

Request for Support - Commercial Freezer for CMM Free Food Giveaway

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Dear Mr. Brown,

It was great speaking with you today.

As we discussed, I am following up to request the support of the City of Hutchins Economic Development Corporation in expanding the impact of Cynthia Mickens Ministries' Free Food Giveaway program.

As you know, food insecurity continues to rise, and we are seeing longer lines at each distribution and many times have run out of food before serving those waiting in line.

Unfortunately, our ability to store food is limited, restricting how much we can collect and distribute to families in need.

To help meet this growing demand, we recently purchased a commercial refrigerator, which allows us to store fresh produce and dairy products more effectively. However, we still need a commercial-size freezer to store meats and other frozen goods, ensuring we can provide more foods and a greater variety of nutritious food to the community.

With both a commercial refrigerator and freezer, we will have the capacity to collect and store food in advance of the giveaways, enabling us to serve more families and better meet the increasing demand.

The EDC's support in securing a commercial freezer would make a significant difference in our ability to provide consistent and reliable food assistance to those in need.

We have looked at the cost of a commercial freezer and identified ones in the price range of \$3695 to \$3800.

Thank you for your time and consideration—I appreciate your commitment to serving our community.

Best regards,

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