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## **Matt Talbot Earns a 4-Star Rating from Charity Navigator!**

Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach's sound fiscal management practices and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator.

Since 2002, using data-driven analysis, Charity Navigator has awarded only the most fiscally responsible organizations a 4-star rating. In 2011, Charity Navigator added a second dimension of Accountability and Transparency (A&T) to its rating methodology, and now reviews 17 governance and ethical practices as well as measures of openness, providing information on its website for each of the charities it evaluates. The A&T metrics, which account for 50 percent of a charity's overall rating, reveal which charities have "best practices" that minimize the chance of unethical activities and whether they freely share basic information about their organization with their donors and other stakeholders. Matt Talbot's rating and other information about charitable giving are available free of charge on [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org).

"Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach's coveted 4-star rating puts it in a very select group of high-performing charities," according to Ken Berger, President and CEO, Charity Navigator. "Out of the thousands of nonprofits Charity Navigator evaluates, only one out of four earns 4 stars -- a rating that, now, with our new Accountability and Transparency metrics, demands even greater rigor, responsibility and commitment to openness. Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach's supporters should feel much more confident that their hard-earned dollars are being used efficiently and responsibly when it acquires such a high rating."

"In the current economic environment, it's important our donors trust that we're using our funding wisely to accomplish our mission," said Susanne Blue, MTKO Executive Director. "Our 4-star Charity Navigator rating demonstrates to our supporters that we take our fiduciary and governance responsibilities very seriously."

Holiday and year-end donations keep our doors open 365 days a year. Donate online at [www.mtkserve.org](http://www.mtkserve.org) or mail your check to MTKO, PO Box 80935, Lincoln NE, 68501. Your gift will have an immediate and powerful impact on those in our community hoping for light and warmth this season and beyond. Thank you for your compassion and support!



*Serving lunch and dinner seven days a week, Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach is a hunger relief and outreach center for those in need. Last year Matt Talbot provided 107,120 nutritious meals to the hungry in Lincoln and provided nearly 21,000 homeless prevention services such as transitional housing, case management, drug & alcohol evaluations, life skills classes, nutrition counseling, and help with obtaining vital identification documents. Learn more at [www.mtkserve.org](http://www.mtkserve.org).*