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Feinstein's 2009 \$1 Million Challenge to Fight Hunger
Raises a Record \$197 Million Nationally

Rhode Island philanthropist, Alan Shawn Feinstein's 2009 12th annual spring \$1 million giveaway to fight hunger raised a record \$197 million nationwide – the highest total ever.

Over 1700 anti hunger agencies and houses of worship throughout the country participated. The Feinstein \$1 million is being divided proportionally among them.

Feinstein started his yearly \$1 million spring giveaway in 1997. Since its inception, his annual campaign every March and April has raised over \$1 Billion – the most successful grass roots charitable effort ever. Ironically, this is the same number of people worldwide that currently experience hunger.

Feinstein is founder of the Center for a Hunger Free America at the University of Rhode Island which heads the administration work for this annual Challenge. 112 Rhode Island schools helped spearhead this campaign by collecting food and other donations for their local food pantries.

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