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To whom it may concern:

I'm writing on behalf of the I-58 mission and in support of the masterful work they do in coming alongside food insecure people with dignity, physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Truly, the work they do is effective and beautiful.

I connected with the mission shortly after my arrival in the area. As a pastor, I've worked with food pantries and clothing closets in a number of locations and states. I can tell you, definitively, that I-58 is the best run organization I've seen. They are effective and efficient but also present a culture of excellence. The leadership is driven by compassion, purpose, and they have a clear vision. The volunteer force is dedicated, sacrificial, and have a healthy sense of ownership. Like so many organizations in this space, the I-58 team is creative at stretching dollars and making ends meet. They do this while always putting their clients first and going the extra mile to support and assist them.

All of these reasons are why I believe you can be at peace placing your financial support behind I-58.

But I also want to share, briefly, about what makes I-58 unique compared to the other organizations I've worked with in my 20+ years of ministry. Put simply, it is the relationships. More than any other food pantry or social support group, the relationships that the I-58 team have developed with their clients is intentional, purpose-filled, and loving. All while doing everything they can to enhance the dignity with which the team treats the clients and working hard to help the clients elevate their own self worth and dignity. Honestly, during our gathering times and social conversations, it can be hard to distinguish between who is serving and who is being served.

I-58 is family. And it's an ever growing family. The growing need for assistance is well documented. And each week the mission has new clients. These new folks are welcomed in, made to feel like they belong and are among friends who understand and want to help.

In closing, I fully and completely endorse and commend the I-58 mission to you. I offer them my highest recommendation. And will share that I, personally, support the mission financially and will continue to do so going forward. I'd be honored if your organization would join the I-58 family in helping families make ends meet in tangible and intangible ways.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "Pastor Scott Ness", written in a cursive style.

Pastor Scott Ness