



CANTON BAPTIST CHURCH & NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

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"Gathering To Grow, Going To Serve"

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Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter to make a plea for help. As you know, the emergency food pantry at Canton Baptist Church & Neighborhood Center serves as the distribution point for churches and agencies who are members of the South East Alliance Resolved to Combat Hunger. Because of a large increase in the number of people we have been serving, and because we have had a delay in receiving funding this year from some of our usual sources, we are at a crisis point.

In 1995, our pantry, in cooperation with the Baltimore City Department of Social Services and Human Services Hub #8, served almost 2,000 families. This was a 70 % increase from the previous year.

What I am asking of the member churches of S.E.A.R.C.H. is help in collecting food for the pantry. Most of you have done this in the past. Many of you have also made financial donations. We appreciate that help. But the time has come again for us to pool our resources as the Christian community in Canton & Highlandtown in order to serve those in need.

We are doing everything we can to receive additional funding from our denominational sources. We are also trying to make sure our pantry is run as efficiently as possible. (Right now we are negotiating with the Maryland Food Bank to see if we can have food delivered.)

A canned food drive would be a relatively easy project for a church, Sunday School class, women's group, etc. I am enclosing a list of the items we need the most. Won't you please consider how you can help with this urgent need?

Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon Spencer".

Jon Spencer
Pastor/Director