



**Loaves & Fishes**  
Ending Hunger in Our Community

September 4, 2009

Dear Naperville Area Grocer,

I'm delighted to announce that HSS and Sewa International will conduct a food drive for Loaves & Fishes Community Pantry during the month of October to commemorate the Diwali holiday. All food will be brought to Loaves & Fishes on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

The vegetarian items targeted for this collection will be extremely helpful to our clients. Proteins, grains, fruits, and vegetables are the cornerstones of the good nutrition we strive to supply to the many families we serve. Our client enrollment has increased dramatically in the past year, as you can imagine. We are now serving about 12,000 individuals, 50% of whom are children under 18, and another 25% who are senior citizens.

I'm writing to ask your cooperation when an HSS or Sewa International representative requests permission to collect food donations at your store. If you want to donate food, as well as serve as a collection site, I would be happy to supply a letter documenting your donation for tax purposes. Just tell your food drive representative or call or e-mail me describing your donation, and I'll do the rest.

Thank you for supporting the HSS and Sewa International Diwali Food Drive, and for partnering with Loaves & Fishes to help end hunger in our community.

Sincerely,

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