

Dear Judge O'Malley,

I write this letter humbly, in the hope that you will be able to gain insight into the heart, mind and character of my husband John J. Cafaro.

J.J. and I have been married thirty eight years and I have known him since I was eight years old. In the past several years I have witnessed a deeply concerted effort on my husband's part to repair and rebuild his reputation. I truly believe in my heart that he would not intentionally undo all of his hard work.

Jay is constantly approached, as am I, by people who are in need. We both try to keep an open heart and it is not unique for my husband to assist others when he can. He feels he is blessed and that it is his charitable obligation to do so. Although, over the years, J.J. has received many awards for his generosity and community service, he prefers to help anonymously.

Jay and I come from a generation that still values integrity and understands the stigma of shame. The shock and sting of being incarcerated in prison for six days and for three months, the constant reminder of being tagged and monitored of your every move, certainly made him aware of the severity and soberness of the justice system.

He has personally felt that sting of shame and has been too embarrassed to go out except for work and to attend my mother's funeral and the services and funeral of our best friend David.

Jay has worked his entire life, since he was sixteen years old, at a job he truly enjoys. The challenge of seeing a project through from conception to completion has given his life a sense of accomplishment. It is not unusual for J.J. to work twelve to fourteen hour days constantly travelling and eating on the run. Even with his hectic schedule he has always made sure

he had time for our children and me.

Over the last ten years G. J. has been especially helpful and considerate while I cared for my elderly parents. My father had been bedridden for many years and my mother, who suffered from alzheimer's, endured many operations and convalescence for breast cancer, heart valve replacement, and hip replacement. Although my parents needed my constant attention, my husband never complained.

Gay felt awful that while he was incarcerated my mother had been suddenly hospitalized and past away the day he was released. For the first time in his life he wasn't able to be there when the girls and I needed him.

He has instilled in his two daughters, by his own example, a work ethic that has enabled them to establish their own self worth and self esteem. As a father he has proudly observed both Renee and Copri grow into kind, warm hearted, productive and community minded young women.

Gay is a hardworking and dedicated family man who has earned the love and respect of his children, family and friends.

Therefore, Judge O'Malley I would greatly appreciate your consideration in reviewing my husband's life as a whole when making your decision.

Respectfully,
Janet Cafaro

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April 22, 2010

The Honorable Judge John R. Adams
510 United States Court House
Two South Main Street
Akron, Ohio 44308-1813

Dear Honorable Judge John R. Adams,

May I introduce myself. I am a 50-year retired radio veteran. More than 30 of those years in Youngstown employed by the same broadcasting company that operates WKBN-AM. I came to Youngstown from Kansas City as the Operations Manager for Radio and the morning personality on WKBN in 1978.

I am a Boardman Optimist Club member currently serving as Lt. Governor for Zone 5 of the Ohio District Optimist. I have served on numerous community boards and committees here and in other cities where I resided. As an example I am a former President of the Camp Hill, Pennsylvania Jaycees and a past Pennsylvania Jaycees State Vice President where I was awarded a Lifetime Membership in the United States Jaycees. In 1979 I founded the Youngstown St. Patrick's Day Parade which I am proud to say continues to be an annual spring event in our valley for more than 30 years.

I am a 1996 Inductee into the Ohio Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

In 1991 I organized a community drive to support our troops in Desert Storm for which I received a letter from the White House and a Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of Defense.

Mr. Cafaro and I became acquainted soon after I moved to Youngstown. Through the years he has been most generous in his support of this community.

Several examples, when WKBN took part in the Hands Across America, Mr. Cafaro not only made a donation to the fund but also interrupted his family vacation and drove from Sandusky to stand in line with us. Several years ago I was asked to help a local father and family man with his medical expenses. When I called Mr. Cafaro for his assistance he immediately donated \$2,500.00.

Most of all Mr. Cafaro showed his true caring when he called me and asked me to find a needy family at Christmas and see what would make their holiday special.

With the help of Mr. Philip Welce a member of the Youngstown Shrine Club we have endeavored to make a number of needy families, whose children were being treated at the Shriner's Hospital in Erie, experience a once in a lifetime Christmas. We have helped a different family every year for approximately 30 years. Buying twin-beds so that a teenage brother and sister didn't have to sleep together anymore, providing a complete back yard jungle gym, slides and swings for a family with three children with a rare allergy condition that won't let them play with other children at a regular playground. Arranging for an Optometrist to test and provide the proper eyewear for a needy child. Giving a special Christmas to a family where not only was the little girl being treated at the Shriner's Hospital but the mother was ill and sadly expired two months later. Knowing that we had done something to make her last Christmas a pleasant one, made all out efforts worthwhile.

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Phil and I have delivered stoves and washers, pots and pans and dishes. One grandmother said as the family was unpacking their gifts, "New plates, now we can all eat together". This family hardly had any dinnerware and was forced to eat in shifts. Last year we purchased and had a plumber install a new commode for our Christmas family.

In addition each family receives hundreds of dollars in clothing certificates, personal gifts for every member, a Christmas tree and decorations if needed, bags of groceries including a complete Christmas dinner. Everything from the salt and pepper to a full sized turkey and all the ingredients for a festive holiday meal.

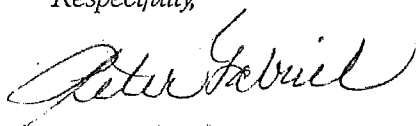
A very small team has handled all of this. Phil Welce, with the aid of the Shrine drivers that transport the children to the Erie hospital, recommend a family in need and the family provides their wish list. I price and shop for the items. Phil and the Shriners, with help from Santa, deliver the gifts. Mr. Cafaro pays for it all at a cost of thousands of dollars each year from his personal funds. I estimate that Mr. Cafaro has donated in excess of \$120,000.00 in the more than 30 Holiday Seasons.

The most rewarding part is that Mr. Cafaro, the Shriners and I have been doing this for at least 30 years without publicity. This is a very important part of this entire project. It is that "something special" that we do for someone, personally and privately, without fanfare. It is our wish that it continue to remain a private gesture of one human being helping another.

J.J., as I know him, has shown me time and again that he is a caring person. He has expressed that both in thought and deed. We have spent many hours talking of the community, the people and the needs of both. He has in an unselfish way shown his desire to help others. Not to receive plaudits and pats on the back, but rather a satisfaction that he has been able to share some of his good fortune in a meaningful way.

Please, Your Honor, may I ask you to consider this letter as just one example of Mr. Cafaro's true character.

Respectfully,



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**The Honorable Judge John R. Adams
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SUBJECT: J.J. CAFARO

Dear Honorable Judge John R. Adams,

It is a privilege for me to relate to you the character of the above named gentleman.

Approximately thirty years ago, I received a call from Mr. Peter Gabriel asking if the Youngstown Shrine Club had any Shrine patients with a family that was in need of Christmas gifts. Mr. Gabriel related that he had been contacted by an anonymous benefactor who would like to make Christmas a joyous event for someone, who, otherwise, would not have a happy holiday.

I informed Mr. Gabriel that we had many shrine families in the Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties that were almost destitute, and would be overjoyed to receive anything. I was one of the several transportation drivers of the Club at that time, and still am, which provides free transportation to children and their parents to the Erie and Cincinnati Shrine Hospitals for free treatment of orthopedic and burn injuries. The transportation drivers then had a meeting to select the most worthwhile family, as we had been in the homes of the patients and knew them somewhat personally.

We assumed this would be a one-time occurrence, but that has not been the case. J.J. has continued his giving every single year, and each year a different family is chosen to be the recipient. These families have always been unknown to J.J.

Mr. Cafaro does not just send a turkey or a ham and a box of candy. The family is asked what they would like to have or need, this includes every member living in the home. Each person makes out their Christmas list, and the items are then purchased for

each individual by Mr. Gabriel. Beds, for children often sleeping on the floor, pots, pans, food, appliances, clothes, furniture, Christmas trees, toys, games, and much more, are all given through the generosity of J.J. Transporting van drivers, their ladies, myself and my wife, Rita, deliver these gifts a few days before Christmas each year.

Honorable Judge Adams, this is what Christmas is all about. The families cry and give us all hugs, and we cry, also, as we leave their homes. They never, ever expected all that was delivered to them. Many are still in shock as we go out the door shouting "Merry Christmas."

The very next day, J.J. calls to see exactly how the Christmas visit went, and if they are in need of anything else. This is true character in a gentleman that cares about others.

I would just like to relate one success story whereupon a young lady with spina bifida asked for a computer and nothing else the year she and her family were chosen. Today, because of that one gift from Mr. Cafaro, she is a graduate of Westminster and Dartmouth Colleges with a Masters degree in neuro science and a doctorate in psychology and then continued her education to become a successful neurosurgeon in a pediatric hospital. She visits her family in the area a few times a year and never fails to contact us to let us know that without that gift of the computer she would not have gone on with her education to become what she is today.

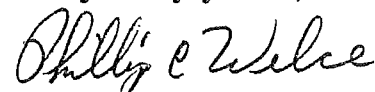
Eventually, I did have the privilege of meeting J.J. Cafaro, but even to this day, he wants to remain unknown as far as all of his generosity is concerned, but these many families he has blessed over the years, with his bounteous giving, will always remember, there really is a Santa Claus.

I have been a Shriner for over 30 years, serving as Transportation Chairman for the Youngstown Shrine Club, becoming its President in 1993. In 2002, I was elected to be the Illustrious Potentate of Al Koran Shrine in Cleveland, Ohio, which gave me jurisdiction over 52 shrine clubs and units across the State of Ohio. I served on the Board of Governors at the Cincinnati Shrine Hospital for ten years, becoming an emeritus member in 2008.

For 45 years, I have had my own business selling and servicing lawn, garden and farm equipment.

Honorable Judge Adams, I have met thousands of people in my lifetime, and I would have to say they do not come any finer than Mr. J.J. Cafaro.

Very truly yours,



City of Campbell
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To the Honorable Judge Adams,

Greetings Your Honor, I hope this letter finds you well. I would like to submit this letter, if I may, on behalf of J.J. Cafaro. I would like to share with you a brief but important story of a city, one that has been in financial crisis for many years. Bare boned staffing, overworked, underpaid employees, and budgets in the negative. As a police sergeant in such a city, I took on the task of attempting to raise funds to secure a canine unit for our city. This important police tool is long overdue in the city of which I am employed, but funding was never available to secure such a needed entity. I then, through the F.O.P. with the authority of the city and its Mayor, began soliciting for funds in donation form from various businesses and their owners. I was approached by the canine officer from the Struthers, Ohio Police Department, who had done the same such endeavor just one year prior, and was given a list of their top donors. At the top of this list was Mr. J.J. Cafaro. When speaking with the Struthers officer, he advised me as to what a generous and kind man Mr. Cafaro was, and having no prior knowledge of the man himself, the Struthers officer approached him and was immediately greeted in kindness, and given one of the top donations to their campaign. With this knowledge, I then set up a meeting with Mr. Cafaro, also never having met or worked for the man, and was given a meeting within a weeks time. I explained our financial dilemma to him, and without hesitation Mr. Cafaro immediately granted us the same amount given to the Struthers Police Department, which also turned out to be the highest contribution of any business or citizen to our noble crusade. I was very impressed by this act of generosity by Mr. Cafaro, who then went a step further and began discussing my city and its problematic financial state, and offered his business services to myself and the city administration, stating that his "door would be open" at any time should we ever need his assistance. I found this gesture to be one of not only respect, but also very generous and selfless in nature, having no ties to the community itself.

I hope you will take this short story into consideration as you determine your fair and impartial judgement on Mr. Cafaro, whom without him and others like him in the community, our program would never had been able to take form. Our canine is currently in training and slated to be instated as a fully sworn police officer by the first week of May.

Respectfully,

Detective Sergeant John Rusnak

Det./Sgt. John Rusnak

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To Whom It May Concern,

In 2008 I qualified to represent Ohio at the 2009 National Senior Olympics in the Archery competition held at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. I immediately began fundraising to help cover my Olympic expenses. Due to the terrible economy raising funds was extremely difficult.

I'd written to several area businesses and businessmen seeking financial assistance including Mr. J.J. Cafaro. Mr. J. J. Cafaro was the only one to respond. He took time from his busy schedule to call me and set up an appointment so we could meet and talk. I'd never met Mr. Cafaro before and was extremely nervous, as I didn't know what to expect.

From the moment I entered his office Mr. Cafaro put my concerns to rest. He was charming and kind. He inquired about my life, my children, how I got into archery, all the things friends would talk about. We talked about his daughters and how they had both attended Stanford and how they had loved it there. He told me how his daughter Capri had a special interest in Senior Citizens and in Breast Cancer Awareness. The pride Mr. Cafaro showed in speaking about his daughters truly impressed me.

I couldn't get over how friendly he was and how willing he was to help someone he'd never laid eyes on before. We talked for nearly an hour and covered various topics, always returning to his daughters. Every daughter or son should have a father as supportive and full of love and pride for his child as Mr. Cafaro has for his.

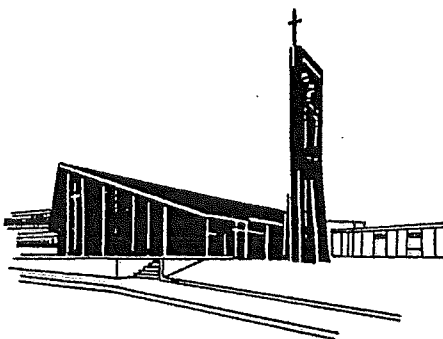
Our meeting ended with Mr. Cafaro donating to my Olympic fund. I know without a doubt in my mind that without the generous help of Mr. Cafaro for someone he'd never met before I wouldn't have made it to California to participate in the Olympics and to win the Gold Medal and set two records. He did this to help me, a stranger; I know he'd do the same to help others.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Bowman

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YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO



Dear Judge O'Malley:

I am writing this letter as John J. Cafaro's pastor, confessor, and friend. I have known J.J. his entire life and was J.J.'s teacher and Dean of Boys from his freshman through his senior year at Ursuline High School.

During those years our relationship was not only one of student and teacher, but also one of friendship. Throughout his high school years, anytime J.J. was asked to assist the school in any way he was always there to give 110% to the task.

When J.J. married Janet I was honored to be called upon to officiate the wedding ceremony. When I became pastor of St. Anthony's, J.J. and Jane moved from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish to St. Anthony's. Over the years J.J. and Jan have been true patrons to their parish. If the boiler blew up or the lot needed paving J.J. was always there to make sure it happened. In addition to supporting the church financially, J.J. has supported the other parishioners. Anytime a person was in trouble, time and time again, he was there to lend a hand.

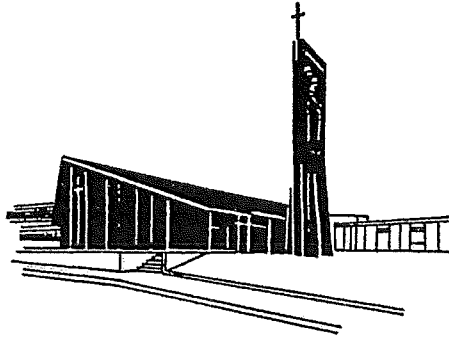
As his pastor, I have been struck by J.J.'s faith. That faith anchors him in the face of adversity. He always tries to find the good in bad and sorrowful situations. When both of his parents died I asked him why he was not sad. J.J. said, "I will dearly miss them, but I am not saddened by the loss because they lived good lives and I know they are in a better place."

Only a few weeks ago when his best friend died from a massive brain hemorrhage, J.J. again expressed his faith in the face of his loss. He said it was God looking out for David and his family by taking him when he did. His friend had been driving his mother and son home from church. Not

st. anthony church

1125 TURIN AVENUE

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO



until they had pulled safely into the driveway did his friend lose consciousness. It was his belief that God had gotten them home safely before He allowed him to pass.

I have been a witness to J.J.'s character throughout his life. I have seen his love for his wife and his deepest joy, his relationship with his two daughters. He has raised them to be women of faith, self-accomplished, and a credit to J.J., Jan, and the entire community. Recently, both J.J. and Jan have been nominated "Knights of Malta." This is the highest secular honor attainable within the Catholic Church. It is only given to those who demonstrate exceptional charity and service to the less fortunate.

In conclusion, I would like you to know that J.J. is hard working, and a man with an exceptional heart who is always willing to help others when he can. He is a good husband and a loving father. I pray you take these qualities into consideration in determining a just resolution in this matter.

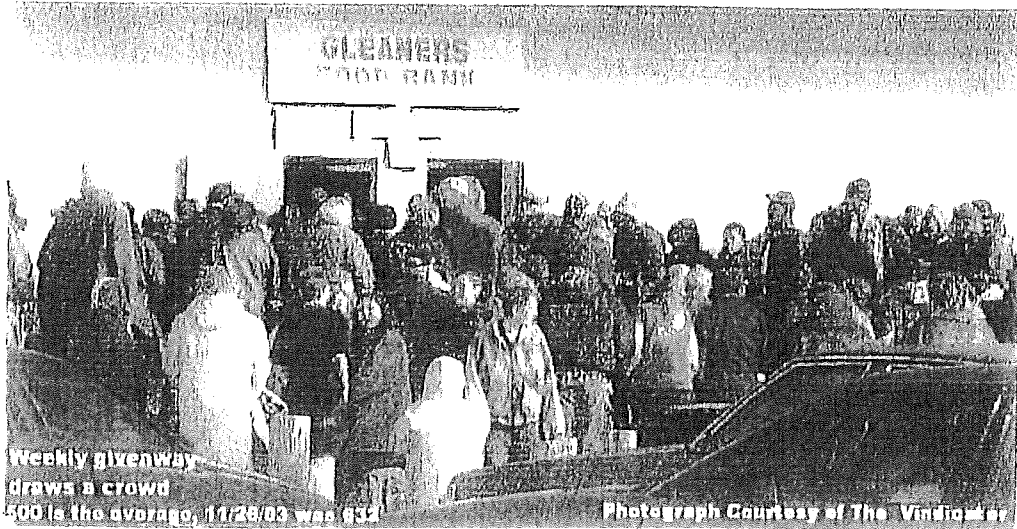
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John H. DeMarinis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Monsignor John DeMarinis

YOUNGSTOWN COMMUNITY FOOD CENTER, INC. - GLEANERS FOOD BANK

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Weekly giveaway draws a crowd
500 is the average, 11/28/03 was 832

Photograph Courtesy of The Vindicator

April 6th, 2010
RE: U.S. GOVT V. JOHN J. CAFARO

YOUR HONOR,

My name is Joseph Lordi, and i am the C.E.O. of Gleaners Food Bank in Youngstown, Ohio.

Gleaners food bank was conceived and opened for business in 1985, giving food and clothing to underprivileged families and, in particular, children and the elderly. Since 1985, GLEANERS has supported hundreds of thousands of families in the greater metropolitan area of Youngstown, Ohio and adjacent counties. GLEANERS is unique in that it operates without a single dollar of taxpayer monies, relying soley on private donations for food, clothing and labor, for its constituents. It is a total voluntary effort of love directed to our fellow man.

GLEANERS began and still operates on the premise of obtaining food from local stores and food storage centers, picking up same with the use of a fleet of semi-tractor trailers that travel all over the midwest to retrieve the food and clothing supplies and store them in our large facility on pyatt street in Youngstown, Ohio.

The success of GLEANERS would not have been

remotely possible if not for the generous and gracious contributions of money and business advice by Mr. John J. Cafaro.

In 1985, Mr. John J. Cafaro read in the local paper about our food bank, its concept and the fact that it was going to close for a lack of money and supplies. After this article was published, i immediately recieved a call from someone claiming to be Mr. John J. Cafaro. With the knowledge of the nationwide success of the CAFARO COMPANY, I believed that the call was a prank. Little did I know that Mr. Cafaro would become the benefactor and savior of the GLEANERS food bank.

After a second call, the gentlemen on the phone identified hiself as Mr. John J. Cafaro. He asked me to come down to his office as soon as possible to discuss the problems revealed in the newspaper article we were experiencing with launching our program. I informed Mr. Cafaro that we were thousands of dollars away from buying proper equipment to store the food, that we did not have adequate space and that I was about to be evicted from my home, along with my wife and four daughters, all minors.

Mr. Cafaro, after listening to this plight, began giving me business advice regarding the proper way to launch and sustain the company. Suddenly, he picked up the phone and arranged to have my home mortgage paid off so that i may devote my entire time to the GLEANERS program. Mr. Cafaro also donated a substantial sum of money to purchase the equiptent needed to make our dream of helping the people of Youngstown, who were largely unemployed due to the closing of the steel mills, meet their humble goals of feeding and clothing their

family. I almost fainted. It was as if a 10,000 pound rock was taken off of my back. But there was more.

Over the years, Mr. John J. Cafaro sat on our board of directors, arranged to have lawyers properly prepare GLEANERS as a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity and continued to donate, on a monthly basis, and as needed, large sums of money to purchase equipment, a large storage center and to use his business influence to gain access for GLEANERS to acquire donations of food, clothing and household products for the thousands of people who now depended upon the GLEANERS for the basic needs to sustain their lives and more importantly, some stability in their homes.

Today, GLEANERS is a large, successful operation which relies upon the spirit of giving and working by individuals and families, not government tax dollars. I pray every night and thank God for allowing Mr. John J. Cafaro to enter my life. Without his help and foresight, these thousands of people would never have met the basic needs of life. In my eyes he is, and always will be, the patron saint of the GLEANERS FOOD BANK.

I trust this letter reveals the private side of Mr. John J. Cafaro that he requested would never be made public. During my lifetime, i have learned one thing that is certain; many times the good one does is never remembered when they make a mistake and that the good deeds, of a Mr. Cafaro, far outweigh any indiscretions he may have committed.

I respectfully request you consider this wonderful contribution over the years to our humanitarian cause when this matter comes before you for sentencing.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph R. Lordi

Joseph R. Lordi Executive Director (330-509-5087)

To dedicate our time, labor and resources to the Service of our fellow man