

**February 7, 2021**

**Good Super Bowl Sunday,**

Today is the day of the big game if you are a football fan. This year's Super Bowl is made all the more special because it's being played locally and as has been reported, this will be the first time in the game's history that one of the teams is playing in its home stadium. The teams who have reached this level got there by preparation and effort. It takes hard work to make it this far.

Did you know that the Super Bowl is the second largest day for U.S. food consumption after Thanksgiving Day?

That's why it's significant to note that today is also Souper Bowl Sunday. The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 when the youth group of a Presbyterian congregation in Columbia, South Carolina were reminded by its pastor that there are those who do not have even a bowl of soup to eat. So they began a project to collect food and money donations for the hungry in their community.

Last year more than 5000 groups collected over \$10.6 million in money and food donations for food relief agencies around the country. More than \$163 million has been raised since 1990.

The issue of hunger does not go away. According to Feeding America, more than 50 million persons, including 17 million children may experience food insecurity in our country alone as a result of the lack of employment stability due to the Coronavirus. It's estimated that there will be a need for more than 14 billion meals in 2021.

Your participation in programs like Our Daily Bread and your donations to FELT and Meals on Wheels and to the other helping agencies in our community have not erased hunger but have provided a meal for a moment or meals for a few days. It is a big task and requires many hands.

We've moved our Souper Bowl day from this week to February 28th but hunger will not pause until then. Please help us provide food through your donations or your mission offerings starting now.

And finally, may the team you root for do well on this Super Bowl Sunday

Blessings,

**Edward**