



Dear Pastors and Churches:

Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching! On this day we have the opportunity to gather in worship, enjoy the NFL's Super Bowl and give to our community in support of fighting hunger and homelessness through the Souper Bowl of Caring event.

Our community churches have an opportunity to be a part of a national movement to make a huge difference locally in Kershaw County by participating in the *Souper Bowl of Caring*! This event actually started right here in the Midlands of South Carolina! In 2003, local pastor Brad Smith, came to share his vision with us at our Volunteer Recognition Dinner. His simple idea has since spread throughout the country, connecting thousands of church donations to non-profits making a difference in their communities. The idea was and is this, local churches take a collection, often youth groups take the lead, and use large soup bowls to collect funds for local ministries, agencies and organizations that serve the hungry and the homeless.

**We hope you will join us this Souper Bowl of Caring and help your United Way of Kershaw County continue to *fight* homelessness and hunger.**

**Shelter from the Storm:** This homeless shelter program provides transitional housing to men, women and children in a supportive and nurturing environment with the goal of moving into permanent homes and stability.

**Mobile Nutrition Center:** A mobile food pantry, partnered with local churches and Harvest Hope Food Bank, focused on providing non-perishable and fresh produce to the rural and underserved areas of our county.

United Way is honored to receive your gift! Some of you may already have a program you support, in fact many churches have food pantries. There are worthy programs to support in our county and our encouragement is to use this special day to do something truly *souper*.

If we can be of any assistance in preparing for this collection, we are available for you to provide guidance, resources, collection materials, church bulletin inserts, etc.

**Sunday morning February 4, please think about joining the Souper Bowl of Caring and take a special collection for the homeless and hunger programs of your choice.**

Sincerely,



United Way  
of Kershaw County

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President