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Dear Friends,

Have you ever been hungry, without a home, without hope? Chances are if you are reading this letter the answer is no. Each day, more than 600 hungry, homeless people are relying on Cathedral Health & Outreach Ministries (CHOM). We cannot feed them without your help.

At CHOM we supply the homeless of Houston with much-needed basic survival services – food, showers, lavatory facilities, laundry services, clothing, day shelter, and case management.

The numbers are staggering. In 2008 CHOM served a total of 11,402 unduplicated homeless men, women, children, and youth. To these people CHOM provided:

72,614 hot, nutritious meals  
15,476 showers  
16,977 cleaned loads of laundry  
7,128 distributions of clothing  
87,142 duplicated visitors with day shelter

Services like these ensure that no one goes hungry and that clients can get the help they need to end their cycle of homelessness. Only then can they begin the process of moving off the streets.

On any given night, there are approximately 10,000 people living under bridges, on benches, nestled next to buildings, and every year, 30,000 people in this city experience at least one night of homelessness.

Certainly, these are difficult financial times for us all, but when we consider those who are homeless, our troubles, by comparison, fade. With roofs over our heads, we are the fortunate ones, the ones to whom much has been given and thus much is required. So in the spirit of compassion, please help us help the homeless living in our community.

You may never need CHOM, but right now CHOM needs you. Your gift, no matter the size, will help us sustain services for those desperately in need. Together, we can make a difference.

Sincerely,



Tracy Burnett