check we’ll get from the Feinstei Foundation, but the extra donations we get from the community. We tend to get heavy donations in November and December and then in January it’s like someone turned off a faucet! Donations just trickle in. But during March and April Feinstei Challenge months – zoom – up they go again, and without a doubt, by that time it’s really a blessing! So thanks to everyone who helped out by walking in with a check or cash, who mailed funds in or who donated food items. Every item and every dollar helped to make this year’s effort the success that it was.

Now we are getting into the growing season and will be offering our clients fresh produce from the Michaela Farm Community Supported Agriculture Program. Donations of this type are always welcome as well. Who doesn’t appreciate fresh healthy vegetables and fruits? In fact, if you are looking for items to donate, how about canned fruit, cereal or toiletries, such as shampoo and deodorant? Diapers are another item that is much in demand (any size). The harsh winter has finally come to an end but the need for food and personal care items never ends. So please know that your donations will continue to be met with open arms and grateful hearts.

Sincerely,

Batesville Area Ministerial Association Food Pantry