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Fighting Hunger in
Imperial County
Since 1999

March 23, 2012

Mary Ann Smith
Imperial Valley College
Customer Service Committee
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Dear Mary Ann and Committee,

Thank you for the bounty generated from your successful food drive. We were able to distribute 2821 lbs. of food from your efforts. The generosity of the IVC Customer Service committee is most remarkable. But more than the monetary value, I appreciate the purpose behind the gift. The food insecurity in Imperial County is the worst in the Western United States* and we need all the support we can find to help us make a difference in the fight against hunger.

In times of hardship, IVFB doesn't just send aid; we deliver hope. Much of that optimism is dispensed through the caring hands of our volunteers, who help individuals, families and entire communities improve from misfortunes. But you don't stop with the food drive efforts, we have noticed several monetary donations resulting from Planetarium tours and we are so happy to be on your list of chosen charities for this purpose. Thank you for partnering with us to make a difference, one helping hand at a time.

On behalf of those we serve, thank you for your donation! Your continued support will help us build a healthy, thriving community.

Inspired by your generosity,

Sara Griffen
Executive Director

* I have attached a page from the recent "Map the Meal Gap" study commissioned by Feeding America with funding from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation. The statistics show the food insecurity rate for the state of California at the top Imperial County at the bottom. The Food Insecurity rate in Imperial is almost double the state average and sadly is the only county in the Western U.S. with a rate above 30%