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Subject: UUSD Participation in the March 9 Rise Against Hunger Event

Vicki, Judy and Heather,

Judy and I are writing to acknowledge the generous \$547 contribution that UUSD, through your Share the Plate offering, made to the March 9 Rise Against Hunger Event. Equally as significant was the tremendous number of UUSD members who joined us for the morning and afternoon packing sessions. Wow!! We are so grateful for your member participation.

In our post event reflection for the members at Grace Church, we characterized the packing of 72,000 meals in this way: "Despite the obvious and even not so obvious differences that existed between all of these people (people from different age groups, singles, families, people from very different faith communities with very different belief systems, people from different racial groups, different sexual & gender orientations and political persuasions) what we saw taking place in that high school cafeteria was an **act of worship**. When you place disparate folks alongside one another to do something meaningful, those people weren't preoccupied or hindered by their differences. Those differences did not matter!!! When something brings people together around something that is significant, impactful and meaningful, indeed that is where we can experience the presence of God. **We felt the presence of God in that school cafeteria!!!**"

As we begin planning for the 2025 Rise Against Hunger event, we hope that we can count on UUSD to be equally as committed financially and personally in support of this impactful event!!

Be blessed,
Judy & Mike