



*Annual Appeal  
"Feinstein Challenge"  
March - April, 2010*

*Dear Friends,*

*Shortly before Christmas, a woman came into our Center with a small child. One of our volunteers gave her the schedule for the Christmas distribution of new clothing, toys and food. She looked at the schedule and started to cry. I asked if I could help and she sobbed as she replied: "We can get by on the clothes we have and my daughter can do without toys. What we need is food, and we can't wait for another day. We have nothing. I just want to be able to feed my child." We gave them some food to eat right away and packed a large bag of food for them to take home. It seems that she had recently arrived in this country and was living with her sister who was supporting them during their transition period. The sister was then diagnosed with a fast growing cancer and died within a few weeks. They knew no one else in this country. This is just one situation of many that we are working on at St. Joseph's. As we try to help families and individuals during their times of crisis and transition, we depend on the generosity of others.*

*Each year at this time, a philanthropist named Alan Feinstein, designates a million dollars to be divided among organizations throughout the country, that work to alleviate hunger through food pantries and soup kitchens. This is known as "The Feinstein Challenge". The amount of money each receives is pro-rated according to the number of agencies that participate and the amount each agency raises on their own during the months of March and April. St Joseph's is one of the participating agencies. The more money we raise, the more we receive from Mr. Feinstein. Last year through your generosity, we raised a little over \$78,000!*

*We will be most grateful for anything you can contribute to this, our annual appeal. It will enable us to meet the growing need for food and other services, as more and more people come to our Center for assistance. Together with Mr. Feinstein and other concerned citizens, we will continue working for the change that is needed to eliminate hunger completely!*

*With loving gratitude,*

*Sister Jacinta Fernandes*