



## Portage Community Center

*Making Life Better*

March 22, 2010

Larry Killips, Principal  
West Middle School  
7145 Moorsbridge  
Portage, MI 49024

*Dear Mr. Killips and West Middle School Students and Staff:*

*Thank you so much for organizing a food drive for the Portage Community Center's Food Pantry. You have set a middle school record with the 7,563 food items you collected - how wonderfully amazing!!! This collection of food will allow us to feed many, many Portage families. Thanks to you, fewer adults and children will go to bed hungry.*

*Thank you also for the donation of \$1,100.89 to support the programs and services of the community center. You are all incredibly generous and we are very grateful for your on-going support.*

*As you can imagine, we have been getting more requests for food due to the state of economy over the past year. While it is difficult to believe that people living in our community go without food - it is true. People living on low wages and fixed incomes often have to make difficult choices on how to stretch their limited dollars. Sometimes they will do without food to pay a heat bill or make a rent payment. People with few resources are now facing even greater hardships. Thanks to you, we will be better able to reach out a helping hand offering both assistance and encouragement.*

*On behalf of the Portage Community Center Board of Directors, staff, and the many people who will benefit from the kindness, generosity, and compassion of your gift, we offer our heartfelt appreciation.*

*With Warm Regards,*

  
Diane Schrock  
Executive Director

*IRS Verification:* *No goods or services have been provided by the Portage Community Center in exchange for this contribution.*