



Dear Friends,

In August 2008, Shepherd's Table will serve its 1,000,000th meal.

That's 1,000,000 moments of hunger satisfied. That's 1,000,000 chances to inspire people in desperate need to persevere to the next day. That's 1,000,000 individual instances of kindness. It took us 25 years to get to where we are today, serving as one of the area's oldest and most comprehensive resource centers for the homeless, and now we have a chance to celebrate that success and look forward to the future!

Over 25 years, we've accomplished our work through strong community partnerships with individuals, government, businesses, and other organizations. In the course of a year, Shepherd's Table will see over 1,000 volunteers, and hundreds of businesses, foundations, and faith groups will support our services through financial contributions. Whether it's our Evening Meal program, which feeds an average 116 individuals every night, or our Eye Clinic, which serves nearly 500 medically uninsured patients a year, our clients depend on your investment in the community.

And that's exactly what we expect from our corporate and business partners: an investment. Your sponsorship means more of our neighbors will have the strength to secure and keep jobs; it means our hospitals will see less patients in their emergency rooms because vulnerable individuals can't afford preventative medicine; it means increased collaboration between minority communities, improved access to government assistance, and greater economic vitality for all businesses, both small and large.

As part of our 25th Anniversary celebration, we're hosting *A Tribute to American Acoustic Music!* at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on November 8, 2008. We invite you to be a part of this exciting event and encourage you to review our sponsorship packages!

There are many reasons to invest in Shepherd's Table. We can name you a million.

With thanks,

Handwritten signatures of Jacki Coyle and William Primosch in black ink.

Jacki Coyle
Executive Director

William Primosch
Chair, 25th Anniversary Gala

Handwritten signature of Marilyn Dodd in black ink.

Marilyn Dodd
Chair, 25th Anniversary Gala