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Shirdi Saibaba Prayer Center Inc.
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Dear Saibaba team,

Thank you for supporting Second Harvest Heartland through your recent fund drive. The \$1,600 raised through your drive can provide **4,800 meals!**

We all know that sitting down to a meal with loved ones is how our lives and spirits are powered. Helping a hungry person eat has ripple effects that make our community stronger and kinder. When they get enough to eat, kids can learn, parents can worry less, and our elderly neighbors can rest.

While inflation is beginning to subside and we're seeing some costs decline, grocery prices in the Twin Cities are still increasing rapidly. Too many families earning lower wages, seniors on fixed incomes, and hustling college students can't keep up. In 2021, 1 in 6 people sought support from the hunger relief system and visits to food shelves across our service area are up, as high as 30%. Additionally, food banks are experiencing the same sky-high prices consumers are. Across the board, prices are 20% higher than last year for foods we need to purchase.

We know there is plenty of food to go around and that we can all be part of the big and small wins that come from ensuring everyone is fed. We at Second Harvest Heartland are working hard to source and afford the foods families know and love. Your support is helping to make that happen.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

With gratitude,

M. Archbold

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