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Dear Community Partner

At CAN, problems are viewed as opportunities in disguise. Staff and volunteers work diligently to find creative solutions to better meet the needs of the Del Norte and surrounding communities. One of the ways we do this is to seek funding through grants and service contracts. In the past, CAN has successfully secured government and private funding for our food bank, community gardens, welfare-to-work job training, family services, and many other programs. Because of this, we have found that many people perceive that CAN is not in need of regular financial support from individuals, local businesses, and churches.

While we are constantly seeking creative avenues of funding for our base operations, the fact remains that **we are in need of regular support from people like you**. In the current economy CAN has seen an increase in the numbers of clients seeking assistance for services such as food, clothing, shower passes, emergency shelter and more. While we have seen this increase in clients, we have also seen a drastic decrease in grant and service contract funding. In order to continue to provide these services and meet the growing demand – we are asking for your help. **This is an opportunity in disguise!**

If 600 individuals responded by donating \$25 per month, CAN would be guaranteed \$15,000 of monthly support for our most utilized service, our food bank. In 2008, CAN's food bank distributed over **263 tons of food, a 13% increase over last year**, and directly served nearly 20% of Del Norte residents over 20,000 times. What may be even more impressive is CAN's ability to multiply your donations by **SEVEN**. To explain: because of our unique contractual arrangements, CAN is able to purchase food at a fraction of what you would spend at the supermarket. In other words, you can donate us a food item which costs you \$1, or you can donate us that \$1 and we can acquire, process, warehouse, and distribute \$7 worth of food.

Because of the vital, efficient, cost effective services we provide to your neighbors and ours, we are inviting you to consider supporting your Community Assistance Network, whether \$10, \$25, \$50 or more. The enclosed testimony touches on the reality of the impact made through CAN's programs and services. Attached to this testimony you will find a form allowing you to give through the convenience of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Our goal is to receive enough response to ensure \$15,000 of regular monthly support.

We thank you in advance for supporting your Community Assistance Network through prayer, finances, or volunteering. **Together we CAN** make a difference in elevating the Del Norte and the surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

Douglas C. Morgan  
Executive Director

P.S. Don't hesitate to contact me if you would like more information about this wonderful opportunity, to schedule a tour for a group of 4-6, or if you would like to join CAN's team as a volunteer.

### General Services

- † Food Bank
- † Clothing Bank
- † Seniors & Children's Supplemental Food
- † Nutrition Education
- † Community Gardens
- † Del Norte Smiles! Oral Health Promotion
- † Referral
- † Bible Study
- † Prayer Groups

### Family Services

- † Life Elevation Action Program (LEAP)
- † LEAP with Faith
- † Healthy Del Norte Kids
- † Strengthening Families

### Workforce & Economic Development

- † CANWork Job Training
- † CANSee Window Washing & Maintenance
- † CANRecycle Ink & Toner Cartridges
- † CANAssist Temp Administrative Assistance

### Homeless & Housing Services

- † Temporary Emergency Shelter
- † Homeowner & Renter Emergency Assistance
- † Hot Showers & Hygienic Supplies
- † CANCottages Affordable Housing Development