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Dear Neighbors,

I can't thank you enough for your outstanding response to the recent Canning for Hunger collection drive, sponsored by Grace Fellowship Church of Costa Mesa.

This drive for non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, and other household needs benefitted the Teen Leadership Foundation. As the CEO of this non-profit organization, I want you to know how grateful I am for your and your neighborhood's generosity.

For nearly 20 years, the Teen Leadership Foundation's programs (summer camps, mentoring, job training, housing) have helped prepare teens and young adults for success after they leave foster care; as you may know, kids in foster care grow up in the care of county systems because of abuse or neglect in their own homes.

The response to this collection drive was nearly overwhelming - in the best way possible. The donate goods will go directly to the young women in our transitional housing program. As the name suggests, these young women, ages 18 to 24, are transitioning from the foster care system. They are working hard to transform their futures while balancing school, jobs, life skills training, therapeutic care - and for many, parenting, too. Your contributions will help our organization "bridge the gap" in funding we receive for these types of goods and ensure the essential needs of our residents are met.

If you'd like more information about the Teen Leadership Foundation, please connect with us through social media or our website: [teenleadershipfoundation.org](http://teenleadershipfoundation.org).

Grace Fellowship Church is a valued partner of our organization, and you can learn more about them at [gracefellowshipchurch.org](http://gracefellowshipchurch.org).

Again, thank you so much for your caring response to the needs of others in your community.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Castetter".

Founder and CEO  
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