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Annual Tax Season Charity Fund Raiser

J A McCoy CPA, P.C. will again be conducting our annual charity drive during tax season and this year we have chosen the **Heart Ministry Center**. The **Heart Ministry Center's** mission is straightforward: Providing food, healthcare and a way forward to people severely affected by poverty in the Omaha area. The **Heart Ministry Center** originated nearly 40 years ago as the Sacred Heart Human Needs Door Ministry. Beginning in 1982, under the leadership of Father Jim Scholz and Sr. Mary Ann Murphy, the Door Ministry provided food, clothing and other basic needs for neighbors and families of children enrolled at Sacred Heart School. In 1997, the ministry moved to a building at 31st and Spaulding Street and became known as the **Heart Ministry Center**.

The Center has gone through many changes and has had much growth since its beginning. In 2005 a new building was constructed and in 2007 it became a fully independent 501(c)3 organization. The Center became Omaha's first "choice" food pantry allowing clients to select their own foods. It also started providing services, by partnering with Creighton University, for single mothers to receive free basic medical care.

Beginning in 2010, the Center expanded healthcare services, developed a group mentoring program for at-risk youth, added free legal services, opened a dental clinic and introduced social work and case management services. In 2019, the Center provided services to an average of 11,000 people per month.

The largest demand of products that are used each week are these personal care items:

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| Bar Soap | Toothbrush | Deodorant / Antiperspirant |
| Body Wash | Toothpaste | Lotion |
| Feminine Hygiene Products - Ex: Pads, Tampons | Shampoo / Conditioner | Razors / Shaving Cream |

Other items that would be suitable for donation are:

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| Toilet Paper | Paper Towels | Laundry Soap |
| Kleenex | Unopened Cleaning Supplies | Fans & Space Heaters |
| Baby Care Products: Bath Wash, Lotion, Wipes, Diapers/Pull-ups | Dish Soap | Non-Perishable Food Items |

If you choose to make a monetary gift, please make your check payable to **Heart Ministry Center** and we will forward all checks received to them after April 15.

You may bring your items for donation to our office anytime during tax season with the final collection date of April 15, 2020. Your name will be entered in a drawing to win your choice of either a \$100.00 Target or Walmart gift card OR a \$100.00 donation to **Heart Ministry Center** will be made in your name. We will draw the winner after April 15th.

Please refer to their website for additional information on this 501(c)(3) organization.

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