



January 30, 2007

Matt Dace
St. Louis Area Foodbank
5959 St. Louis Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63120

Dear Matt Dace:

On behalf of Charity Navigator, I wish to congratulate St. Louis Area Foodbank on achieving our coveted 4-star rating for sound fiscal management.

As the nonprofit sector continues to grow at an unprecedented pace, savvy donors are demanding more accountability, transparency and quantifiable results from the charities they choose to support with their hard-earned dollars. In this competitive philanthropic marketplace, Charity Navigator, America's premier charity evaluator, highlights the fine work of efficient charities such as your own, and provides donors with essential information needed to give them greater confidence in the charitable choices they make.

Based on the most recent financial information available, we have calculated a new rating for your organization. We are proud to announce St. Louis Area Foodbank has earned our 4-star rating for its ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances. Only 12% of the charities we've rated have received at least two consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that St. Louis Area Foodbank outperforms most charities in America in its efforts to operate in the most fiscally responsible way possible. This "exceptional" designation from Charity Navigator differentiates St. Louis Area Foodbank from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust.

Sincerely,



Trent Stamp
Executive Director