SEBASTIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

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Joel Bray

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Dear Joel,

To say thank you just doesn't seem like enough. Your generosity is overwhelming.

In the past couple of months we have distributed your amazing produce to our families. I only wish you could see the look on their faces when they see fresh produce. The little boy who had never seen a "real" green bean and thought they only came in cans, the Mom whose face lit up every time we brought her collard greens, these are the real people whose lives you have touched. These are needy families who would never be able to afford or even find the quality of products that we have delivered to them each week. You have no idea the impact you are having on these students. Since we started this program in September, we have had so many students come to us and tell us what a difference we are making in their lives. Thanks to you we can make a difference. Many have commented that they would not eat if it weren't for the food that we send. To think of bar soap or shampoo and deodorant as a luxury is hard to comprehend but it is very real in most of these situations.

It's hard for many of these students to put their thoughts into words but please know that they do appreciate everything that is given to them. One of our students said it best when he came to get a snack. He said, "Thank you, I don't know where I would be or what I would be doing if you hadn't rescued me. Someday I will come back and thank you." He is graduating next week, in a cap and gown and walking across the stage. He was at risk to drop out in September and was not given very much of a chance to reach this point. He persevered because he knew someone cared. Maybe he will be that student who finds a way to keep kids in school and helps to stop this endless cycle of poverty.

Thank you for being a part of The Chum Bucket. We look forward to working with you again next season. You truly are an amazing man and there is a very special garden waiting for you in heaven. Just not yet! Thank you again for allowing us to come to your beautiful garden each week and we'll see you soon.

Sincerely.

Joanne Holmes and Carol Scaramuzzi

The Chum Bucket, Sebastian River High School

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