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Dear

The Community Kitchen (TCK) is preparing for its **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday AUCTION** on **December 5**. This year, we are privileged to have Keene's Mayor and Auctioneer Dale Pregent preside at the live auction. [Preview and Registration at 8:00am and Bidding starts at 9:00am.](#)

Although the Auction has a dedicated following, it is time for creative change to revitalize this long-running fundraiser. TCK continually seeks ways to inform the public of New Hampshire's hunger and malnutrition problems. We educate the public through speaking at local businesses and civic organizations and disseminating brochures, a quarterly newsletter and three information videos. One medium we are most proud is our newly created website donated by Keene Web Works ([www.keenewebworks.com](http://www.keenewebworks.com)).

Our strategic plan emphasizes full utilization of this new website in order to inform and educate, with a component to provide partnership opportunities with *New Hampshire's talented artists* such as you. We are offering an avenue by which artists donate their creative mediums to The Community Kitchen. In turn, the works will be photographed and spotlighted for bid on TCK's website. The start date of July 1, 2009, will provide months of internet exposure, building interest and spark enthusiasm throughout the summer tourist season up to the Holiday Season.

TCK is an integral part of feeding the some 12,000 hungry people in the Monadnock Region. Of the 952,700 meals provided last year, over 60% went to children under the age of 19. We anticipate serving 1.2 million meals this year. The families seeking food assistance are not just the homeless. Most are the working poor desperately trying to feed their children and many upper middle class parents who have recently suffered family upset through divorce, health issues or job loss. The children affected are our main concern. They are helpless to provide for themselves; yet these same children are our country's future. They need good nutrition and adequate food choices to properly grow and develop into healthy productive adults. These children need everyone's help.

Realizing the current economic status impacts everyone, TCK does not wish to merely another soliciting nonprofit. We want to build a future by providing a forum by which *New Hampshire Artists* may share the publicity as well as the profit, making this a win-win situation. Should we partner with enough artists, we will run [**New Hampshire's Artists Corner**] [**New Hampshire Artist Spotlight**] throughout the year.

We hope you will join us in this unique opportunity by being one of The Community Kitchen's featured *Artists*. Please let one of us know as soon as possible in order for us to provide attractive and complete website information regarding you and your donated work(s).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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