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Dear Friend and Partner,

I am writing to request your help to support **Stone Soup Thrift Shop's 4th Annual "Stone Soup Soup-er Bowl"**. The event will be held **May 5, 2012 at Park Grove Bowl, 1020 Hastings Ave., St. Paul Park, MN.** The **"Stone Soup Soup-er Bowl – Cinco de Mayo"** will be a fun filled day of bowling, eating and socializing.

Stone Soup has been serving those in need in South Washington County for almost 15 years. Stone Soup operates a thrift shop that provides clothing, furniture, household items, and much more. For those who can't afford the store's low prices, Stone Soup provides these items at no cost. During 2010, Stone Soup provided over \$108,904 of free goods to those in need, representing 49% of the store's inventory. In 2011, Stone Soup provided \$147,229 to those in need, representing 57% of the store inventory. Our tough economy makes our mission even more imperative to our local residents.

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, we have been a large part of Washington County for 15 years. We receive no funds from the County, State or Federal Government, but with the support of many volunteers, grants and donations from the community, we have served many people with nowhere to turn to for the goods they urgently needed.

Last year many businesses signed on as sponsors and the Soup-er Bowl was an outstanding success. Our community support and generosity helped raise **over \$37,000 for this Stone Soup Thrift Shop.**

This year the St. Paul Park Refinery has signed on as the lead sponsor and we are writing this letter on behalf of Stone Soup to ask your support for the 4th Annual *"Soup-er Bowl- Cinco de Mayo"*. Sponsorship levels are from \$100 to \$3,000 or more. Any donations, contributions, or prizes you wish to give will be welcome. We have set a goal for to raise \$50,000 for this year's event to help cover our increased cost of operation. We would also welcome participation of you and your employees by forming a team or two.

Our website StoneSoupThriftShop.org has pictures of our 2009-2011 events. We hope you are able to join us as a sponsor and participant at this year's event. Additional details are attached and are available on our website.

Sincerely,

Majel Carroll, Board President
Basic Needs Inc., S. Washington Co.
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Sincerely,

David Breitigam, EH&S Manager,
St. Paul Park Refining Company &
Vice President, Stone Soup Thrift Shop

