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Dear Friends:

Yesterday was the twelfth annual Free Comic Book Day and, as you all probably know by now I use the event and increased traffic in my shop to raise money for different charitable organizations each year. This year the beneficiary was the Tucson Community Food Bank. I held a raffle, two tickets for a dollar with prizes of graphic novels and action figures and the raffle raised \$269.10. I also held a silent auction with friends and customers bidding on original art and rare collectible items that were donated or were included from my personal collection and the silent auction raised \$316.00 bringing the total for the Community Food Bank to \$585.10 (plus a box full of non perishable food). So, thanks to *your* generosity *our* Community Food Bank will receive a check for **SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS** to continue their good work feeding those in our neighborhoods who are struggling in these financially unstable times. I want to thank you all for coming out on this activity packed day, for foregoing KFMA Day and Bookman's 'May the Fourth Be With You' event to participate. And I want to give special thanks to the creators who spent the day providing free sketches for the guests: Henry Barajas

Tino Castaneda

John Chihak and Ashler

Jenn Corella

Mike Esham and Jacob Breckenridge

Ernesto and Beatriz Romero

Ryan Huna Smith

Ian Synder

I also want to thank my dear friends who helped deal with all of the aspects of the event that were beyond my abilities:

Nathan Morgan who cheerfully handed out thousands of comics for many hours, who has helped move and carry boxes beyond any call of duty handing pictures and slat wall in my shop, storing my back stock to the total sacrifice of his garage (and whose family has warmly adopted my family).

Aaron Curtis who has been an invaluable asset to the shop yesterday and for quite some time now helping with my constantly problematic computer and walking me through the unfathomable (to me) forest of technology.

The Daniels' household who provided extra tables along with constant support and

who have also generously made me feel a part of their wonderful family.

Gene Hall who provides much support and heavy lifting and who will be attending the next charity event as a creator.

And I can't neglect the other businesses that made yesterday's event possibly the first ever catered Free Comic Book Day:

Jeremy and the good folks at Subway Sandwiches in our plaza who donated a full platter of food for the guests.

The folks at Jimmy John's who brought two platters of food for the guests at different times of the day. I won lunch for my 'office' by putting my business card in their fish bowl and, as I'm the only person in my 'office', volunteered to bring the two trays of food during the event.

And I must thank my wife who, with her own very busy schedule, is always supporting to the point of cleaning the shop carpets and providing countless help and services for the shop throughout the year including mailing out the packages each month that go to my customers across America, out at sea, in France, Japan and elsewhere, taking care of the weekly banking chores and running the shop when I need to be out of town.

But mostly I just want to thank everyone for being so kind, generous, supportive, sweet and thoughtful. I consider myself very fortunate to have such great customers, all of whom I consider friends and all of whom step up to the plate for each of my quarterly charity events to offer assistance to those less fortunate. I can't thank you all enough.

Peace,
Charlie