

January 6, 2004

Mr. Thomas Lane
558 Chapel Street
New Haven, CT 06511-6918

Dear Mr. Lane:

Dinner at Six has truly been a gift to FISH of Greater New Haven, and in extension, to those we serve with emergency bags of food. Many of these people are elderly and cannot get to a Soup Kitchen, even if they had the courage to take advantage of that community. FISH tries to supply a nutritious Bag that will cover 21 individual meals. We tested this out a couple of summers ago during a Maine vacation. Two of us were satisfied, and still had a bit left over, after three and a half days.

Surprisingly, it has been a joy for me to encourage people to donate \$15 (and many make it \$20) for your mother's book. Most of us only see the line of ragged guests waiting at the Soup Kitchen door as cardboard figures, to be ignored as we pass by. I'm afraid I was one of them although I have gone into the Community Soup Kitchen a number of times to meet with David O'Sullivan about Cook & Care Walk-a-Thon matters. Helen Hudson brings them to life. I can now understand something of their struggles, and their courage to continue. The Soup Kitchen is far more than the provider of food. For some it provides the only dependable community they have. Not only is this book informative, it is a wonderful story - many stories told to a very sensitive listener. Our thanks to her.

At the Bethany First Church Christmas Bazaar, and after Sunday Services in December we have been giving people the opportunity to make a donation for this book. There has been a lot of interest, and FISH and the Soup Kitchens may even gain a few volunteers.

Sincerely yours,

Souza Calhoun

David Calhoun

Louisa and David Calhoun
55 Hatfield Hill Road
Bethany, CT 06524

Thanks!