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Dear Friends and Fellow Bank Investors,

As investors and bankers, we have much to be thankful for this year again! Major market indices are hitting all-time highs, bank stock indices, especially our favorite, the SNL Micro Cap U.S. Bank Index, gained over 22% in the last year. As is always the case, however, not everyone benefits from improvements in stock prices. For some, this year was as miserable as last. It is for these folks and families, some of whom are our neighbors, who are dealing with these severe financial and health challenges for whom we think of and pray for.

It is for them we have again chosen to support the Food Pantry of Waukesha County, Wisconsin with a cash gift ([www.waukeshafoodpantry.org](http://www.waukeshafoodpantry.org)). In addition, the Milwaukee Rescue Mission ([www.milmission.org](http://www.milmission.org)) remains on our list again in memory of a founder and great-great grandfather of two of our directors. These gifts are given at the expense of Fortress Partners Capital Management in the name of our investors in Foundation Financial Partners, LLC; Fortress Partners Banc Ventures I, LP; Fortress Partners Banc Ventures II, LP; our bank advisory clients and our colleagues along with all our friends in the banking, investment and business communities. We are very grateful for all these relationships.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide this modest amount of help to others again this year. We encourage you to find a similar support opportunity in your community for those less fortunate.

We wish you and your family a Joyous and Blessed Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

**Sincerely,**

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