

A Message of Gratitude at the Close of the Art Auction to Alleviate Hunger
December 2022

To all of those who travelled with us on the journey to alleviate hunger by tapping into the amazing power of art and poetry, a heart-filled and hats-off thanks!

Many of you bid. Many of you donated. Many of you helped us spread the word. And many of you sent your best wishes for the Art Auction to Alleviate Hunger.

As a result, we more than doubled our goal of raising \$2,500 for Feed the Children, enhancing their efforts to feed children in the U.S. and around the world. We are still tallying the bids and donations, but we are already grinning over how generous so many folks have been.

Feel free to donate to Feed the Children at this site -- tinyurl.com/donatetofeedthechildren

Feed the Children's work to feed hungry kids in the U.S. and around the world will be that much more empowered by your gifts.

Our dream in offering the Auction was to release the creative power of artists as they responded to hunger-focused poems. Like you, we were overwhelmed with the wonder of the resulting art. The range of work -- paintings, collages, photographs and a quilt -- mirrored the range of poetic voices that elicited the work.

We purposefully put the art to work by offering it for sale – with all funds going to Feed the Children. The artists, poets, and you responded.

Along the way, we also raised awareness about hunger among a worldwide community of folks.

And finally, a successful outcome was also helped along by our team of friends at Better World who made the Auction so easy to host.

So, here's a resounding Yes! Art and Poetry can directly help alleviate hunger.

A big thanks to you,
JC Wayne, The Poartry Project
T. A. Niles
Hiram Larew, *Poetry X Hunger*