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Dear Family and Friends,

It is with excitement and eager anticipation that I write you this letter. Our family has been working very hard this year to launch our company, Creative Spirit Ministries, LLC. Born of a love for family and concern for children in need, CSM sponsors initiatives with resulting revenues dedicated to funding ministries whose purpose is to enrich the lives of children and families.

Through my mom's creative efforts, a series of educational children's books are being developed. We have published the first book, *Spenser Goes to Portland*, and are launching it this December. There are other books being planned. The second book, *Spenser Goes to St. Louis*, is currently being illustrated. We hope to launch it this spring. Our website, www.spensation.com, is live and includes links for parents, teachers, and friends.

SpenserNation is the first initiative of CSM. Its ministry is childhood hunger. Mom and Spenser are dedicated to helping hungry children. All author royalties from the sale of Spenser books are returned to programs in the local community that feed hungry children. In *Spenser Goes to Portland*, the proceeds are going to Oregon Food Bank.

With the publication of our first Spenser book, I am pleased to announce the launch of our non-profit affiliate, Operation Hungry Child, Inc. (OHC). Operation Hungry Child, Inc. (a tax exempt corporation under section 501-3c of the IRS code) was formed to increase public awareness of childhood hunger in America and to provide assistance to specific programs of child hunger relief organizations. As we have worked with food banks around the country, we have learned of programs directed at childhood hunger that are struggling to find funding. Some have even had to be discontinued for lack of funds. To give you an idea of some of the creative ideas coming out of food banks, these programs include Kids' Café, a tutoring and nourishment afternoon activity; Weekend Backpacks, a program to provide children in need with a weekend's worth of supplemental food items on Friday afternoon; and Kids Helping Kids, a program which promotes the idea that children can learn to help other children.

This year, as we begin our journey to feed hungry children, I am asking that you consider us as you begin planning your year-end charitable giving. You can be assured that 100% of your money will be responsibly put to use in local food banks and other organizations that fight this cause. All of our administrative costs will be covered with other funding. Please prayerfully consider making a tax-deductible donation through our website, www.operationhungrychild.com, or mail a check in the enclosed envelope. No amount is too small to make a difference in the life of a child.

We are passionately committed to this cause and hope you will join us in the fight against childhood hunger. I greatly appreciate your support and eagerly await your contribution.

Thank you and a blessed Christmas season to you and your family,

Lindsey Brooks Buck
Executive Director